

Belfast Central School Board of Education Regular Meeting

Belfast Central School Conference Room

August 14, 2018

5:30 P.M.

School Board Members Present:

Josie Preston, President, Randa Harrington, Vice President, Becky Backer, Chris Enders, Patricia Krotz, Dan Borden, Cecy Curcio

Members Absent: none

District Personnel: Wendy Butler Ed. D, Superintendent, Robert Lingenfelter, District Treasurer, Gina Larrabee, District Clerk, Michael Roche, 5-12 Principal, Jessica Hess PK-4 Principal/Director of Pupil Services, Jim Schneider, Supervisor of Transportation/ Buildings and Grounds (left at 6:18)

Others: Amanda Postma, Renovus Solar, Levi Frely, ClarkPattersonLee

Meeting Minutes	At 5:28 p.m., the President Josie Preston called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Public Presentation	<p>Levi Frely from ClarkPattersonLee presented diagrams to the Board that will be used to inform the public of the proposed future design for the Belfast School. The importance of informed voters was noted.</p> <p>Amanda Postma from Renovus Solar presented a plan to the Board in which she explained possible benefits to the district.</p>
Financial	Robert Lingenfelter presented the Treasurer's report, Budget Status and Revenue Status Reports, June's warrants, and the Internal Claims Audit Report. He spoke about the Energy Enterprises natural gas bid, and the 2018-19 School Tax information. Mr. Lingenfelter discussed with the board the possibility of having extra funds from the 2017-18 school year. He inquired if the Board thought it may be good stewardship to place future extra funds into a capital reserve. He stated that this would need prior voter approval but was interested in their opinion. Board members indicated they thought that retaining those funds for that purpose was a good idea even if that brought the Fund Balance over the state limit of 4%.
Team Leadership reports	<p>Jessica Hess gave the Board summer training updates.</p> <p>Dr. Wendy Butler talked with the Board about the Extracurricular Handbook. She also reviewed the district plans for Safety, AIS, Professional Development, Mentoring, Crisis, the 18-19 Faculty/ Staff Handbook, the 18-19 District Goals, and the Building Project Activities Calendar.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Motion by Patricia Krotz, seconded by Randa Harrington, to adopt the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Approve the minutes from the July 10, 2018 meeting.Approve the minutes from the July 25, 2018 BOE work session.Approve the minutes from the July 31, 2018 BOE work session.Approve the Treasurer's report dated June 2018.Approve the Extracurricular Handbook for the 2018-19 school yearApprove the District Safety Plan for the 18-19 school yearApprove the District AIS Plan for the 18-19 school yearApprove the District Professional Development Plan for the 18-19 school year

Approve the District Mentoring Plan for the 18-19 school year
 Approve the District Crisis Plan for the 18-19 school year
 Approve the 18-19 Faculty/ Staff Handbook
 Approve the 18-19 District Goals

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Board Action Items

Policy Adoption

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Becky Backer, to adopt the following policies which were reviewed at the June 12, 2018 BOE meeting, as recommended by the superintendent:

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Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Patricia Krotz, to delete Policy 5761 which has been updated and renumbered as Policy 5741, as recommended by the superintendent.

Armoured One Product

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Chris Enders to approve the purchase and installation of Armoured One protective film for up to \$108,000, to be funded by money remaining in the 2017 athletic capital project, as recommended by the superintendent.

U&S Services Door Lock System

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Dan Borden, to approve the purchase and installation of U&S Services door locking system for up to \$136,000, to be funded by money remaining in the 2017 athletic capital project, as recommended by the superintendent.

SEQR

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Becky Backer, Resolution Issuing SEQRA Negative Declaration for Proposed Capital Improvements Project, 2018

WHEREAS, the Belfast Central School District (the “District”) and its Board of Education (the “Board”) propose to undertake a Capital Improvements Project, 2018 at the District’s building and campus; and

WHEREAS, the District and its Board, as the lead agency, have undertaken an environmental review of this Unlisted action in accordance with State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) regulations; and

WHEREAS, the District and its Board duly considered the proposed Capital Improvements Project, 2018, the SEQRA Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria for determining whether the action will have a significant adverse impact on the environment as set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c) of the SEQRA regulations, and such other information deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the District and its Board identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, took a hard look at these areas, and made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Belfast Central School District Board of Education that:

1. The District and its Board is the lead agency under SEQRA, and the Capital Improvements Project, 2018 will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment.

2. The attached Negative Declaration, incorporated herein by reference, is issued and adopted for the reasons stated in the attached Negative Declaration, and Parts

1, 2, and 3 of the Environmental Assessment Form are also incorporated herein by reference.

3. The Superintendent of the District is authorized to sign and file or have filed on behalf of the District and its Board all documents necessary to comply with SEQRA.

4. This resolution is effective immediately.

**Special Meeting
and Vote**

**A RESOLUTION AS TO SPECIAL MEETING AND VOTE
BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Belfast Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”), as follows:

Section 1. That the provisions of this resolution shall be effective regardless of anything to the contrary in the policies of this Board, or the previous minutes of this Board, or otherwise.

