

**Bellows Free Academy, Union District #48, and Northwest Technical Center
Board of School Directors**

Board Meeting
January 8, 2008

Present for a quorum: Nilda Gonnella-French, Sally Lindberg, Jim Mercier, Bruce Scott, and Al Corey

Administrators: Marilyn Grunewald, Superintendent; Martha Gagner, Acting Business Manager; Geoff Lyons, Assistant Principal; Ned Caron, Principal; Sally Tarr, Director, NWTC; Dennis Hill, Assistant Principal; Laurence Carnahan, Director, Support Services; Wendy Meunier, Associate Principal; David Kimel, Manager, CSPC; and Rina Perrault, Student Representative

Visitors: None

1. Call to Order: Jim Mercier called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Visitors
 - 3.1 Yearbook Pictures – The yearbook pictures were postponed to a later date.
4. Consent Agenda
 - 4.1 Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2007
 - 4.2 Superintendent's Summary: Included in mailed packet.
 - 4.3 Student Representative Report: Rina Perrault provided the Board with a report.

Sally Lindberg made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Nilda Gonnella-French seconded the motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Old Business

- 5.1 CSPC Renovations/Auditorium and Classroom Space – The Board discussed the CSPC Renovations/Auditorium and Classroom Space. Jim Mercier requested that the finance committee review the proposals and bring them back to the Board.

6. New Business

- 6.1 Committee Reports:
 - a. Curriculum:
 - b. Finance/Building:
 - c. Personnel:
 - d. Policy Committee:
- 6.2 Collins Perley Report:
- 6.3 FY07 Audit Update: The Board reviewed the final draft.

Al Corey made the motion to accept the FY07 Audit; Nilda Gonnella-French seconded the motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Other Business:

- 7.1 NWTC Director's Report: Included in packet for Board information.
- 7.2 Department Reports: Included in packet for Board information.
- 7.3 Board & Administrator: Included in packet for Board information.
- 7.4 Thank You Letters: Included in packet for Board information.

8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- 8.1 Budget Approval
- 8.2 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy
- 8.3 Policy on Professional Development

9. Approval of Warrants:

Al Corey made the motion to approve the warrants for December; Bruce Scott seconded the motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Executive Session

10.1 Personnel

Al Corey made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.; Bruce Scott seconded the motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:15 p.m.

Sally Lindberg made a motion to approve hiring David Chambers to fill the vacant CIP paraeducator position; Al Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-2.

Al Corey made a motion to approve a year's leave of for Emma Liskowsky contingent upon the Board finding a teacher to fill a one-year contract by April 15, 2008, to cover the position; Bruce Scott seconded the motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Adjournment

Sally Lindberg made the motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; Bruce Scott seconded the motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Grunewald, Superintendent