



APPROVED BY THE BOARD MARCH 29, 2018

Burlington Board of School Commissioners Meeting Minutes

**Hunt Middle School Library
February 13, 2018, 6:00 PM**

Attending Board Members:

1.) *Meeting Called to Order* PM.

a. requested a motion to approve the agenda.

2. *Motion to Approve Agenda*

(Commissioner /Commissioner)

3. Public Comment

A. Comments/Questions from the Public

B. Board Reflection

Board reflections close at PM

A.

4. Focus on Learning

A.

5. Board Report

E. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Report

Motion to accept the [following](#) resolution in support of the Montpelier School District

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The Motion passed unanimously.

B. Burlington City Council Liaison Report

C. State Legislature Liaison Report

Commissioner Curry recognized the extensive line item budget that is available on the Burlington School District website serves well in explaining debts and expenditures. 7:26 PM.

D. PTO Report

Commissioner Curry was invited to and attended three PTO meetings at Hunt, IAA, and SA. These meetings included restorative circles, budget discussions, and equity discussions.

6. Student Commissioners Report

Representative Weston shared that today was nationwide “Blackout Day” Representative Jenemann elaborated on the distribution of posters by the Junior Republicans Club

7. Superintendent's Report

B. [Suspension of Black Students Decreased \(1.1\) \(2.1\)](#)

We reached a milestone, based on the data in the most recent years that we’ve looked back at. This is significant because it is a representation and demonstration of our strategies at work. We did it, and that means we can do it again. The Board’s efforts in pushing us has bore fruit.

Commissioner Kleman recalled that December is a challenging month that is usually reflected in suspension rates.

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Commissioner Barlow wondered if restorative practices are playing a role in this data. At this time, the hard data is not available, but to attribute this statistic to restorative practice using anecdotes.

C. [BHS Graduation/ PLP Update \(1.0\)](#)

Presentation that shows BHS does not currently have flexible pathways to graduation for all students. All students are expected to graduate on the same path. More students more opportunities for different electives will provide more flexible pathways

McLaren: how does the year suggestion translate to the demonstration of proficiency ? They will demonstrate proficiency at the end of four years.

Commissioner Olwell wonders how one would be proficient in speaking another language in one year. Principal Racicot responded that the presumption would be the language education journey begins in the middle school. Students are sitting in spanish one classes because we don't a tool to measure proficiency of students who speak multiple languages.

Commissioner Curry mentioned that more and more colleges are eliminating SAT testing requirements due to equity discussions.

Attitudinal change requires a shift and to implement change. Collaboration. We are fortunate to have Tracy leading at this time accounted for by her past experience.

D. [Financial Questionnaire \(2.3\)](#)

Executive Director Lavery explained the financial questionnaire. This is the tool that we are required to complete, even though yes or no is not always the most fitting answer.

E. [Annual Report \(2.8\)](#)

F. [Budget Update \(2.4\)](#)

Commissioner Barlow wondered if it was laid out in the same format for comparison purposes .

G. [Good News](#)

*"We are excited to begin the invitations for the district-wide **Beyond Black History Month** event with a personal invitation to all BSD staff. The broader community will also be invited to this event, featuring performances, art, reflections, and presentations*

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led by students through work with the inclusive curriculum. Our classrooms are active, safe spaces used not only to study history but also to promote dialogue, ask difficult questions, and confront present day injustices. On March 9th we will bring together student work inspired and encouraged by BSD teachers and administrators to share with one another and with the entire community.

On behalf of DEALT and the Superintendent, we'd like to thank the schools that have come forward to provide fascinating participation proposals.

We look forward to an evening of learning and solidarity.”

8. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Olwell would like to request the January 23rd minutes be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Chair Segunio removes item G from the Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve A-J except G.

Passes unanimously.

Returning to item G

Commissioner Olwell does not think it reflects what she said or the end of the meeting correctly.

Commissioner Curry explained the process to the Commissioners to request the change to reflect your comments.

B. Routine Financial Reports

B. Minutes for approval

Consent agenda closes at 8:23 PM

9. Board Monitoring of Superintendent-Prepared Reports

A. 2.5 Asset Protection

Chair Segunio invited a motion to find the Board in compliance with the Monitoring report 2.5.

Commissioner McLaren/Harrington

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Passed unanimously.

10. Board Monitoring on its Own Policies

A. 3.2 Accountability of the Superintendent

Motion to declare the Board is mostly in compliance. Motion approved, Commissioner Harrington/ Commissioner Barlow.

Discussion around the Board Monitoring.

Should there be a poll at the end of Board Meetings to discuss the upcoming Board Monitoring Report surveys?

Finding time making reflections, how do we want to do better, these are just some pieces.

We try, on our next agenda we discuss whatever Board Monitoring report will be coming during next months meeting to feel better prepared to vote.

Porter asked that Harrington share

Harrington suggests we simply discuss the policies.

Passes unanimously.

11. Meeting Evaluation and Follow Up

A. Review and Evaluate Meeting

Chair Seguíno asked for reflections on the quality of the meeting.

Commissioner McLaren is enjoying coming back to the ongoing work of the District.

Commissioner Porter passed

Commissioner Kleman was excited to see the students happy.

Commissioner Olwell passed.

Commissioner Harrington passed.

Commissioner Curry is excited by the student activism. She believes this might be the best meeting since she's been on the Board.

Commissioner Barlow also admires the students. He also continues to find valuable to Superintendent reports.

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Commissioner Wick echos the high level Superintendent report. BLM flag raising was a moment of joy.

Representative Weston was happy to see her peers.

Representative Jenemann hopes the trend continues and students remain active at Board Meetings.

Chair Seguino thanked the Board members for all the work that goes into the preparation of successful meetings.

B. Future Agenda Item Suggestions

Science Presentation- next generation- Harrington

Content of Board Meetings- Porter

Explore Flexible pathways discussion further

The Board needs to flesh out the strategic plan

Motion to enter executive session. Chair Seguino/Olwell

Passes unanimously.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Motion approved by

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