

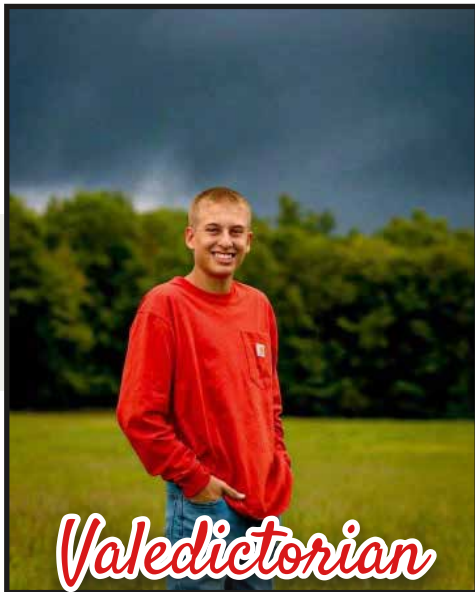
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**Belfast**  
Central School District

*Newsletter*

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*Valedictorian*

**Justin Hill**

BCS is proud to announce the Valedictorian for the class of 2023 is Justin Hill! Justin is the son of Brian and Adrienne Hill! He is graduating with a cumulative GPA of 96.25. Justin will have earned 25 college credits while in high school. Throughout his time at BCS, Justin has played Basketball for 3 years, Soccer for 4 years, Baseball for 3 years and joined the Golf Team this year! He is a member of the National Honor Society and had the co-high Regents score on the Algebra II Regents last year. Justin served as a U8 summer soccer coach during the summer of 2022 and helped with a bottle and can drive for the NHS. Next year, Justin plans to attend Alfred State College majoring in Electrical Engineering.

Congratulations Justin!



*Salutatorian*

**Canaan Sullivan**

The Salutatorian for the Class of 2023 is Canaan Sullivan! Canaan is the son of Aaron and Sunshine Sullivan. Canaan will graduate with an overall GPA of 95.86 and 22 college credits! During high school, Canaan has played Soccer for 4 years and Volleyball for 2 years. Additionally, Canaan is a member and this year's President of the National Honor Society, was his Class Treasurer for 1 year and has been a Student Council representative for 2 years. Canaan volunteered his time as a U8 summer soccer coach last summer and has helped out with bottle and can drives for the NHS. He is a member of the Houghton Wesleyan youth group. Next year, Canaan plans to attend George Fox University in Oregon majoring in Civil Engineering.

Congratulations Canaan!

## Upcoming Events

May 1	Pre-K May Day Madness 6-8 pm
May 2-4	NYS Math test Grades 3-8
May 4	Instrumental Majors (Hornell) TBA
May 6	SAT
May 8	Grades 5-8 Awards ceremony @ 8:30 am - Auditorium entrance
May 9	Budget hearing @ 5:30 pm Board of Ed. meeting @ 6 pm - Conference Room
May 11	Alumni Basketball game @ 4 pm - Gymnasium
May 13	Prom @ St. Patrick's Hall
May 14	Mother's Day
May 16	Budget vote Senior Art show Kindergarten-4th grade Spring concert @ 6 - Auditorium entrance
May 17	Board of Ed. meeting @ 4 pm - Conference room
May 18	Choral majors @ AA TBA
May 20	5-Hour Driving Course @ BOCES Belmont
May 23	NHS Blood Drive noon-5 pm - Auditorium entrance
May 25	5 hr. Driving Course @ BOCES Olean
May 26	NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day
May 29	NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day
May 30	Grades 5-12 Spring concert @ 7 - Auditorium entrance
May 31 - June 2	Grade 5 to Camp Duffield TBA
June 3	SAT
June 4-7	Senior trip (chartered bus)
June 5	NYS Science test Grade 8
June 7	Pre- K End of the year program
June 8	PK screening Sports banquet (aud) TBA Save-A-Life assembly TBA
June 9	Yearbook dedication (aud) TBA
June 10	ACT
June 12	Kindergarten Graduation @ 9:30 am
June 13	Board of Ed. meeting @ 5:30 pm - Conference Room
June 14	Flag Day
June 15	Kindergarten screening Regents
June 15-22	Regents Exams
June 16	6th gr. Niagara Falls ft TBA
June 18	Father's Day
June 19	NO SCHOOL-Juneteenth
June 22	Last day PreK-6 @ 12:30 pm Grades 5-12 Awards ceremony TBA
June 23	Graduation @ 7 pm
August 1	NHS blood drive



Thank you to the Belfast community and Belfast Central School for the privilege of working with you and your children. It has been a great 15+ years working at the school as I move onto my new adventure...retirement. I am thankful for so many great memories at Belfast. I've been blessed to work with great administration, staff, and students at BCS. Our students are lucky to have such caring, compassionate people working at the school.

