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**BURLINGTON BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Ira Allen Board Room  
January 24, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**1. Opening Items**

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

**Commissioners:**

Mark Barlow X, Lauren Berrizbeitia X, Brian Cina \_\_,  
Liz Curry X, Susanmarie Harrington X, Anne Judson X, David Kirk \_\_,  
Kat Kleman \_\_, Kathy Olwell X, Mark Porter X, Stephanie Seguino X,  
Miriam Stoll X

**Student Representatives:**

Jacob Bucci X  
Isabella Weston \_\_

**Administration:**

Yaw Obeng, Superintendent X  
Brittany Nevins, Executive Assistant X  
Stephanie Phillips, Senior Director Teaching & Learning \_\_  
Nikki Fuller, Senior Director Human Resources & Equity Affairs \_\_  
Paul Irish, Senior Director Infrastructure & Technology \_\_  
Nathan Lavery, Senior Director of Finance X  
Elizabeth Atkins, Accounting Manager \_\_  
Henri Sparks, Director of Equity \_\_  
Miriam Ehtesham-Cating, Director of EL \_\_  
Doug Davis, Director of Food Service \_\_  
Marty Spaulding, Property 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.*

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion (Harrington/Curry) to approve agenda.*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**3. Public Comments/Questions**

A. Public Comment

*No Public Comment*

**4. Negotiations Update**

Attorney Joe McNiel Gives Negotiations Update:

- *Hope is to be finished with negotiations by year-end.*
- *Teachers expressed that they would like 16-17 to be completed before focusing on 17-18.*
- *A suggestion was made to have negotiations public, have a mediator present, and have fact finding following mediation.*
- *February 15th for impasse date and agreed to disagree regarding public negotiations. This will be discussed at future meeting.*
- *Senior Director of Finance Nathan Lavery and Senior Director Human Resources & Equity Affairs Nikki Fuller exchanged information with Bob Church and BEA team, where soon after there was indication that changes would suffice.*
- *Next week hopefully proposals will be exchanged and conversations can follow.*

**5. Adjournment**

A. *Motion ( Harrington / Judd ) to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.*