

**BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2021 Hybrid Zoom/In person meeting**

School Board Members Present:

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

Members Absent: none

District Personnel: Wendy Butler Ed. D, Superintendent, Robert Lingenfelter, Business Manager, Rick Bull, 5-12 Principal, Jessica Hess, PK-4 Principal/Director of Pupil Services, Gina Larrabee, District Clerk

Others: Elizabeth Hazelton (left at 5:34pm)

At 5:26 p.m., Board President Josie Preston called the Public Hearing meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presentation of the Proposed Public Library Budget and Proposition	Beth Hazelton and Robert Lingenfelter presented the proposed Belfast Public Library Budget. They stated the reason for the increase in this year’s public library budget is to cover minimum wage increases, and expenses incurred due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Mrs. Hazelton spoke about the importance of the Allegany County Library System membership, and the benefit it provides to our community.
Nominations for Public Library Trustee	Motion by Beth Hazelton, seconded by Becky Backer, to nominate Patricia Preston to the Library Board of Trustees. Carried 7-0
Board Petition	The District Clerk presented one petition for expiring term of School Board member Randa Harrington for five years. - Randa Harrington
Public Presentation of 2021-22 Belfast Central School Budget	Robert Lingenfelter presented the 2021-2022 school budget to the Board. Mr. Lingenfelter went through each line of the budget explaining each item and asking if anyone had any questions. The Board asked questions and engaged in discussion throughout the budget presentation. Mr. Lingenfelter spoke at length about the New York State Report Card. He stated the NYS Report Card and the complete 2021-22 BCS Budget is available to all district members via a link on the BCS website.
ADJOURNMENT	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Randa Harrington, to adjourn the Public Hearing portion of the Board meeting at 5:42 p.m. Carried 7-0

At 5:43 p.m., Board President Josie Preston called the regular Board meeting to order.

Additions/Deletions There were no additions or deletions.

Financial Robert Lingenfelter presented the monthly reports: March’s Treasurer’s report, Budget Status and Revenue Status reports, March’s warrants, and the Internal Claims Audit Report. Mr. Lingenfelter mentioned the school lunch program. He also provided an explanation of NYCLASS banking, our history with this organization, reasons for returning to this bank, and the benefit of using this bank.

Leadership Reports	<p>High School Principal, Rick Bull presented the 2021-22 Code of Conduct to the Board. Mr. Bull went through each section to note the changes and expound on them if needed. The Board expressed to Mr. Bull their wish to maintain a no hat (aside from dress down days) and no hoodie rule. Board members and the admin team had a discussion and decided this rule would stay intact.</p> <p>Jessica Hess updated the Board on state test, sharing that opt-outs were not an issue this year. Mrs. Hess also spoke about the upcoming science state test with optimism. She also informed the Board that both 5th and 6th grade students will have the opportunity to attend Camp Duffield in different sessions to make up for no camp last year. Mrs. Hess shared that other end-of-the-year events are planned in an appropriate manner based on current guidelines, and that student and staff are looking forward to them.</p> <p>Dr. Wendy Butler spoke about graduation stating she is hopeful an in person graduation held in our new auditorium will be possible. She presented School Report Card information and shared that we are doing well.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Becky Backer, to adopt the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent:</p> <p>Approved the minutes from the April 20, 2021 meetings.</p> <p>Approved the Treasurer’s report dated March 2021.</p> <p>Approved the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented. Carried 7-0</p>
BOARD ACTIONS 20-21 Calendar Change	<p>Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Patricia Krotz, to approve a change in the 20-21 school calendar to use ‘emergency’ days on May 28 and June 18, 2021, as recommended by the Superintendent. Carried 7-0</p>
NYCLASS Authorization- Tabled	<p>Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Patricia Krotz, to table consideration to approve NYCLASS as an authorized bank for Belfast Central School. Carried 7-0</p>
PERSONNEL	<p>Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Chris Enders, to approve the following personnel motions, as recommended by the Superintendent.</p> <p>Appointed Mary Guilford, who holds a NYS Permanent Certificate permitting her to teach in grades 1-6 and has completed a successful three-year probationary appointment, to the tenured position of Elementary Education Teacher in the elementary education tenure area commencing August 30, 2021</p> <p>Appointed Jason Robichaud, who holds a NYS Professional Certificate permitting him to teach in Childhood Education and a NYS Initial Certificate permitting him to teach students with disabilities and has completed a successful four-year probationary appointment, to the tenured position of Elementary Special Education Teacher in the special education tenure area commencing August 30, 2021.</p> <p>Appointed Lynn (Kunz) White, who holds a NYS Professional Certificate permitting her to teach students with disabilities from birth through grade 6 and has completed a successful three-year probationary appointment, to the tenured position of Elementary Special Education Teacher in the special education tenure area commencing August 30, 2021</p> <p>Appointed Jessica Hess, who holds a NYS Professional School District Leader Certificate permitting her to work as a school administrator and has completed a</p>

successful four-year probationary appointment, to the tenured position of PK-4 Principal/ Director of Pupil Services in the school administrator tenure area commencing August 21, 2021.

Extended the probationary music teacher appointment of JD Struckmann by one year, through June 30, 2022.

Approved the following individuals as chaperones for Spring 2021 athletic events:

- Jessica Grottanelli
- Mary Paulsen
- Alex Minnick

Appointed Junelle Shaw to the position of part-time cleaner. Her starting salary will be \$12.50 per hour, as outlined in the SRP contract.

Approved the following instructional substitutes for the 20-21 school year:

- Mikala Chaffee
- Rebecca Gennes

Approved Andrew Mountain as a substitute bus driver for the 20-21 school year.

Motions unanimously carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Randa Harrington, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m.