Once a bulldog, always a bulldog!

May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are, and the difference you make.

*With gratitude,*

**- Mrs. Lingenfelter,  
5-12 Secretary**

# Carrie Flanagan's Chemistry Class Mole Contest



ABIGAIL SULLIVAN



AUDREY COLE



CARLEY BURROWS



JOCOB BORDEN



KYLE MCCUMISKEY



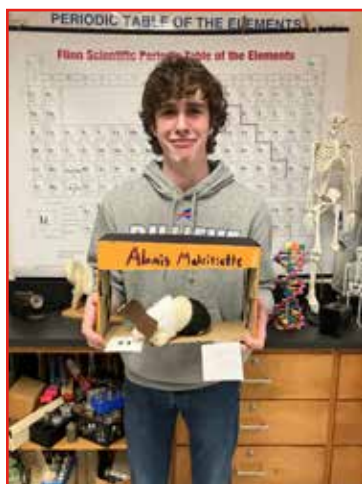
MATTHEW CATER



MICAYLAH MAGES



OWEN HEANEY



SEAN MAHON



TRISTAN JENKINS



MOLE WINNER - MARY HAMER



# TOP DOG

The TOP DOG award is presented to students in grades PK-4 who have exhibited the BCS PAWS behaviors on a regular basis. BCS teachers and staff are looking for students who Practice safety, Act responsibly, Work toward success, and Show respect each day in and out of the classroom.

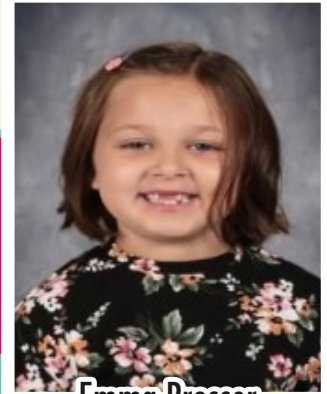
## The TOP DOG winners for February are:



Jareth Osburn



Scarlett Miller



Emma Prosser



Finn Wesche



Aubrey White

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## The TOP DOG winners for March are:



**Maggie Barney**



**Wallis Enders**



**Ella Schuld**



**Luca Willard**



**Liam Willard**

## Staff Spotlight



**Sharon McGarvey**  
School Psychologist

Mrs. McGarvey has worked as the school psychologist at BCS for 6 years! She completes evaluations for students, provides counseling services, and is a resource for all staff members. Away from school, Mrs. McGarvey loves to travel, plays the French horn, and loves spending time with her grandchildren.

Thank you for all you do!



**Kim Ralyea**  
Bus Monitor

Mrs. Ralyea has worked as a bus monitor at BCS for 22 years! She supports students with needs on the bus to ensure they have a safe ride to and from school. Mrs. Ralyea is frequently seen chaperoning sporting events at BCS. Away from school, Mrs. Ralyea likes to travel and attends all of her families' sporting events.

Thank you for all you do!



**Jessica Grottanelli**  
MS/HS Science Teacher

Miss Grottanelli has worked as a MS/HS Science teacher at BCS for 5 years! She teaches Earth Science and 7th grade science. Miss Grottanelli also coaches girls' modified soccer. Away from school, Miss Grottanelli is an advocate and protector of reptiles.

Thank you for all you do!



**Jim Schneider**  
Supervisor of Transportation/Head Mechanic

Mr. Schneider has worked as the Supervisor of Transportation/Head Mechanic at BCS for 18 years! He coaches girls' varsity basketball, coached girls' varsity soccer, and has been the supervisor of buildings and grounds. Away from school, Mr. Schneider is a fan of WVU sports, rides his side-by-side with family and friends, and attends his sons' sporting events.

