

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2023

School Board Members Present: Josie Preston, President, Randa Harrington, Vice President, Becky Backer, Dan Borden Cecy Curcio, Chris Enders, Patricia Krotz

Absent: none

District Personnel: Wendy Butler Ed. D, Superintendent, Rick Bull, 5-12 Principal, Jessica Hess, PK-4 Principal, Gina Larrabee, District Clerk, Keegan Harrington, Business Manager, Robert Morgan, Director of Educational Technology and Informational Systems

Others: Mary Paulsen

At 5:26 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Josie Preston, President

Additions or Deletions None

Presentation
Technology Update Robert Morgan provided a power point to inform the Board about technology updates completed during the summer and on through the 2022-2023 school year, including upgrades planned for the summer 2023. Mr. Morgan expressed the importance of a replacement schedule to keep our technology and software up to date. Mr. Morgan also spoke about security cameras and complete integration into the Emergency Broadcast System.

Financial Keegan Harrington presented the monthly reports: November's Treasurer's reports, Budget Status and Revenue Status reports, November's warrants, and the Internal Claims audit report. He provided October's revised Trust in Agency report. Mr. Harrington presented a first look at the 2023-2024 School year budget. He discussed each line item and fielded questions from the Board. All agreed it is very early in the budget process, and many updates are still to come. Mr. Harrington presented the Revised Corrective Action Plan for approval.

Leadership Reports Principal Rick Bull shared plans to institute changes and revitalize the AIS program in grades 5-12 with a particular focus on grades 7-12. He has established goals and will work with teachers to achieve them. Mr. Bull spoke about the Vex Tournament which took place in the auditorium on December 21, 2022. He and Dr. Butler shared details of the competition. Robert Morgan stated BOCES is interested to bring the tournament back to Belfast again next year.

Principal Jessica Hess stated that she and Sarah Burdick completed CPI training and became certified trainers. She and Mrs. Burdick are excited to share what they learned with BCS staff. Ms. Hess also updated the Board on the newly split kindergarten. She stated both groups are adjusting well.

Dr. Wendy Butler shared the new NYS Science Investigation Plan guidelines for students. She stated she is working with teachers on how to implement this plan in the most effective way for our students. Dr. Butler also provided the Preliminary ESSA Accountability Status for 2022-23 School Year.

Consent Agenda Motion by Patricia Krotz, seconded by Cecy Curcio, adopted the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent:

1. Approved the minutes from the December 13, 2022 meeting.
2. Approved the Treasurer's report dated November 2022 and revised October Trust in Agency Treasurer's report.
3. Approved the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented.

Unanimously carried

Board Action Items**Policy Approval**

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, approved updates to Policy 7350: Corporal Punishment/ Emergency Intervention, that was reviewed at the December 13, 2022 meeting, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0

Out of District Student

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Randa Harrington, approved Danika Cline (9th grade- GV resident) as an out of district student for the 22-23 school year, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0

Revised Corrective Action Plan

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Patricia Krotz, approved the revised corrective action plan for the 21-22 external audit, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0

BTA MOA- Musical Pit Director

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Patricia Krotz, approved an MOA with the BTA to create the extra-curricular position of musical pit director, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0

PERSONNEL

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Dan Borden, approved the following personnel motions, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Resignation – Coach

Accepted Jessica Weaver’s resignation from the spring Girls on the Run coach position.

Appointment - TA

Appointed Danielle Prosser who is completing an Initial NYS Certificate permitting her to work under the direct supervision of a teacher as a teacher assistant, to the position of Teacher Assistant in the teacher assistant tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence January 11, 2023 and to end January 11, 2027. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Mrs. Prosser receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of 4 preceding years and no ineffective composite or overall ratings in the final year, and the completion of all requirements of certification. The salary during the first year of this appointment will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule, at ½ step B, as outlined in the Belfast Teachers’ Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Appointment- Mentor

Approved Wanda Weaver to be Jacqueline Elliott-White’s mentor for the 22-23 school year.

Resignation- Aide

Accepted Pam Pastorius’ letter of resignation effective February 6, 2023.

Appointment-Tenure

Appointed Alex Scott, who holds a NYS Professional Certificate in English Language Arts permitting him to teach in 7-12 English classes and has completed a successful three-year probationary appointment, to the tenured position of 7-12 English Teacher in the English tenure area commencing February 4, 2023.

Substitutes –**Instructional**

Approved the following individuals as instructional substitutes for the 22-23 school year effective January 9, 2023.

1. Rachel Marsh (non-certified)
2. Ethan Blocho (non-certified)
3. Elizabeth Hint (non-certified)

Non-Instructional

Approved the following individuals as non-instructional substitutes for the 22-23 school year.

1. Jacob Buchholz (cleaner)
2. Eli Cartwright (cleaner/ cafeteria/ teacher aide)
3. Elizabeth Hint (teacher aide)
4. Ethan Blocho (teacher aide)

Odyssey of the Mind

Musical Pit Director Appointed Tara Willgens to the position of musical pit director for the 22-23 school year.

Permanent appointment Permanently appointed Joleen Middaugh to the position of teacher aide, effective February 9, 2023, after successfully completing a one-year probationary period.
Unanimously Carried.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Patricia Krotz, seconded by Cecy Curcio, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27pm.

