

**BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Date: December 13, 2011
Where Held: Auditorium
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting
Presiding Officer: President Hull

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Alessi; Randa Harrington (left at 6:30 p.m., back at 6:37 p.m.); Richard Hull, Jr., Janine Preston, Lisa Wuersig

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cecy Curcio, Chris Enders

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy May, Superintendent/K-4 Principal; Michael Roche, 5-12 Principal/Curriculum Coordinator, Robert Lingenfelter, District Treasurer, Eileen Ostrander, District Clerk, Michele Gilbert, Teacher's Association Representative (left at 7:25 p.m.); Beth Hull, Cheryl Estabrook & Hailey Mitchell, Girl Scouts (left at 6:37 p.m.)

At 6:30 p.m., President Hull called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Lisa Wuersig, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the minutes of the November 8, 2011 regular Board of Education meeting. Carried 4-0

Minutes

Janine Preston made the motion, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the minutes of the November 22, 2011 regular Board of Education meeting. Carried 4-0

Senior Trip

Elizabeth Hull addressed the Board in regard to two girls having perfect attendance but wishing to attend a Girl Scout trip to Washington, D.C. causing them to miss a day of school. Mrs. Hull stated she would investigate whether other schools are considering this an educational field trip.

The Board received correspondence from District Superintendent Olczak inviting Board Members to a regional forums to discuss opportunities for consolidation and sharing of services. All members present were interested in attending.

Tax
Collector's
Report

Correspondence was shared from the New York State School Music Association expressing appreciation for the support of music education in our school. They also complimented the BCS music department on achieving excellence by having students selected to attend the All-State festivals.

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The Board received the budget status and revenue status reports, warrant reports, and internal claims auditor's report to the Board of Education for the month of November.

Table Tax
Exemption

Mr. Lingenfelter presented a PowerPoint presentation depicting the district's financial snapshot. He focused on the reduction in state aid over the years and the inequity in aid reduction when districts' wealth ratios are compared.

School
Boards
Convention

Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Randa Harrington that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School send an advocacy action letter to senators and assemblymen representing Allegany County. Carried 5-0

Rachel's
Challenge,
Discipline,
Bullying

Principal Roach presented the discipline report. He stated he has initiated a lunch detention for students who come to class unprepared.

Enrollment figures for the month of November were presented.

Enrollment,
Engaged NY

Superintendent May informed the Board that the AmeriCorps Program will begin again in January. She stated the program provides assistance with student academics and activities and with community activities.

Board Goals

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve conditional appointment of Cheryl Estabrook as a non-teaching substitute for the 2011-2012 school year pending fingerprint clearance. Carried 5-0

To Save a
Life

Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following case numbers: CPSE: 900-38-7867, and CSE: 900-38-7666, 900-38-7906, 900-36-5520, 900-37-6787, 900-34-8383, 900-37-6840. Carried 5-0

Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the following St. Bonaventure student teacher placements for the spring 2012 semester: Sarah Gardiner working with Darice Mullen in 3rd/4th grade and Lara Adamitis in Brandi Mahon's 1st grade. Carried 5-0

Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve winter sports chaperones as follows: Sandy Miller, Bruce Harrington, Amy Smith, Josh Hazelton, and Wanda Weaver. Carried 5-0

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve a contract for speech therapy services with Jennifer Williamson - Independent Speech Contractor. Carried 5-0

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve change to permanent appointment status for Sheila Weaver, 10-month part-time custodian