

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL MINUTES

Date: January 14, 2014
Where Held: Auditorium
Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Alessi, Cecy Curcio, Chris Enders, Richard Hull, Jr., Janine Preston
MEMBERS ABSENT: Randa Harington and Patricia Krotz
OTHERS PRESENT: Judy May, Superintendent; Robert Lingenfelter, District Treasurer and Michael Roche, Principal (left at 7:25 p.m.); Eileen Ostrander, District Clerk; Erin Lord, Teachers' Association (stepped out 6:52, back 6:53, left at 7:45 p.m.); Joshua Hazelton Teachers' Association Representative (left at 7:25 p.m.)

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

Motion by Janine Preston, seconded by Mark Alessi, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the minutes of the December 10, 2013 regular meeting. Carried 5-0

Erin Lord addressed the Board to request a paid sabbatical leave of absence from her position of special education teacher for the fall semester of the 2014-15 school year. She stated she is in the process of obtaining an additional teaching certification in Spanish and that a leave would expedite the process by as much as one year. Mrs. Lord explained she felt this knowledge would be a benefit to the students in her classrooms and to BCS in general in the future. Also she envisions enrichment opportunities for students in younger grades in this area.

Chris Enders made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the treasurer's report for the month of November as presented. Carried 5-0

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

Mr. Lingenfelter also presented the first look at the 2014-15 Budget with focus on general support items. No revenue information was presented.

Mr. Roche presented the discipline report for the month of December.

Mrs. May shared a note of thanks for the senior citizens Christmas dinner and stated the event was well attended and enjoyed by many.

The Board received the first reading of policy 5570 Financial Accountability and the first reading of policy 5573 Internal Audit Function

Superintendent May highlighted Governor Cuomo's State Address - comments for education. Some areas mentioned were: all-day preschool, merit pay for teachers, technology upgrades, penalties for unreported harassments, and free tuition for students in the top 10% of their class to SUNY/CUNY colleges.

Janine Preston made the motion, 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 conditional appointment of Heidi Ellsessor as a non-teaching substitute for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year pending fingerprint clearance

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of Elizabeth Wolcott as a non-certified substitute teacher and non-teaching substitute for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve conditional appointment of Coty Winchell as boys' modified baseball coach for the 2014 season pending fingerprint clearance

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the appointment of Derek Kenyon as boys' varsity baseball coach for the 2014 season

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve change to permanent appointment status due to completion of probationary period for Kathryn Mutton, senior typist, effective January 21, 2014

Motions were unanimously carried.

Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve 5th grade participation in Camp Duffield and to grant authority to execute the agreement for

Minutes

Sabbatical Leave

Treasurer's Report

Budget & Revenue Status, Warrants

Budget

Discipline

Senior Citizens' Dinner

Policy 5570
Financial
Accountability &
5573 Internal
Audit Function

Governor Cuomo's
State Address

Ellsessor
Substitute

Wolcott Substitute

Winchell Boys'
Modified Baseball

Kenyon Boys'
Varsity Baseball

Mutton Probation
Ends

Camp Duffield

use of the facility. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mark Alessi, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve CSE recommendations for the following case numbers: 900-38-7810, 900-38-7752, 900-37-6580, 900-33-6434, 900-38-7883, 900-37-6713. Carried 5-0

CSE
recommendations

Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve revisions to the following policies:

Policy 1334.1 Audit
Committee

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to policy 1334.1 Audit Committee

Policy 5220
District
Investments

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to policy 5220 District Investments

Policy 5240 Tax
Assessment &
Collection

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to policy 5240 School Tax Assessment Levy and Collection

Policy 5241
Property Tax
Exemption

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to policy 5241 Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens and the Disabled

Policy 5340
Borrowing Funds

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to policy 5340 Borrowing of Funds

Policy 5510
Accounting of
Funds

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to policy 5510 Accounting of Funds

Policy 5520
Extraclassroom
Activities Fund

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to policy 5520 Extraclassroom Activities Funds

Policy 5530 Petty
Cash Fund

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to policy 5530 Petty Cash Funds and Cash in School Buildings

Policy 5540
Publication of
Financial
Statement

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to policy 5540 Publication of the District's Annual Financial Statement

Policy 5560 Federal
Funds

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to policy 5560 Use of Federal Funds for Political Expenditures

Policy 5570 Fraud

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to policy 5570 Allegations of Fraud

Policy 5610
Insurance

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to policy 5610 Insurance

Motions were unanimously carried.

Motion by Mark Alessi, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent appoint Nancy Fusco as a non-certified teaching and non-teaching substitute for the 2013-14 school year. Carried 5-0

Fusco Substitute

At 7:25 p.m., Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School enter executive to discuss a particular personnel issue. Carried 5-0

Executive Session

At 7:40 p.m., Mark Alessi motioned, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School come out of executive session and resume in open session in the auditorium. Carried 5-0

The Board discussed the request for a paid sabbatical leave made by Erin Lord earlier in the meeting. Due to the financial impact on the District and in light of programs and positions having been eliminated, the Board did not feel they could support this endeavor.

Lord Sabbatical
Denied

Mark Alessi made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School deny the request of Erin Lord for a paid sabbatical leave of absence from her position of special education teacher. Carried 5-0

At 7:50 p.m., Mark Alessi motioned, seconded by Cecy Curcio, to adjourn the meeting. Carried 5-0