

BFA/NWTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 5, 2016

Minutes

Present for a Quorum: Al Corey, Nilda Gonnella-French, Sally Lindberg, Jeff Morrill, Richard Bettinger

Student Representatives: Kamryn Montague, Cordelia Bell

Administrators: Chris Mosca, BFA Principal; Kevin Dirth, Superintendent; Leeann Wright, NWTC Director; Rebecca Day, Assistant Principal; Geoff Lyons, Assistant Principal; Shannon Warden, Assistant Principal; Preston Randall, Guidance Director; Julie Regimbal, Special Education Director; Joanne Wells, Assistant Special Education Director; Martha Gagner, Business Manager; Kathy Finck, Human Resources Director; Jesse Byers, Curriculum Director

Visitors: None

1. Call to Order - Nilda Gonnella-French called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the BFA library.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Al Corey made the motion to approve the agenda as presented; Sally Lindberg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

4. Visitors

5. Student Recognition/Presentations - Since the students weren't able to attend, Chris Mosca deferred his student recognitions until next month.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes of December 1, 2015 meeting

Jeff Morrill made the motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2015; Al Corey seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

B. Student Representative Report - Kamryn Montague gave a sports update. Cordelia Bell discussed several holiday events and activities, such as the holiday assembly that was held for the whole school. Midterms will be taking place in the next two weeks. There will be another talent show this year, and it will again be students vs. staff.

C. BFA Administrator's Report - Chris Mosca's Board report was included in the Board's packet; additionally, he thanked the students for their respectful behavior during the assembly.

1 D. BFA Guidance Report - Preston Randall reported that the Open House
2 information night was successful, and that the BFA Experience will be held on
3 January 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Collins Perley.
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5 E. NWTTC Director's Report - A copy of Leeann Wright's report was included in
6 the Board's packet for their information.
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8 F. Supervisory Union Report - Kevin Dirth had no newsletter this month due to
9 the holidays, but reported that Central Office has been working on budgets and
10 Act 46. He also attended the BFA assembly, and added to the praise for the
11 students during the event.
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13 G. FCSU Board Report - Nilda Gonnella-French reported that the Executive
14 Committee met last month, and that they received updates from Central Office
15 administrators, and had the first review of the Supervisory Union budget.
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17 H. BFA Board Committee Reports

18 H1. Personnel/Finance - Al Corey reported that the Personnel/Finance
19 Committee met in December to review the first draft of the budget. They
20 also discussed the tuition rates.
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22 H2. Policy - Richard Bettinger reported that the Policy Committee did not
23 meet in December; their next meeting will be held on January 19, 2016.
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25 H3. Curriculum - Sally Lindberg reported that the Curriculum Committee
26 did not meet in December, but at their January 21, 2016 meeting, they will
27 look at proficiency-based learning, and the focus on different students to
28 prevent academic failure.
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30 I. Collins Perley Report - Al Corey reported that the Collins Perley Board met in
31 December, and what they discussed is highlighted in the Collins Perley Manager's
32 Report.
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34 J. Collins Perley Manager's Report - A copy of the report was included in the
35 Board's packet for their information.
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37 K. Personnel/Finance Committee Recommendations - None.
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39 7. Old Business

40 L. Act 46 - Nilda Gonnella-French reported that the Act 46 Study Committee met
41 last night, and after a lengthy discussion, there was a motion and a second to
42 approve the Articles of Agreement to be sent to the State Board of Education for
43 approval, but it was defeated in a five to four vote. Several BFA Board members
44 were disappointed by the decision, and felt it was unfair to the voters to not allow
45 them to weigh in on this issue. Ms. Gonnella-French added that while she did
46 herself vote no, she felt that many in the committee were surprised by this split.

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2 M. Negotiations

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4 N. Grievance

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6 The Board agreed to discuss items M and N in executive session.

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8 8. New Business

9 O. Budget - Martha Gagner reported that the Personnel/Finance Committee was
10 presented with a draft budget at their December 22, 2015 meeting. That budget
11 came in at \$21,746,239.00, which is a 3.77% increase. It estimated the cost per
12 pupil to be \$17,234.00. The cost containment portion of Act 46 allows BFA to
13 have an increase of 1.04% in per pupil spending, so this budget well exceeded that
14 cap. The committee gave direction on what needed to happen to bring the budget
15 to that cost containment level. The budget being presented tonight is in the
16 amount of \$21,152,899.00, a 0.94% increase. The spending per equalized pupil is
17 \$16,609.92, which is within 36 cents of the cost containment level. Ms. Gagner
18 discussed with the Board some items that changed from the first to the second
19 draft. They discussed the additional recruiter position, a position that had been
20 talked about for some time. This individual would assist in the marketing and
21 communication for bringing students to BFA; it will be a part-time, non-union
22 non-certified stipend position. Ms. Gagner also reported that they will have to set
23 their FY17 tuition rate by January 15, 2016, and that she is recommending they
24 set it at \$16,400.00 for BFA, and \$13,140.00 for NWTC.

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26 P. Tuition Rate – This was discussed as part of the budget discussion.

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28 9. Other Business

29 Q. Monthly Financial Report - Martha Gagner reported that she will be reviewing
30 the current year budget with the administration in the next couple of weeks.

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32 R. Department Reports - FYI

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34 S. Employment Matters - None.

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36 10. Approve Warrants

37 T. Current warrants are included for Board approval. Signatures required.

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39 **Al Corey made the motion to approve the warrants; Richard Bettinger**
40 **seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

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42 11. Agenda Items for Future Meeting

43 U. Approval of Teacher Contract

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45 12. Executive Session

1 **Al Corey made the motion to go into executive session at 7:18 p.m. for a negotiations**
2 **and grievance update, as well as the continued budget conversation; Richard**
3 **Bettinger seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

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5 **Sally Lindberg made the motion to exit Executive Session at 8:20, second by Al**
6 **Corey. The motion Carried 5-0-0.**

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8 **Al Corey made the motion to set tuition rates for FY17 at \$16,400 for the High**
9 **School and \$13,140 for the Tech Center; seconded by Jeff Morrill. The motion**
10 **carried 5-0-0.**

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12 13. Adjourn

13 **Al Corey made the motion to adjourn at 8:21; second by Sally Lindberg.**
14 **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

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16 Respectfully submitted,

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18 Abby DuBois