

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

Date: August 9, 2011
Where Held: Auditorium
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting
Presiding Officer: President Hull

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Alessi, Cecy Curcio, Chris Enders, Randa Harrington, Richard Hull, Jr., Janine Preston

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Wuersig

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy May, Superintendent/K-4 Principal, Michael Roche, 5-12 Principal/Curriculum Coordinator; Robert Lingenfelter, District Treasurer and Eileen Ostrander, District Clerk (left at 7:25 p.m.)

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

Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 reorganizational meeting. Carried 6-0

Motion by Mark Alessi, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the 2011-12 tax levy and tax rates. Carried 6-0

Janine Preston made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the tax warrant as presented. Carried 6-0

Motion by Mark Alessi, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the treasurer's report for the month of June. Carried 6-0

Budget Status reports and Revenue Status Reports as of June 30, 2011 were distributed.

June warrant reports and the internal claims auditor's report to the Board were distributed.

The Board received the final 2010-11 Budget Transfers approved by the Superintendent.

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the audit plan as submitted. Carried 6-0

Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School award the bid to National Fuel Resources as our supplier for natural gas from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2013 utilizing Option 3 at a rate of \$.618. Carried 6-0

Mr. Lingenfelter presented an update on the external annual audit. He stated the audit would be presented at the next meeting.

Principal Roche reported on teachers' and staff summer curriculum inservice and how things are changing towards the use of common core standards that will align curriculum in schools throughout New York. He stated that the Commissioner is focusing on literacy and reading to improve post-high school student performance. Mr. Roche mentioned that inservice on opening day and throughout the year will be driven by the common core standards.

Mrs. May reminded the Board of annual Board goals. She stated we are working on aligning our goals for the next three years with New York State to focus on the three pillars: Standards & assessment, Great teachers and principals, and data leading to improve student instruction. She stated that teacher evaluations will be tied to student test results and provided a template for goals. She mentioned that 90% of students in 7th grade achieved a level 3 or 4 on State math tests and 96% in 6th grade math.

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the policy statement for free and reduced price meals or free milk. Carried 6-0

Randa Harrington motioned, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the teaching substitute list for the 2011-2012 school year. Carried 6-0

Motion by Mark Alessi, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the non-teaching substitute list for the 2011-2012 school year. Carried 6-0

Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the resignation of Carolyn Burr as the high school student council co-advisor. Carried 6-0

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School authorize changing the appointment of Robin Owens from high school student council co-advisor to high school student council advisor for the 2011-2012 school year. Carried 6-0

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve appointment of Lisa Denning and Darleen Person as substitute bus monitors for the 2011-12 school year. Carried 6-0

Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve increasing time for Maria Fusco, part-time art teacher, from 42% to 51.85% due to the excessive size of the kindergarten class. Pay will increase by \$3,698 adding one period per day for the rest of the year serving as AIS math teacher. Carried 6-0

Minutes

Tax levy

Tax warrant

Treas Reports

Budget & Revenue Reports

Warrants

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Audit Plan

Natural Gas

External audit

Inservice & Common Core

Goals

Policy statement

Sub lists

Burr resigns student council

Owens student council

Bus Monitors

Fusco time

Janine Preston motioned, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the resignation of Michael Preston from the position of boys' modified soccer coach effective immediately. Carried 6-0

Preston
resigns
soccer

Motion by Janine Preston, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School appoint Byron Miller as boys' modified soccer coach for the 2011-12 season. Carried 6-0

Miller
soccer

Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve a lease agreement with BOCES for distance learning classroom space for the 2011-2012 school year. Carried 6-0

Distance
Learning
Classroom

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the resignation of Jennette Ramsey from the position of full-time 10-month cleaner effective immediately. Carried 6-0

Ramsey
resigns

Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve a request for out-of-district student attendance for Krista, Kyleigh and Sarah Auman for the 2011-2012 school year pending documentation of residence purchase. No tuition will be required provided a contract to buy a home in the district with intent to become residents is provided. Carried 6-0

Out of
district
Auman

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School establish bank account number 703701 with the Bank of New York Mellon. Carried 6-0

NY Mellon

At 7:25 p.m., Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School convene an executive session to hear and decide a decision of the Superintendent of Schools concerning a student discipline matter. Carried 6-0 (Board Members, Mr. Roche, and Mrs. May adjourned to the prekindergarten classroom)

Exec session

At 7:58 p.m., Mr. Roche and Mrs. May returned to the auditorium.

At 8:55 p.m. Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School return to public session in the auditorium. Carried 6-0

Janine Preston made the motion, Cecy Curcio seconded, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School, following a full hearing and closed session deliberations on an appeal from the superintendent's decision in this student discipline matter affirms the decision of the Superintendent on the matter in hearing. Carried 6-0

Affirm
discipline

Exec session

At 9:05 p.m., Janine Preston made the motion, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School return to executive session to further discuss a student discipline matter. Carried 6-0 (Board Members and Mr. Roche adjourned to the prekindergarten classroom)

At 9:18 p.m., Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School return to public session in the auditorium. Carried 6-0

At 9:20 p.m., Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School adjourn the meeting. Carried 6-0