Section 2. That the Board takes note of the fact that the District has been in the process of planning for a capital improvements project consisting of the reconstruction and renovation of, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to, various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof (collectively, the “Project”) and, as part of that process, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for the Project, which is an Unlisted action under SEQRA, a thorough review of the Project’s potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that the Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and a written, reasoned elaboration of the SEQRA determination of significance has been provided in a Negative Declaration.

Section 3. That a special meeting and vote of the qualified voters of the District (the “Special Meeting and Vote”) will be held in the auditorium foyer at the Belfast Central School located at 1 King Street, Belfast, New York, on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, at 12:00 noon, prevailing time, for the purpose of voting upon the proposition hereinafter set forth.

Section 4. That the notice of the Special Meeting and Vote, including the proposition to be voted upon, shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND VOTE

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK

The Board of Education of the Belfast Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”) HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a special meeting and vote of the qualified voters of the District (the “Special Meeting and Vote”) will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 in the auditorium foyer at the Belfast Central School located at 1 King Street, Belfast, New York, at 12:00 noon, prevailing time, for the purpose of voting by paper ballot upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, on that day. In the event that the District’s schools are closed on October 2, 2018 due to emergency or inclement weather (or for any other reason), the date of the Special Meeting and Vote will be changed, without further notice, to the date on which the District’s schools are next open.

PROPOSITION NO. 1—CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 2018

Shall the following resolutions be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Belfast Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to undertake a proposed capital improvements project (the “Project”) consisting of the reconstruction and renovation of, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to, various District buildings and facilities (and the sites thereof), at an estimated maximum cost of \$[5,188,035], to implement various health, safety, accessibility and Code compliance measures required by the State Education Department in connection with any significant capital project, and various other measures that are generally described in (but not to be limited by) the written plan for the Project that was prepared by the District with the assistance of Clark Patterson Lee (the “Project Plan”), which is available for public inspection in the offices of the District Clerk, such work being anticipated to include, without limitation and to the extent as and where required, the particular items described below. Proposed building work is anticipated to include the renovation and improvement of science, home and careers and STEM classrooms, bathrooms, and other existing spaces including the conversion of a multipurpose space to music rooms and an auditorium with retractable seating and lighting, the conversion of special education space and the elementary library to a new District office, and the conversion of main office space to a new nurse’s office and special education space. Other building interior upgrades are anticipated to include items such as flooring, wall tile, miscellaneous finishes, gymnasium wall mats, and security improvements including door hardening and hardware upgrades throughout the building, along with the creation of a secure entrance vestibule. Proposed building exterior upgrades are anticipated to include items such as new windows and doors, masonry and flashing upgrades, and ADA accessible exterior door openers. Proposed site work is anticipated to include the construction of a parking lot on the former residential lot that was recently acquired by the District and adjacent school

grounds, the relocation of the geodome/greenhouse and septic system, and the construction of a canopy at the new District office/main entrance. The foregoing components of the Project (or so much thereof as can be accomplished within the overall budget for the Project, once the construction bids are received) are to be undertaken at an estimated maximum cost of \$[5,188,035], and will include the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such buildings, facilities and sites are used, and all ancillary or related work required in connection therewith, and the Board is authorized to expend therefor, including for preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and in connection with the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$[5,188,035], provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project (as generally described in the Project Plan) may be reallocated among such components, or such components may be deleted, revised or supplemented if (1) the Board shall determine that such reallocation, deletion, revision or supplementation is in the best interests of the District and (2) the aggregate amount to be expended for the Project shall not exceed \$[5,188,035] and (3) no material change shall be made in the overall scope and nature of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board is hereby authorized to expend toward such Project \$[350,000] of available District funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a tax is hereby voted to finance the balance of the estimated maximum cost of the Project in an amount not to exceed \$[4,838,035], such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District (including, without limitation, serial bonds, statutory installment bonds and/or lease/purchase obligations) are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$[4,838,035], and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New York State Building Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds shall, to the extent received, be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that such Proposition No. 1 shall appear on the paper ballots to be utilized for voting on such Proposition No. 1 in substantially the following abbreviated form:

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that (a) the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Belfast Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to undertake a capital improvements project (the "Project") consisting of the reconstruction and renovation of, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to, various District buildings and facilities (and the sites thereof), to implement various health, safety, accessibility and Code compliance measures and various other measures included and generally described in (but not to be limited by) the Project Plan that was referred to in the public notice of the vote on this Proposition, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$[5,188,035]; (b) the District is authorized to expend toward the Project \$[350,000] of available District funds; (c) a tax is hereby voted in an amount not to exceed \$[4,838,035] to finance the balance of the estimated maximum cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; (d) in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$[4,838,035], and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as

the same shall become due and payable; and (e) New York State Building Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for all of the anticipated work involved in the Project, which constitutes an Unlisted action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), a thorough review of the Project's potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that the Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and a reasoned elaboration of the SEQRA review and findings has been provided in a Negative Declaration.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the Special Meeting and Vote, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on the day before the Special Meeting and Vote, if the ballot is to be issued personally to the voter. The list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, until the day set for voting, except for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. No absentee ballot will be canvassed unless it is received prior to 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on October 2, 2018, in the office of the District Clerk, 1 King Street, Belfast, New York.

