

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

Date: April 14, 2015
Where Held: Auditorium
Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cecy Curcio, Chris Enders, Randa Harington, Richard Hull, Jr., Patricia Krotz, Janine Preston, Josie Preston

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy May, Superintendent, Robert Lingenfelter, District Treasurer, Michael Roche, Principal, Eileen Ostrander, District Clerk; Joshua Hazelton, Teachers' Association Representative (left at 7:54 p.m.); Suzanne Jones, Parent (left at 6:50 p.m.)

At 6:30 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 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Carried 7-0

Minutes

Chris Enders made the motion, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the minutes of the March 31, 2015 special meeting as presented. Carried 7-0

Suzanne Jones, a concerned parent, addressed the Board requesting approval to send a letter home with students informing parents of options pertaining to opting out of state testing. Mrs. May emphasized it is unclear what the repercussions will be in regard to students opting out of testing. The Board stated as an entity they could not support opposition to New York State procedure and could not support opposition to state testing.

S. Jones - opting out of testing

Josie Preston made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the following financial agenda items as presented:

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2015-16 Belfast Central School budget to be presented at the budget hearing on May 12, 2015 reflecting a 2.48% increase in the tax levy.

2015-16 budget

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the Treasurer's report for the month of February as presented

Treasurer's report

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement & Release with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties (Questar III) to refund money taken to cover Post-Employment Benefits

Questar III post-employment benefit resolution

Motions were unanimously carried.

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a revision to the school tax levy limit calculation reported to New York State from 3.62% to 2.48% before requiring a super-majority vote of 60%. Carried 7-0

Tax levy limit calculation revision

Mr. Lingenfelter distributed the budget status and revenue status reports, February warrants, and the internal claims auditor's report to the Board for February warrants.

Budget & revenue status reports

Lunch prices were briefly discussed. Mr. Lingenfelter stated that breakfast prices appear to be a little lower than what other schools in our BOCES are charging and that lunch prices are consistent. Mrs. Beardsley, our cafeteria manager, will be coming to the May Board meeting to provide information and answer questions on cafeteria issues.

Cafeteria prices

Mr. Roche presented the discipline report for the month of March and provided information on a family engagement survey that will be distributed to the community via the internet and through hard copies in the near future.

Discipline and family engagement survey

Recently held state testing was discussed. Students who opted out of testing were supervised in the gym and were kept on task. Mrs. May stated we do not know at this time how this will affect our New York State District report card data as this is new territory for New York State schools.

Testing

Mrs. May provided enrollment numbers for the past month and information pertinent to the upcoming BOCES budget vote scheduled for April 21. She also reminded Board members of upcoming meetings and dates of importance.

Enrollment and BOCES budget vote

The Board received evaluation and school climate survey information that will be distributed shortly and an update on the capital project timeframe and construction costs.

Superintendent evaluation and school climate

The Board was informed that due to using two snow days, there would not be a

calendar adjustment for the Memorial Day Holiday. They were informed that June 24 will be a half-day and the last day for elementary, K-6 students. Teaching staff will attend through June 26. School Related Personnel members will attend through June 25. Graduation will be on June 26, 2015.

Calendar adjustments

Cecy Curcio made the motion, seconded by Patricia Krotz, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the 2015-16 Belfast Central School calendar. Carried 7-0

2015-16 school calendar

Janine Preston motioned, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the following CSE agenda items as presented:

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve CSE and CPSE recommendations for the following case numbers: CPSE: 900-38-8303, 900-38-8230 and CSE: 900-38-8043, 900-38-7689, 900-37-6807, 900-38-7809, 900-38-7720, 900-38-8230, 900-38-8043, 900-32-8735, 900-38-7858, 900-37-6714, 900-37-6741, 900-38-8045, 900-38-7722, 900-38-7721, 900-37-6832, 900-37-6782, 900-38-8026, 900-38-7639, 900-38-8229, 900-38-7928

CSE recommendations

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a contract for summer speech services with Jennifer Williamson at the rate of \$50 per 30 minute session, and \$75 per 45 minute session

Williamson summer speech

Motions were unanimously carried.

Patricia Krotz made the motion, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve attendance at the Allegany County National Honor Society banquet, May 4, for Randa Harrington and Cecy Curcio. Carried 7-0

NHS County banquet

Motion was made by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve attendance at the Allegany/Cattaraugus Association of School Boards Spring Meeting, April 30, for Richard Hull, Janine Preston, and Patricia Krotz. Carried 7-0

ACASB dinner meeting

Janine Preston motioned, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the following transportation agenda items as presented:

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve requests for transportation to and from Amish schools for the 2015-16 school year for 20 students to the White Creek School, 8 students to the Peavy School, and 10 students to the Valley View School

Amish transportation

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve requests for transportation to and from the Houghton Academy for the 2015-16 school year for Trevor Cometa and Zachari Hoffman

Houghton transportation

Motions were unanimously carried.

Randa Harrington 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 Central School prom for 2015 to be held May 16, 2015 at St. Patrick's Hall. Literacy West is organizing a post-prom party with transportation provided. Carried 7-0

BCS prom

Motion by Janine Preston, seconded by Patricia Krotz, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve permanent appointment status for Nicholas Miller in the position of automotive mechanic effective May 4, 2015 due to completion of probationary period. Carried 7-0

N. Miller permanent appointment

Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent appoint Justine Newell as a long-term substitute teacher aide, April 22-June 25, 2015. Carried 7-0

Newell long-term substitute

At 7:42 p.m., Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Patricia Krotz, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School enter executive session to discuss a particular student concern. Carried 7-0 (Board Members, Mr. Roche, and Mrs. May adjourned to the prekindergarten classroom)

At 7:58 p.m., Chris Enders made the motion, seconded by Patricia Krotz, to come out of executive session. Carried 7-0

At 7:59 p.m., Patricia Krotz made the motion, seconded by Randa Harrington, to adjourn the meeting. Carried 7-0