

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

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 4 Board Meeting  
 5 January 6, 2009

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 7 **Present for a quorum:** Al Corey, Sally Lindberg, Jim Mercier, Nilda Gonnella-French, and Bruce Scott  
 8 **Administrators:** Martha Gagner, Acting Business Manager, FCSU; Laurence Carnahan, Director of  
 9 Support Services; Ned Caron, Principal; Wendy Meunier, Associate Principal; Robert Rosane,  
 10 Superintendent, FCSU; Geoff Lyons, Assistant Principal; David Kimel, Manager, CPSC; Dennis Hill,  
 11 Assistant Principal; and Rina Perrault, Student Representative  
 12 **Visitors:** Larry Trombley, Teacher

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 14 1. Call to Order: Jim Mercier called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.  
 15 2. Pledge of Allegiance  
 16 3. Visitors: Mr. Trombley is here to observe.  
 17 4. Consent Agenda:  
 18 4.1 Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2008: Included in mailed packet.  
 19 4.2 Student Representative Report: Rina Perrault reports that the Student Council has not met  
 20 since the last board meeting. They are wrapping up Christmas projects, and she anticipates that  
 21 fundraising would be on the next agenda.

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 23 **Al Corey made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Sally Lindberg seconded the**  
 24 **motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

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 26 5. Old Business:

27 5.1 FY'10 Budget Discussion: Superintendent Rosane reports that an effort to keep the budget  
 28 down is most challenging. He finds it interesting to see what an inclusive process it is, which  
 29 includes the board, administration, and department heads. He believes one can make better  
 30 decisions looking at it programmatically. They are paying particular attention to Act 82 and the  
 31 cap it puts on local budgets, which means increases must be lower than 4.0 to 4.5 percent, in order  
 32 to avoid the Act 82 two-vote consequence. The first draft proposal that went to the board had an  
 33 increase of 4.26%, with a \$184,000-plus cut recommended. The Finance Committee reduced the  
 34 increase to 3.24%. At what cost does going lower have is a board decision. He will be meeting  
 35 with the Finance Committee again next week.

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 37 Martha Gagner will have definite revenue figures for the Finance Committee next week, when  
 38 tuition figures will be set. She noted that it looks as if enrollment is down a bit, and those costs  
 39 are higher when enrollment is down. Mr. Rosane says that Act 82 has had a big impact around the  
 40 state, and that level funding is virtually impossible. As we look at it, how it is approached will be  
 41 a critical consideration. It took digging deeper and challenging line items to bring it down to  
 42 3.24%. There is a lot of complexity in the law. Martha says they will work together to arrive at  
 43 reasonable figures. Budgeting and tax rate considerations are based on the equalized pupil rate.

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 45 5.2 Policies for Adoption:

- 46 a. Policy on Substitute Teachers (D6):

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 48 **Al Corey made the motion to adopt the Policy on Substitute Teachers (D6); Sally Lindberg**  
 49 **seconded the motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

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 51 b. Transportation (F9):

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 53 **Al Corey made the motion to adopt the policy on Transportation; Sally Lindberg seconded**  
 54 **the motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

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 56 c. Animal Dissection (G13):

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**Al Corey made the motion to adopt the policy on Animal Dissection (G13); Sally Lindberg seconded the motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

6. New Business:

6.1 Committee Reports:

a. Curriculum (Bruce Scott, Chair): The committee met just prior to this meeting, primarily covering the subject of weighted grades.

b. Finance/Personnel (Nilda Gonnella-French, Chair): The committee has been working on the FY10 budget. The committee worked on setting the co-pay for health insurance for non-union/non-certified employees for FY10. This was necessary to be consistent with the Union Master Agreement.

**Al Corey made the motion to approve setting the co-pay for health insurance at 16% for Non-Union/Non-Certified Staff for FY10; Sally Lindberg seconded the motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

d. Policy Committee (Sally Lindberg, Chair): They will be meeting on Monday.

6.2 Collins Perley Report (Al Corey): Al Corey reports that upgrades are moving along nicely. The track is on schedule, and the repaired Zamboni was operating this afternoon. Thanks to the use of the Highgate rink Zamboni, they were able to function while waiting for the CP Zamboni parts to come in. The community spirit is very high here. They will be meeting next week.

David Kimel says they are working on arriving at a recommendation for the refrigeration system at a meeting next Tuesday with consultants, and a BFA presence is hoped for. The BFA board will need to approve the decision on the Tuesday meeting. They will be deciding on the system they want to install. Mr. Kimel will be providing information in advance for the 4:00 p.m. meeting. They are down to the wire for installation by March 1st. BFA committee meetings are taking place at 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The meeting of the board will be warned.

They are dealing with the disposal of rink boards and are cleaning up the watershed area, hopefully with the help from a grant. The permitting process is going well. They are still waiting on the storm water permit, which has taken well over 60 days. The complete CPSC report was included in the mailed packet.

7. Other Business:

- 7.1 Northwest Technical Center Director's Report: Included in mailed packet.
- 7.2 Collins Perley Sports Center Manager's Report: Included in mailed packet.
- 7.3 Department Reports: Included in mailed packet.

Agenda Items for Future Meeting:

- 8.1 Amended Non-Union/Non-Certified Job Classification Structure
- 8.2 School Facilities
- 8.3 Weighted Grades
- 8.4 Georgia School Board Meeting
- 8.5 Athletic Handbook
- 8.6 Budget FY10
- 8.7 Teen Center

9. Approve Warrants: December warrants were included in mailed packet.

**Al Corey made the motion to approve the December Warrants; Sally Lindberg seconded the motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

10. Executive Session:

1 10.1 Personnel  
2 10.2 Other

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4 **Al Corey made the motion to enter Executive Session for personnel and other matters at**  
5 **7:03 p.m.; Sally Lindberg seconded the motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

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7 **Al Corey made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.; Sally Lindberg**  
8 **seconded the motion, with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

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10 **Al Corey made the motion to approve hiring the Paraeducator discussed in Executive**  
11 **Session; Sally Lindberg seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Jim Mercier abstained).**

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13 11. Adjourn

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15 **Al Corey made the motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.; Sally Lindberg seconded the motion,**  
16 **with all in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

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20 Charlotte Ryan, Board Secretary