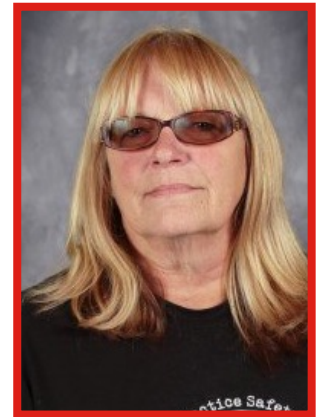
Thank you for all you do!



**Joanne Ross**  
Elementary Teacher

Mrs. Ross has worked as an elementary teacher at BCS for 24 years! She is currently the preschool teacher and has spent her career in primary grades. Mrs. Ross was previously the varsity volleyball coach at BCS. Away from school, Mrs. Ross is a huge volleyball fan and travels to see her family as much as possible.

Thank you for all you do!



**Jodie Morton**  
Cafeteria Worker

Mrs. Morton has worked in the BCS cafeteria for 16 years! She runs the cash register and has eagerly made cookies and soups for lunch. Away from school, Mrs. Morton can be found at her grandkids sporting events all over Allegany County.

Thank you for all you do!

## Staff Spotlight



**Jasmine Shephard**  
Special Education Teacher

Miss Shephard has worked as a special education teacher at BCS for 4 years! She works the lights in the auditorium for special events, is an Odyssey of the mind coach, and is the new eSports coach. This year, Miss Shephard has coordinated a postcard drive with her class to receive a postcard from every state!

Thank you for all you do!



**Jamie Stout**  
Cafeteria Worker

Mrs. Stout has worked at BCS for 22 years! She worked in the cafeteria for 19 years and is now a teacher's aide. Mrs. Stout has a very creative side and enjoys designing and constructing door and hall decorations at BCS! When she is not working on carving pumpkins, Mrs. Stout likes to travel with her family.

Thank you for all you do!



**Jessica Weaver**  
Teacher's Aide

Mrs. Weaver has worked at BCS for 15 years! She worked as a teacher's aide for 11 years and is now a teacher's assistant. Mrs. Weaver is the senior class and high school student council advisor! Mrs. Weaver is currently studying to become a teacher. When she is not doing course work, Mrs. Weaver enjoys hanging with her family and friends.

Thank you for all you do!

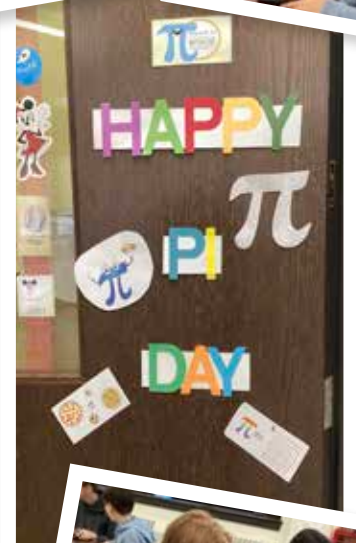


**Alex Scott**  
MS/HS English Teacher

Mr. Scott has worked as a MS/HS English teacher at BCS for 4 years! He has taught students in grades 8, 10, and 11. Mr. Scott is always willing to chaperone field trips and always jumps into the fun! Mr. Scott is very busy with his three young children outside of school.

Thank you for all you do!

## Pi Day



# Grease: School Edition

The HS Music & Drama Department presented a thrilling performance of Grease: School Edition in March to a peer-matinee and two evening sold-out crowds. Over 1,200 audience members enjoyed the upbeat classic that rocked the BCS Auditorium. The cast was comprised of the following students: Sean Mahon (Danny), Ava Aronson (Sandy), Matt Cater (Kenickie), Kyle McCumiskey (Roger), Thayne Cobb (Sonny), Finn Heaney (Doody), Sondra Guilford (Rizzo), Abby Sullivan & Sadie Estabrook (Marty), Rachel Merriam & Ella Austin (Frenchy), Audrey Cole (Jan), Emerson Weaver (Patty), Noah Miller (Eugene), Callahan Tallman (Vince Fontaine), Jonathan Webb-Aylor (Johnny Casino), Madison Yackeran & Sarah Hazelton (Cha-Cha), Superintendent Dr. Wendy

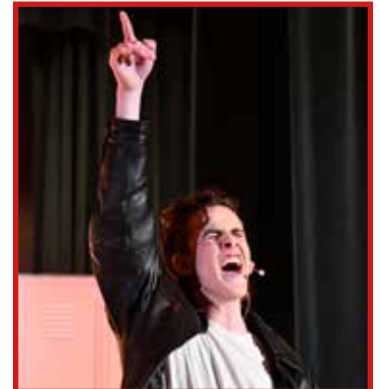
Butler (Miss Lynch), ensemble members Emma Calanni, Kate Calanni, Audrina Costa, Avery Enders, Ally Hazelton, Anthony Snyder, and crew Jackson Barney, Elsa Brennan, and Bradley Middaugh. The musical was co-directed by Mrs. Rebekah Brennan & Mrs. Jessica Romance. The pit band was led by Miss Tara Willgens. Principal Mr. Rick Bull played his bass guitar in our pit.

