

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL MINUTES

Date: March 13, 2017

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Where Held: Auditorium

Presiding Officer: Richard Hull

Time: 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Hull, Jr., Randa Harrington, Cecy Curcio, Janine Preston, Josie Preston

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Krotz, Chris Enders

OTHERS PRESENT: David Hanks, Interim Superintendent, Michael Roche, Principal, Anne Histed, Director of Pupil Personnel, Robert Lingenfelter, District Treasurer, Gina Larrabee, District Clerk, Sheri Collins, Sue Durrigan, Rielly Shannon, Michael Hamer

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

David Hanks noted one addition.

Motion by Janine Preston, 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 February 14, 2017 regular meeting. Carried 5-0

Minutes

Motion by Randa Harrington, 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 March 2, 2017 special Meeting. Carried 5-0

David Hanks spoke about the effort necessary to put together a solid financial plan, and said that Mr. Lingenfelter works diligently to this end. Mr. Hanks also said of himself and of the district, that we are fortunate to have Robert Lingenfelter's financial guidance.

Robert Lingenfelter handed to the Board a tentative budget similar to the tentative budget previously presented. Mr. Lingenfelter explained each item that experienced a change since its original appearance. He expounded on that items significance, as well as the mechanism that effected its adjustment. Mr. Lingenfelter explained items on the list that are still in flux, and explained that we are currently unaware of what our New York State aid package will consist of. Questions from the board included an inquiry about cost as it relates to students from our district attending elsewhere, and how funds from Community Schools are allocated.

Budget

Robert Lingenfelter also provided the Board with a Comptroller Report which provided a comparison of the Western New York region to state wide numbers in the areas of: revenue, expenditure, median per pupil spending, expenditure growth, limited English proficiency rate, FRPL (free or reduced priced lunch) and child poverty, graduation rate.

Comptroller comparison report

Mr. Lingenfelter supplied the Board with the results of the CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) survey results. Out of the 1553 surveys sent to Belfast tax payers, 214 were returned. The tally was 36.59% of total returned surveys for the program, and 63.41% of returned surveys against the program. In response to an audience member's question, President Richard Hull stated, that if the results would had been more favorable, further consideration would have been considered. David Hanks concurred.

CEP Survey

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Cecy Curcio, 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 accept the treasurer's report for the month of January as presented

Treasurer's report

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the annual Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Cooperative Purchasing agreement

BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Agr. Athletic Bids

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the updated athletic quotes as presented

Motions were unanimously carried

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

Budget status, revenue, and auditor's report

Mike Roche talked briefly about the discipline report, and how it has improved. Mr. Roche reminded all about the Open House slated for March 16, and invited everyone to attend. He stated that the Read Across America themed week was a huge success. Mr. Roche indicated that the advisement privilege granted to high school students has been a success, and the practice will be extended to seventh and eighth graders. Seventh and eighth graders will have the opportunity to have free time in the gym as opposed to study hall if they meet the criteria for this privilege. Mike Roche expressed the importance of standardized tests, maintaining that it is important for students to be exposed to this type of exam in the elementary grades, because as high school regent's exams are required.

Discipline report, Open House, Read Across America, Advisement extended

David Hanks explained to the Board, that after careful review, the decision was made to move up the start date of the gym floor portion of the Capital Project 2016. He asked the Board for a short special meeting to approve bids. Mr. Hanks provided Belfast CS enrollment numbers, and let the Board know that Belfast may have a couple of girls interested in joining the Friendship girls' softball team. He also reminded board members about the April 18 BOCES Budget vote, the BOCES Annual meeting on April 5, and the ACASB Delegates Business Meeting on March 23.

Gym floor, Girls' shared softball, BOCES Annual meeting, ACASB Del. Bus. Meeting

Motion by Janine Preston, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the legal notice of budget hearing and annual meeting for 2017. Carried 5-0

Legal notice

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Josie Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve CPSE & CSE recommendations for the following case numbers: 900388436, 900387689, 900376773, 900376843, 900376782, 900387896, 900387809, 900388229, 900376841, 900387639, 900376779
Carried 5-0

CSE CPSE

Motion by Janine Preston, seconded by Randa Harrington, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve with regret the notice of retirement of Michelle Gilbert effective as of September 10, 2017
Carried 5-0

Gilbert
retirement

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 with sincere regret the notice of retirement of Deborah Lyman effective as of July 1, 2017
Carried 5-0

Lyman
retirement

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Josie Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as presented:

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a medical leave of absent for Amy Bonning-Smith from her position of bus driver as of March 1, 2017 until released by her physician

Bonning-Smith
FMLA

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Jordin Fuller and Joe McCumiskey as volunteers for modified baseball and varsity baseball respectively for the 2017 season

Fuller-
McCumiskey
baseball
volunteers
Welch non-
certified sub

To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the appointment of Christopher Welch as a non-certified teaching substitute pending fingerprint clearance for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year

At 7:21 p.m., Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Janine Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School enter into executive session to discuss particular personnel items. (board members, Mr. Hanks, and Mr. Lingenfelter adjourned to the prekindergarten classroom) Carried 5-0

Executive session

At 8:34 p.m., Janine Preston made the motion, seconded by Cecy Curcio that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School come out of executive session. Carried 5-0

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Cecy Curcio, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve appointment of Kimberly LaGreca who holds an Initial New York State Teaching Certificate in science grades 7-12. Ms. LaGreca would be appointed as science teacher for a probationary period of four years, to commence on March 27, 2017 and to end on March 27, 2021. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Ms. LaGreca receiving APPR rating 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 education law and corresponding regulations. The salary during the first year of this appointment will be pro-rated, and paid in accordance with the salary schedule as outlined in the Teachers' Collective Bargaining agreement and will be based on Step F and will include credit for master degree. Carried 5-0

La Greca
appointment

At 8:35 p.m., Randa Harrington made the motion, seconded by Josie Preston, that the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School adjourn the meeting. Carried 5-0