

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL MINUTES

Date: February 9, 2016

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Auditorium

Presiding Officer: Richard Hull

Time: 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cecy Curcio; Chris Enders (left at 7 p.m.); Richard Hull, Jr., Janine Preston, Josie Preston

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Krotz and Randa Harrington

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy May, Superintendent; Michael Roche, Principal, Christopher Gagliardo, Director of Pupil Personnel, Robert Lingenfelter, District Treasurer, Eileen Ostrander, District Clerk (left at 7:40 p.m.); Bonnie Barber, Student Council Representative, Erica Torrey, Teacher Aide Candidate, Deborah Borden, Teachers' Association Representative (left at 7 p.m.); Jim Schneider, Transportation Supervisor/Head Mechanic (left at 7:30 p.m.)

At 6:30 p.m., President Hull called the meeting to order.

Motion by Janine Preston, 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 January 12, 2016 regular meeting. Carried 5-0

Minutes

Motion by Josie Preston, seconded by Cecy Curcio, 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 - 900-38-8327, 900-38-8309 and CSE - 900-38-8348, 900-38-7720, 900-37-6580, 900-38-8342, 900-37-6577, 900-38-7811, 900-38-7628, 900-38-7681 and 900-37-6843. Carried 5-0

CSE recs

Chris Enders made the motion, seconded by Josie Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve attendance at the ACASB delegates meeting on March 3 for Richard Hull, Jr. and Josie Preston and the legislative breakfast on March 5 for Robert Lingenfelter, Cecy Curcio, Judy May, Richard Hull, Jr., and Janine Preston. Carried 5-0

Meeting attendance

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent cast one vote for Steve Crowley in the election of an Area 8 member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services. Term to expire 6/30/16. Carried 5-0

Crowley BOCES Board

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the Belfast Central School Prom for 2016 to be held at the Belfast Central School on May 21, 2016. Carried 5-0

Prom

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

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve change to permanent appointment status due to completion of probationary period for Wende Benson part-time cleaner and Justine Newell, teacher aide, effective March 1, 2016.

Permanent Newell & Benson

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Timothy McCumiskey from the position of modified baseball coach effective immediately.

McCumiskey resigns baseball

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of Coty Winchell to the position of modified baseball coach for the 2015-16 season.

Winchell baseball

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of Scott Durrigan as varsity baseball scorebook keeper for the 2016 season.

Durrigan Scorebook keeper

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of sports volunteers as follows: varsity softball- Liz Hamer, and varsity baseball - Scott Durrigan, Joe McCumiskey, and Jeff Harrington.

Sports volunteers

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of Erica Torrey as a long-term non-teaching substitute (teacher aide) for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.

Torrey sub

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of Bethany Christensen as a non-certified teaching substitute for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

Christensen sub

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of Rudy Lananger, as a non-certified teaching substitute for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year

Lananger sub

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve conditional appointment of Felisha Potter as a non-teaching substitute for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year pending fingerprint clearance

Potter Sub

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve acceptance of an intent to retire, with thanks and appreciation, from Pamela Miller from the position of earth science teacher effective June 25, 2016.

Miller retirement

Motions were unanimously carried.

Discussion was had on an emergency capital improvements project needed to fix a bowing outer wall and gap in the school building where the older section of the school meets the newer section. Due to this expense, the left-over funds from the last capital project will be used, and the roof and phone projects will be postponed. A claim has been filed with the insurance company. The possibility exists a vote for a capital project may be warranted to cover additional renovations, the roof, and phone system.

Bowing wall Emergency project

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central

SEQRA

School approve a resolution declaring the District's proposed emergency capital project involving the reconstruction of the District's bowing outer wall located at the pre-k through 12 school building to be a Type II action under SEQRA. Carried 5-0

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Josie Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve a resolution finding and declaring the existence of an emergency situation with respect to the necessary reconstruction of the District's bowing outer wall located at the pre-k through 12 school building and authorizing an emergency capital improvements project involving the demolition and removal of compromised parts of such wall and the reconstruction and securing of such wall (and related structures). Carried 5-0

Emergency building project

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Josie Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a student teacher placement for Ben Moritz from Houghton College working with Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Roeske in PE/Health 7-12 from February 29 until April 22, 2016. Carried 5-0

Moritz student teacher placement

Mrs. Barber provided an update on the 2016 Belfast Central School prom to be held at the Belfast Central School on May 21, 2016. The theme will be Masquerade Ball. Dinner will be provided.

Prom

Erica Torrey was introduced as the recommended candidate for a long-term non-teaching substitute, teacher aide position.

Torrey Sub

Motion by Josie Preston, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the treasurer's report for the month of December. Carried 5-0

Treasurer's report

Budget status and revenue status reports, December warrants, the internal claims auditor's report to the Board for December warrants, and quarterly budget transfers were presented.

Budget & warrants

Mr. Lingenfelter stated that the tax levy limit is .12 percent, meaning in Belfast, the current tax levy limit increase allows us to increase our tax levy by \$2,108.55 (12/100ths of a percent). More information will be provided at the next meeting.

Tax levy limit

The 2016-17 Governor's school aid proposal was provided. Mr. Lingenfelter stated this was one of the better proposals. The Governor proposes restoring a majority of the GEA (Gap Elimination Adjustment) statewide. Other areas with substantial increases proposed are Foundation Aid, Transportation, and BOCES aid.

Governor's proposal

The Board was informed that in Title I adjustments, Belfast lost \$107 in the 2015-16 school year. A very small amount - a change in one student.

Title I

The proposed purchase of a sound system for the athletic field was revisited. Two quotes were received and were higher than anticipated. At this point, the purchase is on hold due to not having the extra funds; the class donations to be used for this purchase will remain in the student council fund.

Sound system

Brief discussion was had on a broken freezer situation whereby frozen items were kept in Friendship School's freezer. Everything should be back running smoothly and items restored next week.

Freezer

The 2016-17 budget sections transportation, community service and census, and undistributed were discussed. This section includes employee benefits, debt service, and inter-fund transfers. Mr. Schneider updated Board members on bus purchases. Purchasing one bus and leasing another are presently proposed in this budget.

Budget

Mr. Roche reported on January Regents. Students who took these tests were meeting graduation requirements or trying to improve a previous score. He also provided information on the discipline report, including in-school suspension procedures.

Regents

Upcoming dates of interest were reviewed including an Accord Youth Summit.

Dates

The Board was informed that a literacy audit survey was sent to K-12 teachers to identify what literacy curriculum resources we have in the classroom and how they are being used. Literacy has been identified as an area of weakness and is being addressed.

Literacy audit

Mrs. May reminded the Board of May 17th activities which include the budget vote. She also reminded Board members we are no longer able to use voting machines due to state mandate, and voting will be by paper ballot.

Budget vote

Enrollment numbers and information on School District Accountability were distributed. Belfast is in good standing.

Enrollment & district accountability

The energy performance contract was revisited. The contracts are under review at the State Education Department and the work will most likely not begin until next summer.

Energy performance

At 7:40 p.m., Cecy Curcio made the motion, seconded by Josie Preston, to go into executive session to discuss particular personnel/staffing. Carried 4-0 (Board members and Mrs. May adjourned to the prekindergarten classroom.)

Executive session

At 8:35 p.m., Cecy Curcio motioned, seconded by Josie Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School come out of executive session. Carried 4-0

At 8:36 p.m., Janine Preston motioned, seconded by Cecy Curcio, to adjourn the meeting. Carried 4-0