

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

Date: October 11, 2011
Where Held: Auditorium
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting
Presiding Officer: President Hull

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Alessi, Chris Enders, Richard Hull, Jr., Janine Preston, Lisa Wuersig

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cecy Curcio, Randa Harrington

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy May, Superintendent/K-4 Principal, Michael Roche, 5-12 Principal/Curriculum Coordinator, Robert Lingenfelter, District Treasurer and Eileen Ostrander, District Clerk, Joshua Hazelton, Teacher's Association Representative, Community Members - B. Robinson, D. Zuver, E. Kemp, P. Krotz, R. & M. Chamberlain; Booster Club Supporters - N. Cole, A. Sackett, R. Francis (left at 7:20 p.m.)

At 6:32 p.m., President Hull called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Lisa Wuersig, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 regular meeting. Carried 5-0

Minutes

Eunice Kemp addressed the Board on the topic of bullying. She offered suggestions on ways to prevent bullying in school.

Bullying

Amy Sackett revisited the concept of initiating a Booster Club for Belfast School. She stated clubs of this type require extensive paperwork and would take a few years to get funding. She would like to see some changes to the class advisor handbook or the possibility of class funds used for senior expenses. Mr. Lingenfelter stated as long as the class votes and it is in the minutes, classes may pass their funds on to underclassmen.

Booster Club

Mrs. Sackett also mentioned there had been a meeting of Parents Against Bullying. Mrs. May provided information on upcoming events at BCS to address the topic of bullying including Rachel's Challenge, Second Step, small group brainstorming, Internet Safety, and that a movie entitled *To Save a Life* would be offered to the Belfast community here at school.

Bullying

Motion by Lisa Wuersig, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve bank account limits as presented. General Checking-Community Bank-\$1,500,000, School Lunch-Community Bank-\$40,000, Trust & Agency-Community Bank-\$350,000, Extracurricular-Community Bank-\$60,000, Payroll-Community Bank-\$350,000, General Savings-Chase Bank-\$1,250,000, Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve-Chase Bank-\$360,000, Bus Reserve-Chase-\$25,000, 2010 Bus Reserve-Chase-\$120,000, Capital Fund Savings-Chase-\$500,000, General Checking-MBIA CLASS-\$1,750,000, Trust & Agency MBIA CLASS-\$6,000, School Lunch-MBIA CLASS,-\$35,000, Trust Expendable-MBIA CLASS-\$25,000, Federal MBIA CLASS-\$300,000, Public Library-MBIA CLASS-\$125,000, Pub Lib Cap Reserve-MBIA CLASS-\$6,000, Debt Service-MBIA CLASS-\$125,000, Bank of NY Mellon-Capital Escrow-\$350,000. Carried 5-0

Bank Account Limits

Lisa Wuersig made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School authorize the closing of the Citizen's Bank account. Carried 5-0

Citizens Bank Account

Lisa Wuersig made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the reply to the auditor's management letter. Carried 5-0

Auditor's Management Letter

Motion by Lisa Wuersig, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the annual electric bid approving Energetix as our supplier for electricity, November 1, 2011 (or first meter read date) through October 31, 2012, utilizing Option 2 Indexed Adder Price, General-ALL with: RG&E @\$0.00595. Carried 5-0

Electric Bid

Motion by Lisa Wuersig, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the revised external audit with the EBALR reserve classified as restricted funds. Carried 5-0

Revised External Audit

Principal Roche updated the Board on testing and grading changes for 3-8 ELA and math assessments and regents whereby the teacher of record cannot administer their tests or be involved in the grading of them. This is to prevent falsification of test results, especially in light of student performance being linked to teacher performance.

Assessments

Mr. Roche also informed the Board of interim assessments being instituted this year for our faculty and staff to have feedback on student understanding of material taught prior to state testing. This is another way to evaluate how students are grasping concepts and is another link to teacher evaluation.

Interim Assessments

Mrs. May stated that our middle school/high school play is scheduled for December 9 and 10 and that the annual senior citizens' Christmas dinner will be on December 10. She also provided enrollment numbers.

Senior citizens dinner

Prekindergarten program costs were distributed with the addition of a bus monitor for the mid-part of the day. We have no additional funding this current year and this expense is presently not budgeted.

Prek costs - bus monitor

Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Lisa Wuersig, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve change from conditional appointment status due to fingerprint clearance for Travis Cole, substitute. Carried 5-0

Cole clearance

Motion by Mark Alessi, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve CSE recommendations for the following case numbers: 900-38-7903, 900-37-6773, 900-38-7722, 900-38-7653, 900-13-4132, 900-38-7628, 900-37-6807, 900-37-6577, 900-32-1746, 900-38-7662, 900-38-7721, 900-38-7628. Carried 5-0

CSE recs

Motion by Lisa Wuersig, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve a request for Ron Enders to assist voluntarily with boys' varsity basketball for the 2011-12 season. Carried 5-0

Enders Volunteer

Lisa Wuersig made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School declare the following items as surplus to be sold or discarded: Library items (broken or outdated): 9 palm pilots, 9 Kodak Easyshare digital cameras, Scanner, Tape recorder, Digital video camera, 2 overhead projectors, 8 hard shell camera cases, 4 laptop computer bags and Laptop computer Mac ibook model A1342. Laminator film and Typewriter - IBM Wheelwriter 1000 - is not used. Carried 5-0

Surplus

Motion by Mark Alessi, seconded by Lisa Wuersig, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve change order GC-36 from Patrick Development: 1. Install an additional vinyl base on chases and under cabinets in various locations (add \$2,319.17) 2. Provide a credit for repair of flooring in cafeteria (credit \$3,000.) 3. Provide a new hollow metal door for the science room (add \$729.74.) Carried 5-0

Change order

Lisa Wuersig motioned, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the resignation of Kristen Loucks from the position of the Odyssey of the Mind advisor effective immediately. Carried 5-0

Loucks resigns OM

Motion by Lisa Wuersig, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School appoint Maria Rhone to the position of Odyssey of the Mind advisor for the 2011-2012 school year. Carried 5-0

Rhone OM

Lisa Wuersig made the motion, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School appoint Justin Vossler as a certified substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. Carried 5-0

Vossler Sub

Motion by Lisa Wuersig, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the resignation of Dave Cox from the position of boy's junior varsity basketball coach effective immediately. Carried 5-0

Cox Resigns Basketball

Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Lisa Wuersig, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve extension of an unpaid maternity leave of absence for Lori Kisiah from her special education teaching position through February 29, 2012. Carried 5-0

Extension Maternity Leave Kisiah

Motion by Mark Alessi, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve extension of a long-term substitute appointment for Lori Kisiah's leave of absence for Jessica Romance through February 29, 2012. Carried 5-0

Romance Sub

Motion by Janine Preston, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve conditional appointment of Zachary Rhone to the position of boys' jv basketball coach for the 2011-2012 season pending fingerprint clearance. Carried 5-0

Rhone JV Basketball

Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Lisa Wuersig, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Carried 5-0