

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

Date: October 23, 2012
Where Held: Auditorium
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting
Presiding Officer: President Hull

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lana Chamberlain

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy May, Superintendent/K-4 Principal, Michael Roche, 5-12 Principal/Curriculum Coordinator, Robert Lingenfelter, District Treasurer, Eileen Ostrander, District Clerk; Nichele James, Internal Auditor, (left at 6:44 p.m.); Jane Foster, Home-to-School Coordinator, Kayla Ross, Student, Jessica Romance and Lisa Denning, Candidates, Jim Schneider, Transportation Supervisor, (left at 7:17 p.m.); Pamela Miller, Teacher's Association Representative

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

Superintendent May introduced Jessica Romance, candidate for special education teacher position, and Lisa Denning, candidate for part-time elementary teacher position.

Candidates

The School Board was acknowledged for their dedicated service to the Belfast School District by the Belfast Teachers' Association, the Belfast School Related Personnel Association, and the Student Council. Board Members expressed their thanks.

School Board appreciation

Nichele James, Internal Auditor, reported on the findings of the recently conducted audit focusing on federal grants and budget development and administration. There were no exceptions noted. Also provided was an updated district-wide risk assessment as of September 17, 2012.

Internal Auditor

Jane Foster, Home-to-School Coordinator, provided an update on activities and events planned including Rachel's Club, Social Media Common Sense assembly, an overnight with Natural Helpers for students, and a Glen Colton assembly that will pertain to our 2nd step bullying prevention. She introduced senior student Kayla Ross who spoke on behalf of the Storytellers Campaign, an avenue for students to use their voices to spread the message of hope and healing for those struggling with depression, thoughts of self-harm, and suicide.

Foster Presentation Rachel's Club & Activities

Jim Schneider, Transportation Supervisor, provided a listing of our transportation fleet with the condition of buses and vehicles and the projected three-year mileage. He expressed concern that buses may not pass upcoming DOT inspection and concern over the cost of replacement parts. He alluded to the impending financial impact of maintaining the bus fleet.

Schneider Bus Fleet

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

Internal Audit

Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the treasurer's report for the month of September. Carried 6-0

Treas. Report

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 September.

Budget Reports & internal claims

Motion by Janine Preston, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve budget transfers as presented. Carried 6-0

Budget transfers

Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve a new 403(b) plan as presented. Carried 6-0

403b plan

Mr. Roche provided a report on discipline for the past month. He also reported on writing workshops for science and social studies, teachers have been attending. Ms. Miller stated she has attended training on argument writing for science labs the State is suggesting. Mr. Hull complimented the Belfast Central School staff. He stated it appears we are doing the right thing at the right time and are ahead of the game.

discipline & workshops

Mrs. May provided winter sports schedules and distributed legislative priorities of the Board of Regents. She informed the Board of an upcoming meeting to be held on December 6, at 7 p.m., at the BOCES Center to discuss shared services and regionalization of high schools.

Legislative Priorities & Regional High School

Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve change from conditional appointment status for Cindy Sweet, substitute, and Ron Enders, jv boys basketball coach, due to receipt of fingerprint clearance. Carried 6-0

Clearance Sweet & Enders

Randa Harrington motioned, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School appoint Jenean Fitzsimons as a non-certified substitute teacher for the 2012-13 school year. Carried 6-0	Fitzsimons Sub
Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School appoint Brian Perry as a non-certified substitute teacher for the 2012-13 school year. Carried 6-0	Perry Sub
Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School appoint Alex Minnick as a certified substitute teacher for the 2012-13 school year. Carried 6-0	Minnick Sub
Cecy Curcio made the motion, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School appoint Ann Galvin as a non-teaching substitute for the 2012-13 school year. Carried 6-0	Galvin Sub
Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve CSE recommendations for the following case numbers: 900-37-6755, 900-38-7935, 900-38-7976, 900-38-7975, 900-38-7643, 900-38-7681, 900-37-6746, 900-38-7720, 900-38-7662, 900-13-4343, 900-11-3861, 900-22-6838, 900-18-5818, 900-37-6841, 900-38-7687, 900-38-7967, 900-37-6747, 900-37-6741, 900-37-6763, 900-37-6761, 900-37-6580. Carried 6-0	CSE
Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the resignation of Stephen Majoros from the position of boys' modified basketball coach. Carried 6-0	Majoros Resigns
Cecy Curcio made the motion, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School abolish a part-time custodian position for 3.5 hours per day for 10 months per year. Carried 6-0	Abolish Custodian
Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School establish a part-time cleaner position for 3.5 hours per day for 10 months per year. Carried 6-0	Establish Cleaner
Chris Enders made the motion, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the probationary appointment of Crystal Krzos as 10-month part-time cleaner. Probationary period commences on October 26, 2012 and ends on April 26, 2013. Salary for the 2012-13 school year is \$7.25 per hour for 3.5 hours per day. Carried 6-0	Krzos Cleaner
Cecy Curcio made the motion, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the probationary appointment of Bob Matteson to the position of bus driver. Probationary period commences on September 4, 2012 and ends on March 4, 2013. Salary for the 2012-13 school year will be \$10 per hour granting one year of experience credit. Carried 6-0	Matteson Bus Driver
Randa Harrington motioned, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve appointment of Jessica Romance who is initially certified in the Students with Disabilities - Grades 1-6 certification area, on probation to the special education tenure area, for a two-year probationary period commencing September 4, 2012 and ending September 4, 2014. Salary for the school year 2012-2013 will be based upon Step A, Master's Degree, of the teachers' negotiated agreement. Carried 6-0	Romance Special Ed
Motion by Mark Alessi, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the appointment of Lisa Denning who is initially certifiable in the early childhood education (birth-grade 2) certification area to the non-probationary appointment of part-time elementary teacher commencing on October 29, 2012. Salary for the school year 2012-13 will be based upon 19% of Step A, Master's Degree, of the teachers' negotiated agreement. Carried 6-0	Denning Elementary
Janine Preston made the motion, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve a revision to policy 7631 Appointment and Training of Committee on Special Education (CSE)/Subcommittee on Special Education Members. Carried 6-0	Policy 7631 CSE
Randa Harrington motioned, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve a revision to policy 5640 Smoking/Tobacco Use. Carried 6-0	Policy 5640 Smoking
At 7:55 p.m., Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central adjourn the meeting. Carried 6-0	