



APPROVED BY THE BOARD MARCH 29, 2018

**BURLINGTON BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Hunt Middle School Library**

**February 20, 2018**

**7:45pm**

The meeting was called to order at 7:55pm

**1. Opening Items**

**A. Roll Call**

**Commissioners:**

Mark Barlow   X  , Liz Curry   X  , Susanmarie Harrington   X  , Anne Judson (by phone)   X  , David Kirk   , Kat Kleman   X  , Mark Porter   X  , Stephanie Seguino   X  , Jeff Wick   X  , Ryan McLaren   X  , Kathy Olwell   X  

**Student Representatives:**

Isabella Weston     
Isaac Jeneman   

**Administration:**

Yaw Obeng, Superintendent   X    
Karsen Woods, Minute Recorder, Executive Assistant     
Stephanie Phillips, Senior Director Teaching & Learning     
Nikki Fuller, Senior Director Human Resources & Equity Affairs     
Nathan Lavery, Senior Director of Finance     
Marty Spaulding, Property Services Director     
Laura Nugent, Student Support Services Director   

*The Board wishes to recognize, welcome and thank those that are providing language interpretation of the Board proceedings. The Board's commitment that all children receive equitable academic services must ensure that New American parents are welcome and can attend meetings, understand the process and be actively engaged. Interpretation of proceedings honors, respects and values our New American parents and students. The Board asks the public and media to respect and understand the importance of this interpretation.*

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**2. Approval of Agenda**

Curry moved to approve Agenda/Kleman seconded  
Approved unanimously

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Motion to Enter Executive Session**

Motion to enter Exec Session under the authority of 1 VSA 313(a)(1)(F) to further consult with Board counsel concerning the legal opinion delivered to the Board on January 29, 2018 and appropriate response to that memo and to consult with counsel as to a received complaint regarding Board consideration pursuant to 1 VSA 313(a)(1)(D)(E) and (F) and (a)(3).

**Seguino/Wick**

**Unanimously approved**

**5. Motion to exit Executive Session**

**Porter/Olwell**

**Unanimously approved**

**6. Motion to Conduct Investigation of Complaint:**

“That WHEREAS, a complaint has been received by the Board indicating that an employee under its supervision and control might have been a victim of improper employment discrimination based upon a constitutionally protected characteristic; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal Law, and Board policies require that the Board conduct a prompt and effective investigation in response to any such complaint;

WHEREAS, the conducting of such an investigation should not be taken as any indication that the Board has drawn any conclusions as to either the merits of such complaint or the lack thereof; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances of the complaint are such that the Board itself should coordinate the investigation rather than following its usual practice of delegating responsibility to the Superintendent’s Office;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Board Chair Stephanie Seguino and Board Counsel Joseph McNeil be and hereby are authorized and directed to engage and coordinate the services of an experienced investigator to promptly and effectively investigate such complaint, and to make such findings and recommendations that the investigator believes to be necessary and appropriate.”

MacLaren/Wick

All in favor 9

Commissioner Porter recused himself

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**14. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn (Commissioner Porter/Commissioner Harrington) at 8:45PM  
unanimously approved

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