

**BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

March 12, 2024

5:30 P.M. Conference Room

Board of Education Members Present	Ms. Becky Backer Mrs. Cecy Curcio Mrs. Randa Harrington Mrs. Josie Preston	Mr. Jonathan Barney Mr. Chris Enders
Absent:	none	
District Personnel Present	Dr. Wendy Butler, Superintendent/Director of Special Education Mrs. Gina Larrabee, District Clerk Mr. Keegan Harrington, Business Manager Mrs. Chelsey Aylor, PK-4 Principal/Director of Curriculum Mr. Rick Bull, 5-12 Principal	
Other(s):	Mr. Josh Hazelton, Four Vex Robotics students	

Josie Preston, President of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:29pm.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATION Vex Robotics students with Mr. Hazelton explained the competition process. The Board and all those in attendance walked to the Robotics room for a demonstration. Each student spoke about their bot design. Students also explained their strategy, the game, and competition rules. Mr. Hazelton expressed that the students put in a lot of time on bot design, game plans, and are dedicated to perform at their best during competition.

FINANCIAL Keegan Harrington presented the Budget Status and Revenue Status Reports, January Warrants, Internal Claims audit report, and the January Treasurer Reports. Mr. Harrington gave preliminary numbers in part III of Belfast Central School's 2024-2025 Budget. He and Dr. Butler spoke about the drivers of rising cost of health insurance. Both shared information on the tax cap calculation. Mr. Harrington presented the 24-25 Belfast Public Library Budget, stating member of the library were unable to attend this meeting.

LEADERSHIP Mr. Rick Bull, 5-12 Principal shared with the Board happening on the Washington D.C. trip. He stated they were able to get to most of the itinerary where weather allowed. Mr. Bull also stated students were engaged and impressed by Washington D.C. attractions, and genuinely glad they got to go. Mrs. Aylor, PK-4 Principal/Director of Curriculum explained the collaborative work that went into creating the successful Principal's Reading Challenge. She spoke about the Sondag phonics software cost, and effort put in by teachers and administration to capture phonics material for future use. Dr. Wendy Butler, Superintendent gave an update on the NYSCOSS conference stating information provided was interesting and informative. She shared an example of an AI search engine she learned about, and explained how it will be a helpful for teachers. Dr. Butler spoke about the Allegany County Threat Assessment training and stated the committee is made up of a variety of county agency representatives. She updated the Board on the Todd Whitaker training, CA BOCES Distance Learning changes, and Policy 7331-Use of Handheld Metal

Detectors. Dr. Butler shared that, as snow days were not used, calendar changes for the spring were announced to staff this week.

CONSENT AGENDA Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Cecy Curcio, adopted the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent: Carried 6-0
Approved the minutes from the February 13, 2024 meeting.
Approved Treasurer Reports for January 2024.
Approved the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented.

BOARD ACTIONS

Policy Adoption

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, adopted the identified BOE policies below that were reviewed at the February 13, 2024 meeting, as recommended by the superintendent.

- 6190 Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement
- 6193 Staff Conduct
- 6214 Incidental Teaching
- 7350 Timeout and Physical Restraints
- 7470 Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration
- 7530 Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Carried 6-0

Musical Pit Orchestra

Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Randa Harrington, approved contracts with the musicians listed below for up to six sessions each at \$35 a session to participate in the BCS MS/HS pit orchestra, as recommended by the superintendent.

- Dianna Clem
- Derek Chase
- Noah Luthart
- Marcio Horsth
- Sharon McGarvey
- Jack Smith
- Molly Fitzgerald
- Isaac Little

Carried 6-0

BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Annual Resolution

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Jonathan Barney, approved the 2024-25 CA BOCES cooperative purchasing resolution, as recommended by the superintendent.

WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of public school districts in Cattaraugus County and Allegany County, New York, to bid jointly for various supplies, commodities, and/or services in the 2024-2025 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, The Belfast Central School District is desirous of participating with other school districts in Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties in the joint bidding of all or some of the supplies, commodities, and/or services as mentioned above, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and as determined by district need, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Boards of Education wish to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting of the results to the Board of Cooperative Educational

Services and Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Belfast Central School Board of Education hereby appoints the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services to represent it in all matters related above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Belfast Central School Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned supplies, commodities, and/or services, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Belfast Central School Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Belfast Central School Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by the majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations with the successful bidder(s).

