

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

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4 Board Meeting  
5 May 5, 2009

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7 Present for a quorum: Sally Lindberg, Al Corey, Bruce Scott, and Nilda Gonnella-French  
8 Absent: Jim Mercier  
9 Administrators: David Kimel, Manager, CPSC; Dennis Hill, Assistant Principal; Geoff Lyons, Assistant  
10 Principal; Ned Caron, Principal; Robert Rosane, Superintendent; Sally Tarr, Director, NWTC; Wendy  
11 Meunier, Associate Principal; Laurence Carnahan, Director, Support Services, and Rina Perrault, Student  
12 Representative

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14 1. Call to Order: Nilda Gonnella-French called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.  
15 2. Pledge of Allegiance  
16 3. Visitors: None present.  
17 4. Consent Agenda: Nilda Gonnella-French requested approval to add Item 6.6 NEASC Self Study.

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19 **Al Corey made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended; Sally Lindberg**  
20 **seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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22 4.1 Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2009:

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24 Changes: On Page 2, Line 10, change April 28th to April 27th; Page 3, Line 13/14, first sentence,  
25 add faculty, so that the end of the sentence reads, "...parents, students, and faculty." In the next  
26 sentence, change the word, process, to the word, team. On Page 3, Line 23, change the sentence to  
27 read, "Once again, a disconnect with communications with the parents and students, but the  
28 faculty is actually using that time effectively." On Page 3, Line 45, change the sentence to read,  
29 "The Board was thanked for its support during the rescheduling process."

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31 **Al Corey made the motion to approve the changes for the Minutes of April 7, 2009; Sally**  
32 **Lindberg seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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34 4.2 Student Representative Report: The Student Council is in the process of planning the Prom  
35 for May 30th at the Davis Center. The Student Council elections for next year's officers are  
36 coming up soon.

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38 5. Old Business:

39 5.1 Policies:

- 40 a. Tobacco Prohibition (E8): This policy has gone back to the Policy Committee.  
41 b. Education Records (F5): The policy was publicly warned on April 24, 2009.

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43 **Al Corey made the motion to adopt the policy on Education Records (F5); Sally Lindberg**  
44 **seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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46 c. Student Attendance (F25): The policy was publicly warned on April 24, 2009.

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48 **Al Corey made the motion to adopt the policy on Student Attendance (F25); Sally Lindberg**  
49 **seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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51 6. New Business:

52 6.1 Committee Reports:

- 53 a. Curriculum (Bruce Scott, Chair): The next meeting is planned for October at 5:30  
54 p.m. The subject discussed at the most recent meeting was on the self-study survey to be  
55 discussed under Item 6.6. NEASC Self-Study Survey.

- 56 b. Finance (Nilda Gonnella-French, Chair) and c. Personnel (Nilda Gonnella-French,

1 Chair): This was a joint meeting in which they discussed contractual matters and job descriptions;  
 2 they heard a TDBankNorth presentation on trust accounts, investments, and scholarships; and they  
 3 reviewed the FY09 budget.

4 d. Policy (Sally Lindberg, Chair): On April 27th the committee reviewed nine policies;  
 5 they heard the City School 8th Graders' presentation on communication devices. The supervisory  
 6 union (SU) administrators will review the Technology Policy regarding procedures. The  
 7 committee will be considering semantics and supervision concerns in regard to volunteers; and the  
 8 policy relating to weapons is going back to the SU administrators. The next meeting will be on  
 9 June 1 at 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

10 6.2 Collins Perley Report (Al Corey): They have opened bids for the stadium field lighting this  
 11 past week. They need to interview four of the companies that presented proposals. They will  
 12 meet tomorrow on this. Also, Collins Perley is holding a Texas Hold 'Em event on a date and  
 13 time to be announced. And finally, Kevin Manahan will continue to serve on the CP Board.

14 6.3 Policies for Consideration:

15 a. *1st Reading* English Language Learner Policy (F19): This is a mandated policy with  
 16 simple changes made.

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 18 **Al Corey made the motion to warn the English Language Learner Policy (F19); Sally  
 19 Lindberg seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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 21 6.4 Busing Contracts: Busing contracts will be renewed per current contract language based  
 22 upon satisfactory service.

23 6.5 Field Trip: Wendy Meunier distributed information and reported that a field trip is being  
 24 planned for the 2010 February break. They will start in Italy, go on to the French Riviera, and end  
 25 at Barcelona, Spain. The trip will be done in nine days under the guidance of very professional  
 26 tour guides. The itinerary fits effectively with the curriculum of foreign language students. She  
 27 invited board members to join in on the field trip.

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 29 **Bruce Scott made the motion to approve the field trip to Italy, France and Spain in February  
 30 2010; Al Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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 32 6.6 NEASC Self-Study Survey: Wendy Meunier distributed information on how to respond to  
 33 the survey. Parents, students and faculty are being asked to take part, and responses to the survey  
 34 are possible online and via e-mail. Wendy would like to have the Board take the survey, in order  
 35 to get their perspective, as well. The deadline is May 15th.

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 37 Dennis Hill reminded the Board and community of the large forum being hosted at BFA by area  
 38 doctors on prescription drugs, their use and abuse, pros and cons. It is being held Saturday, May  
 39 9th in different locations within BFA. It starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be  
 40 served, and there will be several speakers and breakout sessions. Board members are invited to  
 41 attend.

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 43 **7. Other Business:**

- 44 7.1 Northwest Technical Center Director's Report: Included in mailed packet.  
 45 7.2 Collins Perley Sports Center Manager's Report: Included in mailed packet.  
 46 7.3 Department Reports: Included in mailed packet.  
 47 7.4 2009-2010 Board Member List: Included in mailed packet.

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 49 **8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**

- 50 8.1 Weighted Grades  
 51 8.2 Collins Perley Trust  
 52 8.3 Greek Trip Presentation  
 53 8.4 Research Data on Student Performance and Enrichment/Advisory Periods

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 55 **9. Approve Warrants:**

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1 **Bruce Scott made the motion to approve the April warrants; Al Corey seconded the motion.**  
2 **Motion carried 4-0.**

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4 10. Executive Session:

5 10.1 Personnel

6 10.2 Other Business

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8 **Bruce Scott made the motion to enter Executive Session at 6:53 p.m.; Sally Lindberg**  
9 **seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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11 The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

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13 **Bruce Scott made the motion to approve hiring James Hill as an English teacher; Sally**  
14 **Lindberg seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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16 **Bruce Scott made the motion to approve hiring Randall Clark as a Case Manager at**  
17 **Summit; Sally Lindberg seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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19 **Bruce Scott made the motion to approve hiring Stamatina Rigas as Case Manager, Special**  
20 **Education; Sally Lindberg seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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22 **Bruce Scott made the motion to approve hiring Luke Laroche for a one-year appointment**  
23 **as Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach; Sally Lindberg seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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25 **Bruce Scott made the motion to accept the resignation of Karen Murray; Al Corey seconded**  
26 **the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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28 **Al Corey made the motion to accept the resignation of Virginia Minor; Sally Lindberg**  
29 **seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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31 11. Adjourn:

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33 **Bruce Scott made the motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.; Sally Lindberg seconded the motion.**  
34 **Motion carried 4-0.**

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36 Respectfully submitted,

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38 Charlotte Ryan, Board Secretary