"We are so proud of this cast," states Romance. "We never had a single practice for the show with our entire cast there due to sports, sickness, and other school activities, and many of our cast members had never performed in a musical before, so going into show week, I was very nervous. The kids poured their hearts and souls into their performances and showed our school and community their very best. Seeing the joy

on their faces, the pride they felt, the tears and cheers of the audience, and hearing the incredible feedback following the show--it honestly felt like winning a Sectional title. This was so big for our school. I couldn't be more proud of what we accomplished. We have no seniors this year, so we are looking forward to our cast returning. The future is bright!"

"It was an incredible experience for all our students, faculty, staff, and administration. The cast came together to accomplish a feat that was far greater than they

had ever experienced, but they trusted the leadership of both Mrs. Romance and me - becoming a family that stepped up when another member wasn't able to. The level of collaboration, consideration, and commitment the cast and crew demonstrated far exceeded any high school production I've worked with before and I am incredibly impressed by all of them. It was a highlight of my career to see our students shine so brightly. I'm so glad they were able to share their talent with our community!







# Sandy Miller's First Grade



First Graders had fun celebrating Spring with a "tea party", a community visitor, an egg hunt, and a field trip all in one day!

# Deb Borden's Third Grade



## BCS Archery Club

BCS Archery Club has been practicing and increasing their archery skills this school year. The club is open to 4th-12th graders. We had 29 students in 4th-6th grades sign up and participate in archery this year.



## Modified Girls Basketball



The modified girls' basketball team was full of newcomers this season! Out of 16 players, only 4 of them had played for GVBC the season prior. There was a great deal of raw talent that developed over the course of the year. One of the major highlights of the year was the growth that occurred individually and collectively. During the first round of playing our Allegany County opponents, two of our losses were decided by 5 points or less. The team was determined to change these results into wins the second time around. Their hard work and commitment to getting better every day helped them avenge these two losses and finish with an overall record of 4-10. There is a great deal of potential with this group both on and off the floor. It is exciting to see the growth of the girls' basketball program at GVBC!

**Coach Raegan Ryan**

## Junior Varsity Girls Basketball



The GV-Belfast JV Girls Basketball team worked hard this season on improving individual skills that turned into results on the basketball court. Each player made solid gains throughout the season, which resulted in our team finishing with 13 wins and 6 losses. Four of these losses came against tougher B schools.

I couldn't have asked for a better group of young ladies to work with. Each one of them was willing to learn, try, and develop new skills to improve as an individual, and as a team. I encourage all players to continue to work on your skills and basketball knowledge during the offseason.

Thank you to all the parents and fans that supported our players and our team as a whole. Also, thank you to our Athletic Directors for their support, guidance, and help throughout the season.

**Coach Jason E. Hamer**

## Girls' Varsity Basketball



I would like to thank all of the girls for the hard work they put in to this season, it did not go unnoticed. 13-9 record playing a very strong schedule all season was a big task and you all handled it very well. Key wins on our season were Fillmore twice, AP twice and CR the last game of the season to win the DI county championship with a county record of 5-1. Well done ladies. We went into sectionals as the 4 seed playing AP at home in the second round with a 45-22 win moving us to the semi-finals taking on #1 seed Keshequa ending our season with very hard fought 44-23 loss.

I would also like to thank Tracey George for her help this year it was great to have her on my bench and Kyle Dougherty stepping up through sectional for one more set of eyes, I'm glad you were part of our team.

To seniors Anna Druzowski, Harley Proctor and Adison Grusendorf thank you all for your commitment to the basketball program, best of luck wherever life takes you. It has been a joy to have you over the years.

Our three seniors were selected to the exceptional senior game team to represent Allegany county 2022-2023 All-stars.

Anna Druzowski DI co-MVP

Mary Hamer DI all-star and class D all-tournament team for her performance in our Semi-finals game.

