

BFA/NWTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 5, 2016

Minutes

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

Student Representatives: Cordelia Bell

Administrators: Chris Mosca, BFA Principal; Kevin Dirth, Superintendent; Joanne Wells, Assistant Special Education Director; David Kimel, CPSC Manager; Leeann Wright, NWTC Director; Preston Randall, Guidance Director; Geoff Lyons, Assistant Principal; Shannon Warden, Assistant Principal; Rebecca Day, Assistant Principal; Martha Gagner, Business Manager

Visitors: Andi Esenler, Adam Hoben, Andrew Young, Emma Hill, Erin Shuttle, Tanner Cioffi, Hannah Earl, Devan Blodgett, Aliza Ellis, Matt Needleman, Isaac Cioffi, Chaundel Cook, Sierra Law, Haley Noel, McKenna Spaulding, Jenna Lawrence, Debbie Blouin, Ellen Gissel, Bob Gissel

1. Call to Order – Nilda Gonnella-French called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Al Corey made the motion to approve the agenda; Sally Lindberg seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

4. Visitors

5. Student Recognition/Presentations

B. Student Recognitions/Presentations - Chris Mosca made presentations to Robotics Team, Girls Basketball Team, Girls Hockey Team, Girls Snowboarding and Boys Hockey Team for their achievements this year. Each group said a few words about their program. Bob and Ellen Gissel were recognized for contributing so much in fundraising. Chris also thanked Athletic Director Dan Marlow and Snowboarding Coach Brett Walker, who were at a conference. Mr. Mosca then introduced Jenna Lawrence who is Miss Franklin County's Outstanding Teen to talk about her Alzheimer's project.

C. Student Recognitions/Presentations NWTC - Leeann Wright had no recognitions this month.

D. Staff Recognition/Presentation - Chris Mosca reported that the Vermont Principal's Association named Geoff Lyons Assistant Principal of the year.

2. Consent Agenda (Action)

Sally Lindberg made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda; second by Al Corey. The motion passed 4-0-0.

E. Approval of Minutes - March 22, 2016

Jeff Morrill made the motion to approve the March 22, 2016 minutes; second by Al Corey. The motion passed 4-0-0.

F. Student Representative Report - Cordelia Bell reported that there has been a great deal happening in recent weeks. There is a Bobwhite/Comet Contest on May 13; they are looking for more people to run in the Zombie run; unified sports have basketball tournaments going on this time of year.

G. BFA Administrator's Report - Chris Mosca reported that parents were thanked for supporting the students at the March Parent Teacher conferences. He reported that they have been working on bias related matters and it has been very positive. There will be a Diversity Day event on April 27 that will be facilitated by our World of Difference students and sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League.

H. BFA Guidance Report - Preston Randall thanked the partners setting up opportunities for students to tour businesses. They will go on another tour of local industries on April 29th.

I. NWTC Director's Report - Leeann Wright highlighted that April 13th is Tech and Engineering Day and welcomed the Board to attend.

J. Supervisory Union Report - Kevin Dirth reported that Central Office is focused on hiring right now. We have hired new curriculum Director, Sean O'Dell to replace Jesse, and are working on hiring a new Fairfield Principal.

K. FCSU Board Report - Nilda Gonnella-French reported that the FCSU Board has not met since the last BFA meeting.

L. BFA Board Committee Reports

1. Personnel/Finance - Al Corey reported that the Committee met just prior to this meeting, and there are a few items that will come up shortly in the agenda.

2. Policy – Jeff Morrill stated that the Policy Committee has not met.

3. Curriculum - Sally Lindberg reported that there was no new news since last meeting. The committee will meet again in May.

M. Collins Perley Report - Al Corey reported that CP had an expansive March with three major events. Model Railroad Exhibit, the WIB Job and Career Fair, and Rotary Home Show. He complimented all involved for making the complex used in many ways for the community.

N. Collins Perley Manager's Report - Dave Kimel reported the physical education department continually works to expand the options they offer.

O. Personnel/Finance Committee Reviews/Recommendations

1. Building Trades Lab Supervisor Position was tabled.

2. Resignation of Para – The Board accepted the resignation as an FYI.

3. Automotive Lab Supervisor Position was tabled.

4. Capital Purchase this includes roof, steps, lighting , purchase of Zamboni, HVAC and other health and safety issue improvements.

Al Corey made the motion to allow the improvements to be made using up to \$400,000 of Capital Reserve Funds; seconded by Jeff Morrill. Mr. Morrill asked whether it could be done before the start of school year, and the answer was yes, with the possible exception of the Zamboni. The Zamboni being considered is battery operated. Nilda Gonnella-French asked if battery operated was more efficient. Dave Kimel answered that running the LP Gas equipment in the enclosed area is not good, and the battery operated one would be healthier. The motion carried 4-0-0.

3. Old Business

P. * Negotiations (Update) There are no updates to report.

4. New Business

Q. Graduation Requirement Policy - Jesse Byers reported that the Curriculum Committee has been looking at policies from other schools and the VSBA model policy over the last several months. This is coming directly to the BFA Board because of its uniqueness to the High School.

Jeff Morrill made the motion to warn this policy for adoption at the next meeting; second by Al Corey. The motion carried 4-0-0

5. Other Business

R. Monthly Financial Report were distributed for information.

S. Department Reports - Sally Lindberg stated that she enjoyed reading the department reports and appreciated the work that goes into providing them.

T. *Employment Matters – There were none.

6. Approve Warrants (Action)

U. Current warrants are included for Board approval & signatures.

Jeff Morrill made the motion to approve the warrants; second by Al Corey. The motion carried 4-0-0.

7. Agenda Items for Future Meeting

V. Possible appointment of Board Member

8. Potential Executive Session

9. Adjourn

Al Corey made the motion to adjourn at 7:20; second by Sally Lindberg. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Comstock