

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2024

School Board Members Present: Jonathan Barney, Becky Backer, Cecy Curcio, Randa Harrington, Josie Preston, Chris Enders

Absent: none

District Personnel: Wendy Butler Ed. D, Superintendent, Rick Bull, 5-12 Principal, Chelsey Aylor, PreK- 4th Principal/Director of Curriculum, Keegan Harrington, Business Manager, Gina Larrabee, District Clerk, Jim Schneider, Transportation Supervisor

Others: Mary Paulsen

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Josie Preston, President.

- Presentation** Jim Schneider, Transportation Supervisor provided the Board with an update on Viafy Parent software system. This system provides parents with the exact location of the school bus for pick up and drop off of their children. Mr. Schneider spoke about the new radios, stating they have dramatically increased the range and quality of communication between bus drivers, and the bus garage and school. He shared about the bus chassis wash recently rebuild, and bus driver needs.
- Financial** Keegan Harrington, Business Manager provided the Budget Status and Revenue Status reports, Internal Claims Audit report, and December Warrants. He also presented November's General Fund and Trust and Agency Treasurer's Report, and December's Treasurer's Report. Mr. Harrington presented part two the 2024-2025 Belfast Central School proposed budget, the revised Corrective Action Plan, and bank account changes. Mr. Harrington answered question, explained, and discussed various fund transfers with Board members.
- Leadership Reports** Principal Rick Bull provide an honor roll report, spoke about 2nd quarter awards and discipline numbers, January regents, and the CBT simulations. He stated, and Principal Chelsey Aylor agreed, simulations went fairly well. Principal Aylor provided the Board with winter benchmark data. Dr. Wendy Butler gave an update on the continued 2022 Capital Project, sharing that work will begin soon on third floor storage, speakers, and windows. Dr. Butler proposed for discussion the possibility of acquiring a metal detector wand for the school. She also presented new and updated policies for a first review.
- Consent Agenda** Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Jonathan Barney, adopted the following consent agenda items, as recommended by the superintendent:
Approved the minutes from the January 9, 2024 meeting.
Approved Treasurer's Reports for November (General Fund and Trust and Agency) and December 2023
Approved the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented.
Unanimously Carried.
- Board Actions**
24-25 Calendar Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Cecy Curcio, to adopt the proposed school calendar for the 24-25 school year, as recommended by the superintendent, Carried 6-0
- BOCES Unit Cost**
Methodology Approval Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Becky Backer, to approve the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2024-25 fiscal year, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0

Revised Corrective Action Plan	Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, to approve the revised corrective action plan for the 22-23 independent audit as required by SED, as recommended by the superintendent.	Carried 6-0
Substitute Rate Increase	Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Jonathan Barney, to approve an increase in substitute teacher pay rates for the 23-24 school year, as recommended by the superintendent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher- Certified: \$135/ day • Teacher- Uncertified: \$117/ day 	Carried 6-0
Out of District Students	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Cecy Curcio, to approve Andee Buchholz as an out-of-district student for the 23-24 school year, as recommended by the superintendent.	Carried 6-0
Varsity Baseball Trip	Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Randa Harrington, to approve the Varsity Baseball trip to Cooperstown, as recommended by the superintendent.	Carried 6-0
BOE Resignation	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Cecy Curcio, to accept Patricia Krotz's resignation from the Belfast Central School Board of Education effective January 25, 2024, as recommended by the superintendent.	Carried 6-0
PERSONNEL	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Chris Enders, to approved the following appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent.	
Appointments Substitutes	Approved the following instructional substitutes for the 23-24 school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - • Nancy Miller • Stephen Burke • Luke Schriver • Cynthia Murphy – removed for separate vote. Approved the following non-instructional substitutes for the 23-24 school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy Miller (teacher aide) • Stephen Burke (teacher aide) • Luke Schriver (teacher aide) • Cynthia Murphy (teacher aide, cafeteria, custodial)- removed for separate vote. 	
Leave of Absence	Approved an eight-week leave of absence for Jamie Stout beginning January 23, 2024. Approved a thirteen-week leave of absence for Andrew Mountain from January 19-April 19, 2024	
Athletics	Approved the following Spring 2024 Athletic positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Depew - JV Baseball (co-coach) • Tim Hardy - JV Baseball (co-coach) • Lintz Bliven- Varsity Tennis Approved the following volunteer assistant coaches for the Spring 2024 athletic season: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dana Hand –varsity baseball • Ryan Chamberlain –varsity baseball • Pat McCumiskey –varsity baseball 	
Advisorships	Approved the following extracurricular positions for the remainder of the 23-24 school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Guilford - High School Student Counsel Advisor • Mary Paulsen- Middle School Student Counsel Co-Advisor • Deb Wagoner- Art Club Co-Advisor 	

Jessica Weaver

Retroactively appointed Jessica Weaver who is eligible for NYS Certificate permitting her to teach in grades PK-6, to the position of Elementary Education Teacher in the elementary education tenure area for a probationary period of three years, to commence August 28, 2023, and to end August 28, 2026. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Mrs. Weaver 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. Mrs. Weaver salary for the 23-24 school year will be at Step C of the BTA negotiated contract.

Resignations

Advisorships

Accepted Kathrine Szwejbka's resignation as the High School Counsel, Arts Club, and Award Assembly co-advisor(s) for the 23-24 school year effective January 22, 2024.
Unanimously Carried.

Removed for separate vote

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Chris Enders, opposed the appointment, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Opposed appointment of instructional substitute for the 23-24 school year:

- Cynthia Murphy

Opposed appointment of non-instructional substitute for the 23-24 school year:

- Cynthia Murphy

Carried 6-0

Executive Session

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, to move into executive session at 6:47pm to discuss personnel and legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law. Carried 6-0

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Becky Backer, to move out of executive session at 7:55pm to discuss personnel and legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law. Carried 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Randa Harrington, adjourned the meeting at 7:56pm. Carried 6-0

Respectfully Submitted:



District Clerk