Carried 6-0

Designation of Lead Agency Status for the BCS 2023-24 Capital Outlay Project

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Jonathan Barney, approved the designation as lead agency for the Belfast Central School 2024-45 Capital Outlay Project resolution, as recommended by the superintendent.

Whereas, the Belfast Central School District, in an effort to improve its educational facilities, has initiated a Capital Outlay Project; and

Whereas, on March 12, 2024, the Belfast Central School District Board of Education took action to proceed with said project; and

Whereas, the preliminary engineer's estimate prepared by CPL provides a detailed description of the proposed Capital Outlay Project; and

Resolved, that the Belfast Central School District will act as the lead agency in the SEQR review of the action for the proposed 2024-25 Capital Outlay Project for the Belfast Central School District.

Carried 6-0

Classifying the Proposed BCS 2024-25 Capital Outlay Project as a Type II Action in Accordance with SEQRA

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, approved the classification of the proposed BCS 2024-25 Capital Outlay Project as a Type II action in accordance with SEQRA resolution, as recommended by the superintendent.

Whereas, the Belfast Central School District is lead agency for the purpose of implementing the above referenced project, and

Whereas, the Belfast Central School District has considered and reviewed the project, now therefore be it,

Resolved, the Belfast Central School District, as the lead agency for purposes of this project, determines that the project is a Type II action for the purposes of SEQRA and be it further

Resolved, that as a consequence of such finding, the Belfast Central School District hereby determines that the no additional actions are required in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA.

MOA Approval- April 8, 2024 Shift in Hours	Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Cecy Curcio, approved MOAs with the Belfast Teachers' Association and School Related Personnel Association to shift the work day on April 8, 2024, for the solar eclipse, as recommended by the superintendent.	Carried 6-0
Vex Robotics Donation	Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, accepted a \$600 donation from William Matola to support Vex Robotics at BCS, as recommended by the superintendent.	Carried 6-0
PERSONNEL	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, approved the following appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent.	Carried 6-0
Appointments	<p>Accepted Sarah Burdick's letter of resignation as a school social worker effective March 15, 2024.</p> <p>Approved the following chaperones for the Spring 2024 season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chaperones- Laura Brace, Shelly Calanni, Kim Ralyea• Varsity baseball pitch count - Deb Borden• Varsity baseball bookkeeper - Cindy Struckmann• Varsity softball bookkeeper - Faith Roeske• JV baseball pitch count- Mackenzie Hamer• JV baseball bookkeeper- TBD• JV softball bookkeeper- TBD• Modified softball bookkeeper - Lizzy Austin• Modified baseball bookkeeper- Jasmine Shephard• Modified baseball pitch count- Joleen Middaugh <p>Approved the following coaches for the Spring 2024 athletic season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trevor Burt and Joe Demick- co-modified baseball coaches• Jim Schneider- assistant varsity golf coach• Sam McCumiskey- volunteer assistant varsity baseball coach <p>Approved Andrew Reith as an accompanist for the 23-24 school year to be paid \$30/hour for up to 40 hours for the year.</p> <p>Accepted Brandi Duvall's letter of resignation as an occupational therapist effective March 15, 2024.</p> <p>Approved a leave of absence for Jamie Stout from her position as a teacher's aide commencing March 18, 2024, and ending June 28, 2024.</p> <p>Approved the following non-instructional substitute for the 23-24 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laura Duvall (health office assistant) <p>Appointed Chelsea Smith who has applied for licensure to work as a social worker, to the position of School Social Worker in the school social worker tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence April 15, 2024, and to end April 15, 2028. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Mrs. Smith 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. The salary during the</p>	

first year of this appointment will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule, at step J, as outlined in the Belfast Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, adjourned the meeting at 7:21pm.

Carried 6-0

*Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Laroche
District Clerk*