

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL MINUTES

Date: April 12, 2016
Where Held: Auditorium
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Kind of Meeting: Regular
Presiding Officer: Richard Hull

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cecy Curcio, Chris Enders, Randa Harrington, Richard Hull, Jr., Janine Preston, Josie Preston
MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Krotz
OTHERS PRESENT: Judy May, Superintendent (stepped out at 8:45, returned at 9 p.m.); Michael Roche, Principal, (left at 8:20 p.m.); Robert Lingenfelter, District Treasurer, Eileen Ostrander, District Clerk, Michelle Calanni, Teachers' Association Representative - left at 7:52 p.m.

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

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the minutes of the March 8, 2016 regular meeting. Carried 6-0

Minutes

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve the following financial agenda items as presented:

Budget

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2016-17 Belfast Central School budget to be presented at the budget hearing on May 10, 2016 reflecting a 2.44% increase in the tax levy

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the property tax report card as presented.

Property Tax Report Card

Motions were unanimously carried.

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

Treasurer's Report

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

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Cattaraugus/Allegany BOCES for the 2016-17 school fiscal year

Coop. Purchasing Agreement

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the budget vote ballot information as presented

Ballot Information

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve acceptance of athletic quotes as presented

Athletic Quotes

Motions were unanimously carried.

Budget status and revenue status reports, February warrants, and the internal claims auditor's report to the Board for February warrants were reviewed.

Warrants & Internal Claims

Mr. Lingenfelter explained a situation referred to as the calendar creep where pay days and salaries are based on a 260 work day year but 261 days are actually worked. Each year, one day is not compensated. As the calendar creeps closer to July 1, the addition of $\frac{1}{2}$ pay is necessary. This affects 12-month, full-time employees. The Board was in favor of addressing this situation this fiscal year.

Calendar Creep

Mr. Lingenfelter distributed budget transfers for the past quarter.

Budget Transfers

Mr. Roche presented the discipline report for the past month and stated that approximately 25% of students had been opted out of the recent ELA testing; he anticipated about the same number would opt out for the math. Further planning to address this is continuing.

Opt Out Rates

Mrs. May provided enrollment numbers for the past month. She also provided information pertinent to the upcoming BOCES budget vote scheduled for April 19. She reminded Board members of upcoming meetings and dates of importance. She informed the Board of student painting projects, including the painting of a stairwell that will leave a legacy of students with a fingerprint design.

Enrollment Dates Painting

Mrs. May updated the Board on the building project, stating the same plan is continuing. Roof bids will be received on May 9 and the energy performance project may start this summer. Mechanical work is at the State Education Department. She mentioned that Town of Belfast workers and Mr. Nichols are helping with baseball field work. Summer project development, including dug out roof replacement and power washing the main building, is being considered.

Building Project

The Board was informed of a grant Belfast is receiving called Sources of Strength obtained through Senator Young's office. These funds are to assist with suicide prevention and development of peer leaders. It is a strength-Based, comprehensive wellness program that focuses on suicide prevention but impacts other issues such as substance abuse and violence. **The Board was also informed that the insurance claim was denied for the brick wall project. The insurance company felt it was a construction issue and the wall was just deteriorating. A letter of appeal has been sent.**

Sources of Strength Grant

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Josie Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve calendar agenda items as follows:

2016-17 Calendar

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2016-17 Belfast Central School calendar as presented

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a 2015-2016 calendar adjustment as follows: granting May 9 and May 27th as holidays for students, the Belfast Teachers' Association members, and 10-month employees in the Belfast School Related Personnel Association, provided snow days remain unused. Also that June 22 will be a half-day and the last day for elementary, K-6 students. Teaching staff will attend through June 24; School Related Personnel Association members will attend through June 22.

2015-16 Calendar Adjustments

Motions were unanimously carried.

