

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL MINUTES

Date: February 11, 2014
Where Held: Auditorium
Time: 6:31 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular
Presiding Officer: Richard Hull, Jr.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Alessi, Cecy Curcio, Chris Enders, Randa Harrington, Richard Hull, Jr., Patricia Krotz (arrived 6:40 p.m.); Janine Preston (arrived 6:37 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy May, Superintendent, Robert Lingenfelter, District Treasurer; Michael Roche, Principal (left at 7:59 p.m.); Eileen Ostrander, District Clerk; Erin Lord, Teachers' Association (stepped out 7:18, back 7:18, left at 7:20 p.m.); Bonnie Barber, Teachers' Association Representative, Dixie Middaugh and Maike Zillgitt, Parents (left at 7:20 p.m.)

At 6:31 p.m., President Hull called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the minutes of the January 14, 2014 regular meeting. Carried 5-0

Minutes

Maike Zillgitt addressed the Board concerning the amount of gym time provided to our K-3 students. She believes the New York State guideline of providing physical education daily is not being followed and that quality physical education is connected to academic and behavioral success in the classroom. Her concerns also included achieving the State's benchmarks for State standards and the teacher evaluation mandates. Our practice of daily recess was discussed, and Mr. Roche stated to meet the State mandate for physical education, classroom instruction may be applied. Further evaluation of our practice will be forthcoming as the classroom schedules for the next school year are reviewed.

Physical Education

Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the treasurer's report for the month of December as presented. Carried 7-0

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Lingenfelter presented the Budget Status and Revenue Status Reports, December warrants, and the Internal Claims Auditor's Report to the Board for December Warrants.

Budget Status
Warrants

The transportation and the undistributed portions of the 2014-15 budget were discussed which included employee benefits, debt service, and inter-fund transfers. Mr. Lingenfelter stated the purchase of two small buses and a van may be included in this budget.

2014-15 Budget

A revised itinerary for the senior class trip to Cleveland Ohio was provided. Dates have been changed since the trip was Board approved in October. New dates are May 23 to May 25. Mr. Lingenfelter and Mrs. May stated students may be sharing transportation for this trip with Friendship students.

Senior Trip

Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approved the revised senior class trip to Cleveland, Ohio, from May 23 to May 25, 2014. Carried 7-0

Senior Trip

Mr. Roche presented the discipline report for the month of January. He informed the Board that 11 Belfast students took January Regents and that our teachers participated in regional scoring with Friendship, Fillmore, Whitesville, Andover, and Scio.

Discipline
January Regents

Mrs. May informed the Board that we will again plan an art show and music concert on budget voting day, May 20th and provided enrollment numbers for the past month. She updated the Board on the frozen sewer line and the problems we have experienced. She stated we have temporarily fixed the issue and now have a better clean out area but will have to re- address the situation when the weather improves.

May 20th Activities
Enrollment
Numbers
Frozen Sewer Line

Erin Lord addressed the Board seeking re-consideration of the request she made at the last meeting for a sabbatical leave of absence for fall 2014 to obtain certification in Spanish with the stipulation the pay for her substitute be taken from her salary. If that was not permitted, she would request she be allowed to pay the substitute herself. A memorandum of agreement with the Belfast Teachers' Association would be necessary if she were granted this leave.

Lord Sabbatical

The Board discussed a fiscal stress survey that appeared in ONBOARD magazine where the fiscal snapshot of our district would appear to be fine especially for the short-term, however, administration did not feel this was an accurate assessment and have fiscal concerns about the next few years. Situations where state aid could be withheld from schools and townships not complying with State suggestions to share services and improve efficiency were also discussed.

Fiscal Stress
Survey

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Patricia Krotz, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve CSE & CPSE recommendations for the following case numbers: CPSE: 900-38-8067, CSE: 900-38-7810, 900-38-7927, 900-11-3861, 900-38-7811, 900-38-7928, 900-38-8043, 900-33-6434. Carried 7-0

CSE/CPSE
Recs

Chris Enders made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the Belfast School Prom for 2014 to be held on June 7, 2014 at Waterways Golf Resort. Carried 7-0

2014 Prom
Waterways

Motion by Mark Alessi, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve attendance at the ACASB delegates meeting for Richard Hull and Judy May and the legislative breakfast for Richard Hull, Judy May, and Cecy Curcio. Carried 7-0

ACASB
Delegates
Meeting &
Legislative
Breakfast

Janine Preston motioned, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve attendance at the BOCES annual meeting for Richard Hull and Judy May. Carried 7-0

BOCES Annual
Meeting

Motion by Mark Alessi, seconded by Patricia Krotz, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the following policies:

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve new policy 5570 Financial Accountability

Policy 5570
Financial
Accountability

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve new policy 5573 Internal Audit Function

Policy 5573
Internal Audit
Function

Motions were unanimously carried.

Randa Harrington motioned, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the following personnel agenda items:

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of Dina Allen as a hearing officer for the Belfast Central School

Dina Allen
Hearing Officer

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of Sean Jacobson as a non-certified teaching substitute for the remainder of the 13-14 school year

Jacobson
Substitute

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Phillip Yannella as a non-certified teaching substitute for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year

Yannella
Substitute

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve change from conditional appointment status for Coty Winchell, coach, due to fingerprint clearance

Winchell
Fingerprint
Clearance

Motions were unanimously carried.

Chris Enders made the motion, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the acceptance of the annual fire inspection report. Carried 7-0

Fire Inspection

At 7:20 p.m., Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School enter executive session to discuss personnel employment including Superintendent May's employment agreement. Carried 7-0 (Mr. Lingenfelter and Board Members adjourned to the prekindergarten classroom. At 7:59 p.m., Mr. Lingenfelter left executive session and Mrs. May entered)

Executive
Session

At 8:15 p.m., Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School exit executive session and resume in open session in the auditorium. Carried 7-0

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School hereby appoints and employs Judy May as Superintendent of Schools for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017 and further approves the Employment Agreement for Shared Services of the Superintendent with Judy May and Friendship Central School District setting forth the terms and conditions of such appointment and employment and amending the April 9, 2013 Superintendent's Contract with Judy May. The Board authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board. Carried 7-0

May Contract
Employment
Agreement

Brief discussion was had on the cost of shot clock keepers.

At 8:20 p.m., Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School adjourn the meeting. Carried 7-0