

BFA/NWTC SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 4, 2017 BFA Library 6:30 p.m.

Present for a Quorum: Jeff Morrill, Nilda Gonnella-French, Tim Clark, Sally Lindberg, Al Corey via google hangouts

Unable to attend:

Student Representatives: Kamryn Montague/Jens Ulrich-Verderber

Administrators: Kevin Dirth, Superintendent; Shannon Warden, BFA Assistant Principal; Leeann Wright, NWTC Director; Geoff Lyons, Assistant Principal; Joanne Wells, Assistant Special Ed Director; Martha Gagner, Business Manager; Julie Regimbal, Special Education Director; Sean O'Dell, Curriculum Director; Kathy Finck, Human Resource Director; Preston Randall, Guidance; Heather Fitzgibbons, Assistant Principal.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was modified to put student recognition before the presentation.

Sally Lindberg made a motion to approve the modified agenda; second by Jeff Morrill. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Visitors – No one needed to speak

5. Presentations

- A. Gender Equity Day – Marlena Valenta gave an overview of the Gender Equity Day that was held at BFA. All feedback has been positive. Ms. Valenta thanked the administration for enabling her to set up this important event.

6. Student Recognition/Presentations

- B. Student Recognitions/Presentations - Shannon Warden presented the following certificates: Kristin Harris for her win in the Poetry Out Loud Competition and competing at the State Finals on March 8th. Ashley Labelle and Michael Roque for winning the T-shirt design for the Spread the Word to End the Word Campaign which was celebrated on March 8th. Boy's Snowboarding and Ice Hockey Teams for winning State Titles. Stephanie Hodgeman presented Gabrielle Metz was selected as Vermont's Top High School Youth Volunteer in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

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- C. Student Recognitions/Presentations - Leeann Wright recognized Connor Brown and Peter White for placing in the DECCA competition. Chef Adam Monette gave a presentation on his recent trip to a cooking competition in Paris.

7. Consent Agenda (Action)

- D. Minutes of February 7, 2017
- E. BFA Guidance Report
- F. Monthly Financial Report

G. Department Reports

H. Collins Perley Manager's Report –

Tim Clark made a motion to approve the consent agenda; second by Jeff Morrill. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Regular Business

I. Student Representative Report Kamryn Montague and Jens Ulrich-Verderber updated the Board on recent and upcoming activities in the school, including: Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing, Latin Day, Advanced Placement (AP) Testing, Bobwhite Comet; Blood Drive; HPV Clinic; and Spring Sports.

J. NWTC Director's Report - Leeann Wright referred to her newsletter, and highlighted the following events: April 10, Legislative Breakfast 8 – 10 a.m. at the Hide Away; April 12, Tech & Engineering Day.

K. BFA Administrator's Report – Shannon Warden reported that they had a very successful professional development day on March 31st, and they have hired a long-term substitute for math.

L. Supervisory Union Report - Kevin Dirth referred to his newsletter which he will address further under the MRUSD update, and added that the professional development day that Ms. Warden mentioned which was awareness of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender (LGBT) community went very well.

M. Collins Perley Report - Dave Kimel highlighted the synergy that went into the professional development day and was happy to be part of that. He thanked everyone involved, including Sean O'Dell, his own outstanding staff, and support for the Board and teachers for making this happen.

Sally Lindberg added that she wanted to thank Shannon Warden and the staff for putting together the department reports as they always provide a great deal of insight.

9. Old Business

N. Maple Run USD – Dr. Dirth referred to his newsletter which focused on the five-year plan and reported that MRUSD is moving along quite well, and said he is confident that on July 1st we will be ready. Dr. Dirth then reminded all that on June 5, 2017 would be the final meetings for the local Boards, and the MRUSD Board would meet as well. It will also be a celebration and thank you for all Board members. This will be held at SATEC.

10. New Business

O. *Employee Issues

O1. FYI Resignation - Barbara Fraser has submitted her resignation.

O2. Employee Request for Unpaid Leave.

Tim Clark made a motion to move this item into Executive Session because discussion in open session could put the individual and/or the Board at a substantial disadvantage; second by Jeff Morrill. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Approve Warrants (Action)

P. Current warrants

Al Corey made a motion to approve the warrants; second by Tim Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Agenda Items for Future Meeting

13. Potential Executive Session

Tim Clark made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the unpaid leave previously found to qualify, and invited Kevin Dirth, Shannon Warden and Kathy Finck; second by Sally Lindberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Sally Lindberg made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.; second by Tim Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Morrill made a motion to approve the requested unpaid leave; second by Tim Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Adjourn

Sally Lindberg made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.; second by Tim Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Comstock