Dated: August 14, 2018

Belfast, New York

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK

Section 5. That the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice to be given of such Special Meeting and Vote, in substantially the form hereinbefore prescribed, by publishing the same four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding the date of the Special Meeting and Vote, the first publication to be at least 45 days (but not more than 49 days) before the Special Meeting and Vote, in the Olean Times Herald and in The Spectator, which are both newspapers having general circulation in the District, and by giving such other notice as in the District Clerk's discretion may be deemed advisable.

Section 6. That the temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the purpose or purposes described in Section 2 of this resolution. The District then reasonably expects to reimburse any such expenditures (to the extent made after the date hereof or within 60 days prior to the earlier of (A) the date hereof or (B) the date of any earlier expression by the District of its intent to reimburse expenditures for this or any earlier iteration of the Project) with the proceeds of the bonds, notes, lease/purchase arrangements or other obligations contemplated by this resolution. This resolution shall constitute the declaration (or reaffirmation) of the District's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by Section 2 hereof (or expenditures for any earlier iteration of the Project) with such proceeds, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Section 7. That this resolution shall take effect immediately

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Private School Transportation

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Patricia Krotz, to approve requested transportation for the identified private schools for the 2018-19 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Houghton Academy

Natural Gas Bid

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Cecy Curcio, to accept lowest responsible two-year (Option 1) price of \$0.0231 bid for natural gas submitted by Energy Enterprises to provide our natural gas for the 18-19 and 19-20 school years, as recommended by the superintendent.

Out of District Student Request

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Randa Harrington, to approve the out-of-district applications for the identified students for the 2018-19 school year, as recommended by the superintendent.

Tax Rate

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Cecy Curcio, to approve the tax rate as presented for the 18-19 school year, as recommended by the superintendent.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, to approve the following appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Patricia LeRoy

To appoint Patricia LeRoy to the position of Long-Term Substitute English Teacher to fill Patty Preston's maternity leave commencing on or about August 27, 2018 and ending December 20, 2018. The per diem salary will be paid in accordance with the Belfast Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Jamie Stout

To appoint Jamie Stout to the full-time civil service position of Food Service Helper effective August 27, 2018. There is a 26-week probationary period beginning February 17, 2018 and concluding August 26, 2019. The rate of pay shall will be as outlined in the School Related Personnel Collective Bargaining agreement.

Jodie Morton

To appoint Jodie Morton to the full-time civil service position of Food Service Helper effective August 27, 2018. There is a 26-week probationary period beginning August 27, 2018 and concluding February 17, 2019. The rate of pay shall will be as outlined in the School Related Personnel Collective Bargaining agreement.

instructional substitutes

To appoint the following instructional substitutes:

Substitute	Certification (if any)	Substitute	Certification (if any)
Christine Lentz	Permanent Science	Jessica Washburn	None
Joan Krane	Permanent Social Studies	Tonya Searle	None
Kim Stack	Permanent Music	Heidi Ellsessor	None
Rose Fleming	Permanent Reading	Joshua Painter	None

Joseph Dahill	None	Glenda McKelvey	None
Erica Torrey	None	Hannah Simmons	None
Jacob Cole	None	Jacqueline Elliott	Permanent Elementary
Sarah West	None	Ashley Chamberlain	None
Wende Benson	None	Kurtis Eisenhardt	None
Jordin Fuller	None	RaChelle Glauser-Sharpe	Elementary (Receiving 10/18)
Ashley Schultz	None	Laurie Parker	Permanent Elementary
Kayla Caiazza	None	Tammy Denning	None
Brandon Rush	None	Riley Fuller	None
Ashley Robinson	None	Katrina Sisitki	None
Morghan Mastin	None	Sabrina Bentley	None

non-instructional substitutes

To appoint the following non-instructional substitutes:

Substitute	Substitute
Crystal Malota (bus)	Sarah West
Darleen Estabrook	Jordin Fuller
Glenda McKelvey	Laura Duvall
Heidi Ellsessor	Rebecca Stanton
Jim Allen (custodian)	Sarah Marsh
Joleen Middaugh	Bonnie Barber (bus)
Kayla Caiazza	Tammy Denning

teacher mentors

To appoint the following teacher mentors for the 18-19 school year:

New Teacher	Mentor Teacher
Jason Robichaud (year 2)	Mary Paulsen
Matthew Snyder (year 2)	Josh Hazelton
JD Struckmann (year 2)	Sandy Miller
Christopher Enlow (year 2)	Carolyn Burr
Jessica Grottanelli	Carrie Flanagan-Watson
Mary Guilford	Mary Paulsen
Lynn Kunz	Amy Morey
Alex Minnick	Charlotte Marsh

volunteer

To approve Kayla Ross as a volunteer volleyball assistant for the 18-19 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Cecy Curcio, to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM.

