

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

Date: January 24, 2012
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, Richard Hull, Jr., Lisa Wuersig

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randa Harrington, Janine Preston

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy May, Superintendent/K-4 Principal (stepped out 7:50, back 7:53); Robert Lingenfelter, District Treasurer (stepped out at 7:53, back 7:55); Michael Roche, 5-12 Principal/Curriculum Coordinator; Eileen Ostrander, District Clerk, (stepped out 7:57, back 8:00); Michele Gilbert, Teacher's Association Representative, Megan Francis, Student

President Hull called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Lisa Wuersig made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the December treasurer's reports as presented. Carried 5-0

Treasurer's Reports

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 December.

Budget Reports & Warrants

Lisa Wuersig made the motion, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve budget transfers as presented. Carried 5-0

Budget Transfers

The Board received the first look at the 2012-13 budget. Mrs. May informed the Board of various avenues that could be pursued to cut costs mentioned at a regionalization meeting held at BOCES in January. All Allegany County Schools were represented at this meeting; three Belfast Board members, Mrs. May, and Mr. Lingenfelter represented BCS. Some options to cut costs mentioned included increasing distance learning and online classes, attritioning of students, regionalization of high school, and merger. Mrs. May then provided an update on the Governor's plan for APPR suggesting three dates for completion tied to aid money. Belfast teachers have agreed to a teacher rubric and are meeting bi-weekly to work towards this goal as a committee. She provided estimated aid figures and where aid is being lost as provided by the proposed executive budget. Areas already considered where costs could be reduced in the budget are: OT provider services, one bus run, aide realignment, vacation buy back forfeited, technology position reduced, tuition reimbursement, outside placements of students, and social services tuition. Possible areas of reduction mentioned were pre-k lunches & breakfast, jv sports, summer food, driver ed, and newsletter production. The question was raised on the savings that could be incurred by eliminating raise increases this year. Mr. Lingenfelter went through line items in the budget noting areas where changes of significance were made. The Board also received a handout of mandated and non-mandated programs.

Budget

Mr. Roche presented the discipline report for the past month.

Discipline

The Board received responses from legislators in regard to inequity in state funding to state schools and discussed costs per student as listed on the school report card.

Legislator Letters

Lisa Wuersig made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept CSE & CPSE recommendations for the following case numbers: CPSE: 900-38-7867, 900-38-7927 and CSE: 900-37-6832, 900-38-7906, 900-33-6434, 900-37-6842, 900-37-6840, 900-38-7653. Carried 5-0

CSE Recs

Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve extension of a maternity leave of absence for Lori Kisiah from her position of special education teacher through June 30, 2012. Carried 5-0

Kisiah Leave

Cecy Curcio made the motion, seconded by Lisa Wuersig, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve an extension of a long-term substitute teacher appointment for Jessica Romance through June 30, 2012. Carried 5-0

Romance Substitute

Motion by Mark Alessi, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve appointment of Emily Voss as a non-certified substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. Carried 5-0

Voss
Substitute

Lisa Wuersig made the motion, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve an Alfred University student teacher placement for Tonya Farrant with Carrie Flanagan-Watson and Joshua Hazelton from March 12 until May 4, 2012. Carried 5-0

Farrant
Student
Teacher

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve an out-of-district student request for Audrey Hughan. No tuition required as she is moving within two miles of district boundaries as stipulated in policy. Carried 5-0

Hughan Out-
of-District

Mrs. May suggested we look at our out-of-district policy and review the pros and cons of accepting out-of-district students without charging tuition.

Out-of-
district

Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Lisa Wuersig, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Carried 5-0