

# The Board of Education Town of Vernon

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## APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING (Professional Development-Workshop)

A special meeting (Professional Development-Workshop) of the Vernon Board of Education was held via Zoom Meeting on Monday, August 31, 2020.

The workshop began at 6 p.m.

In attendance were Board members: Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Linton, Dr. Buxton, Mr. Brown, Ms. Hyatt, Mrs. Rodriguez, and Mr. Kalina. Ms. Arn was absent.

Also in attendance were: Dr. Macary, Mr. Testa, Executive Director Richard Lemons - CT Center for School Change and Kerry Lord – CT Center for School Change

The workshop included:

- I. Gathering--Reflections on Board Data Meeting & on NYT Documentary Series (*Pairs*)
  - a. How did and how should equity have played a part of the conversation on August 24?
  - b. What reactions and takeaways did you have from the NY Times Conversations About Race series?
- II. Reviewing and Editing Draft Statements (*Triads*)
- III. Exploring Equity Experience: *video link in the chat feature for offline viewing*
- IV. Closing
  - a. Evaluation: *link in chat feature*
  - b. Final Reflection-Exit Slip: What are your core beliefs about how Vernon will bring about this definition of equity?
  - c. Next Steps

The workshop adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Linton, Board Secretary