

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

Date: February 10, 2015
Where Held: Auditorium
Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cecy Curcio, Chris Enders, Richard Hull, Jr., Janine Preston, Josie Preston

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Krotz, Randa Harington

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy May, Superintendent, Robert Lingenfelter, District Treasurer, Michael Roche, Principal, Eileen Ostrander, District Clerk, Sandy Miller, Teachers' Association Representative; Mary Blocho, Shane Brundage, Gage Lincoln & Megan Rose, Student Council, (left at 6:35 p.m.)

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

Cecy Curcio made the motion, seconded by Josie Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Carried 5-0

Minutes

Cecy Curcio made the motion, seconded by Josie Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015 special meeting as presented. Carried 5-0

Board members were apprised of activities Student Council has been involved in recently including Christmas shopping for the needy, the Love in Action food drive benefiting Wellspring Ministries, and the school store to be open for the February 21st alumni basketball game. Students stated the prom is scheduled to be held on May 16 at St. Patrick's Hall in Belfast and the theme is "Happily Ever After." More information will be provided.

Student Council

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School accept the treasurer's reports for the month of December and MBIA NYCLASS treasurer's reports for November and December as presented. Carried 5-0 Mrs. May stated that monies left from previous class treasuries will be used to purchase wireless microphones and sound systems for the auditorium and athletic fields, possibly a skirt for the athletic scorer's table, and/or be used to subsidize the Washington DC trip.

Treasurer's Reports

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

Budget Status
Revenue Status &
Warrants

The transportation and the undistributed portions of the 2015-16 budget were discussed which included employee benefits, debt service, and inter-fund transfers. Mr. Lingenfelter stated the purchase of one handicapped bus and a van may be included in this budget.

Budget

Mr. Roche presented the discipline report for the month of January. He informed the Board that 12 Belfast students took January Regents and that our teachers participated in regional scoring with Friendship, Whitesville, Andover, and Scio.

Discipline &
Regents

Mr. Roche addressed changes to graduation requirements and stated there would be a compelling distracted driving presentation February 12 at 2 p.m. for students in grades 8-12.

Graduation
Requirements &
Distracted Driving
Presentation

Superintendent May informed the Board that an art show and music concert will take place on May 19th and provided enrollment numbers for the past month.

Enrollment & Art
Show & Concert

Mrs. May distributed the results of surveys presented at the two recently held district historical informational meetings and stated she received 20 surveys back. A letter she has written to parents and community members was shared addressing the Governor's budget proposals and the lack of state aid information being provided to school districts in time to prepare the annual District budgets. Copies of this letter will be posted on the District website and sent to the PTO and to staff as well. She mentioned a recent meeting with District Superintendent Lynda Quick. Ms. Quick did not think the future looked bright for District budgets with the Governor's plan and stated planning for gap elimination aid restoration is not the answer for high needs schools. Ms. Quick made the suggestion to prepare projections of three years best and worst case budget scenarios. Following preparation of these projections, she suggested to bring in someone neutral to review and offer insight. Another set of eyes on these projections will provide a comfort level. For the March meeting we will have these projections. Mrs. May stated we cannot keep using the same amount of fund balance to offset budget constraints. In the past, when the Governor's budget was not approved, there were state aid numbers to work with but this year there are no state aid runs. Direction is needed on how to proceed.

Budget

The Board was updated on the status of the energy performance contracts. Mr. Enders, Mr. Schneider, and Mrs. May have been reviewing the options. Further information will be brought

Energy Contracts

to the March meeting. The answer is not cut and dry. Mrs. May stated we are considering going back to the control system at hand and paying for service. We need to find what works best for our school.

Motion by Janine Preston, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the following:

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve CSE and CPSE recommendations for the following case numbers: CPSE - 900-38-8259, 900-38-8230, 900-38-8294, 900-38-8230 and CSE - 900-37-6842, 900-38-7809, 900-37-6841, 900-38-8047, 900-37-6577, 900-13-4343, 900-37-6843, 900-38-8043, 900-38-7628, 900-37-6829.

CSE

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve attendance at the ACASB delegates meeting on February 26 for Richard Hull and the legislative breakfast on March 7 for Cecy Curcio, Robert Lingenfelter, Janine Perston, Richard Hull, and Judy May.

Meetings

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve attendance at the BOCES annual meeting for Janine Preston, Richard Hull, Judy May, Cecy Curcio

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve change of April Board meeting date from April 28 to April 21 at 5 p.m. to vote on the BOCES budget and Board members

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to a health plan municipal cooperative agreement with BOCES as presented

Health Plan
Municipal
Agreement

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept bids on surplus items as presented

Bids

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve out-of-district attendance for Emily Taylor for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year. Tuition is required.

Taylor Out-of-
district

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to abolish one position in the civil service non-competitive classification of bus monitor, effective January 30, 2015. The Board has determined that Kimberly Ralyea is affected by such action and such bus monitor shall be excessed effective January 30, 2015

Bus Monitor
Abolished

Motions were unanimously carried.

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the following substitute teacher appointments:

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of Elizabeth Moore as a certified teaching substitute for the 2014-2015 school year

Moore
Substitute

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of Kristen Moose as a non-certified teaching substitute for the 2014-2015 school year

Moose
Substitute

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of Amanda Gokey as a non-certified teaching substitute for the 2014-2015 school year

Gokey
Substitute

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of Neal Fahey as a non-certified teaching substitute for the 2014-2015 school year

Fahey
Substitute

Motions were unanimously carried.

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

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve adoption of policy 6111 Testing Misconduct and Mandatory Reporting Requirements

Policy 6111
Testing
Misconduct
Requirements

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revision to policy 7220 Graduation Requirements

7220 Graduation
7570 Supervision

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revision to policy 7570 Supervision of Students

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revision to policy 7614 Preschool Special Education Program

7614 Special
Education

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revision to policy 7632 Appointment of CPSE Members

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revision to policy 7641
Transition Services

7641 Transition
Services

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revision to policy 7660
Parent Involvement for Children with Disabilities

7660 Parent
Involvement

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revision to policy 7670
Due Process Complaints: Appointment of Hearing Officers

7670 Due Process

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revision to policy 8130
Equal Educational Opportunities

8130 Equal
Opportunities

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revision to policy 8220
Career and Technical Education

8220 Career &
Technical Education

Motions were unanimously carried.

Mrs. May reiterated the need for direction in preparing the District budget with no state aid information at hand. The Board would like to see enrollment numbers per class, conflicts with student scheduling, a list of part-time people, and what administration thinks our needs will be. The Board would not be in favor of cuts to programs or staffing and would like to know the resources that are necessary to meet the educational needs of our kids. Mrs. May stated one more period of high school math and an elementary teacher may be necessary.

Budget

At 8:20 p.m., Cecy Curcio made the motion, seconded by Janine Preston, to adjourn the meeting. Carried 5-0