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Josie Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve CSE agenda items as follows:

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve CSE and CPSE recommendations for the following case numbers: CPSE - 900-38-8303 and CSE - 900-38-7722, 900-38-7809, 900-37-6680, 900-37-6782, 900-38-7639, 900-38-7957, 900-38-8230, 900-37-6714, 900-38-7858, 900-38-7928, 9900-38-7721, 900-37-6841

CSE

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve an agreement with Management Advisory Group for STAC services for the 2016-17 school year

Management
Advisory Group

Motions were unanimously carried.

Motion by Chris Enders, 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 to be held on May 2 for Chris Enders and attendance at the Allegany/Cattaraugus Association of School Boards Spring Meeting on April 28 for the following: Janine Preston, Richard Hull, Judy May, and Patti Krotz. Carried 6-0

NHS Banquet
ACASB Meeting

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 transportation to and from Amish schools for the 2016-17 school year as follows: 18 students to the White Creek School, 10 students to the Peavy School, and 12 students to the Valley View School. Carried 6-0

Amish
Transportation

Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School approve personnel agenda items as follows:

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve appointment of Shane Hurd and William Enders as volunteers for modified baseball for the 2016 season

Volunteer
Modified
Baseball

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve class advisors for the 2016-17 school year as follows: SENIOR CLASS - Ron Webb, JUNIOR CLASS - Bonnie Barber, SOPHOMORE CLASS - Sandy Miller & Mary Paulsen (co-advise), MS STUDENT COUNCIL - W. David Yochum and Faith Roeske (co-advise), NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY - Patty Preston, YEARBOOK ADVISOR - Laura Brace & Denise Atherton (co-advise), SUPERVISOR OF ATHLETIC EVENTS - Mark Sullivan, AWARDS ASSEMBLY ADVISOR - Carolyn Burr & Tina Lingenfelter (co-advise), PLAY DIRECTOR - Patty Preston, MUSIC DIRECTOR (2) Derek Briggs & Linda Stevens, BAND ADVISOR - Derek Briggs, CHOIR ADVISOR - Linda Stevens

Advisors

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Erica Torrey from the position of long-term substitute teacher aide effective April 25, 2016

Torrey Resigns
Long-term Sub

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

Torrey
Appointed
Teaching Sub

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve conditional appointment of Derek Masten as a non-certified substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year pending fingerprint clearance

Masten Sub

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that Sarah Regdos, who holds a professional New York State Teaching Certificate permitting her to teach in the earth science 7-12 certification area in the public schools of New York State, is hereby appointed to the position of earth science teacher in the science tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence on August 30, 2016 and to end on August 30, 2020. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Sarah receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in three of four preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. The expiration date of this probationary appointment is tentative and conditional only. In order to be eligible for and considered for tenure, the teacher must meet all requirements of the educational law and corresponding regulations. The salary during the first year of this appointment will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule as outlined in the Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement, will be based on Step G and will include credit for a Master's degree

Regdos Science

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the managerial/confidential employees' agreement for 2016-2017

Managerial/
Confidential
Contract

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve declaring bus 60, a 2003 International 3800 30 passenger Blue Bird wheel chair bus with 93,000 miles as surplus and to accept bids for its sale

Surplus Bus

Motions were unanimously carried.

Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the superintendent approve a resolution authorizing the Board of Education to borrow money from a reserve fund and to make other determinations in connection therewith. Carried 6-0

Resolution to
Borrow Money
from Reserve
Fund

At 7:52 p.m., Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Chris Enders, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the superintendent enter into executive session to discuss a student issue and particular personnel. Carried 6-0 (Board members, Mrs. May, and Mr. Roche adjourned to the prekindergarten classroom.) At 8:20 p.m., Mr. Roche left the meeting. At 8:45 p.m., Mrs. May left the classroom. At 9 p.m., Mrs. May returned.

Executive
Session

At 9:20 p.m., Chris Enders motioned, seconded by Josie Preston, to come out of executive session. Carried 6-0

At 9:21 p.m., Chris Enders motioned, seconded by Randa Harrington, to adjourn the meeting. Carried 6-0