Well deserved ladies!

**Coach Schneider**

## Modified Cheer



The 2022-2023 season was the second season for the GVBC modified cheerleading team. The team was made up of 19 girls, 15 from Belfast and 4 from Genesee Valley. This group of girls was a very talented group who worked hard to achieve their goals. They performed a Varsity level routine with very difficult stunts. The girls were flexible and willing to try different positions. It takes a very skilled cheerleader to perform in various places within a stunt group. These girls never backed down when asked to try something new or challenging. The modified team competed at four competitions this year. They achieved a 4th place finish at Arkport Canaseraga Cheer Challenge, 3rd place at the Wellsville Cheer Spectacular, 2nd place at the Avoca Prattsburg Eye of the Tiger Competition and the Fillmore Winter Cheeroff, and a 1st place finish at the Schuyler Hyer Memorial Competition in Bath.

**Coach Hess**

## Varsity Cheer



The 22-23 Varsity Cheerleading season was a challenging one. A season we took on full force. The ladies had a goal after last season. Making top 3 for sectionals and improving every competition that they faced. Our captains Sophia, Hannah and Angel were ready to get them all ready for a great season. These ladies put in countless hours during the off-season. They got into the gym to lift, work on body control as fliers and some doing tumbling lessons. The preparation is never ending in the cheer world, like any sport. The time you put in is the reward you receive. The ladies had a fantastic season. We welcomed 3 brand new ladies to HS cheer. Many 1st place spots along with some other top 3 spots against large schools. Sectionals the ladies faced 12 teams to achieve their goal. They walked away as finalists placing 2nd at sectionals. Only missing 1st by .2. That's after reworking a whole routine in two days when they lost an athlete. That in itself was incredible, nothing to hang their heads with. I'm very proud of this team. They took every hurdle head on. Every change with grace and just kept pushing. We want to thank our ADs for their constant support with our requests. They went above and beyond to make as much happen as possible along with transportation departments. Also want to thank the students that came to competitions and counties. In 5 years we have NEVER had such support. Thank you all. We will be graduating four seniors this season. Sophia Gugino, Angel Jimerson, Gabby Costa and Clèlia Parla. We will miss you ladies dearly. Sophia Gugino received Allegany County All Star and will be going to RMH to represent Allegany County at the RMH All-Star games.

**Coach Powers**

## Boys Junior Varsity Basketball



We finished our season with a score of 10 wins and 8 losses. As the first year of combined boys' GVBC JV basketball, the team came together well and played as a team. All of the boys learned new skills and plays and it was an overall successful year.

**Coach Joe McCumiskey**

## Bowling



**Coach Karl Nurse**

## Boys' Modified Basketball



I could not have asked for a better group of boys for my first year of coaching. This team ended their season with seven wins and four losses, two of which were lost by less than three points. We had many highlights of our season, including coming back from a twelve-point deficit to beat Wellsville and our win against Cuba, where we were down by six points with less than a minute left in the game. Something that I loved about this group of boys is that they never gave up, and I am extremely proud of the hard work and dedication they put into this season. To my 7th graders, I hope you return to play next year and my 8th graders I wish you the best of luck as you move on to the next level.

**Coach MacKenzie Hamer**

## Boys' Varsity Basketball



**Coach Lintz Bliven**

# Preschool

Preschool is a special time where children learn how to work together, listen to many new adults, and try new things. Play is their work. Enter the room and hear the humming of 17 young adventurers engaged in their world of discovery. They have constructed many architectural masterpieces, taken care of babies while cooking gourmet meals, and have strived to paint like Van Gogh.

Practicing independent skills, and of course basic academic skills, are part of their daily routine. Many students are now “Puzzle Masters” and “Tricycle Experts”. Exploring shapes, numbers, letters and sounds are just a few skills needed for developing life-long learners. Preschoolers are creating and presenting projects, sharing books through Author’s Chair, and discovering facts about their favorite zoo animals. Preschoolers also take home a special Weekend Friend and share their adventures with the class.

One very important component of our PK program is parent and family involvement. Parents attend events held at school in the evening with their child. We had a fall activity night, our annual Holiday Tea, and our Car Show and Obstacle Course. Preschoolers have met parents who shared chickens, snakes and spiders. We are blessed to have special interactions with adults from our school and community. Our children love going to Specials with their favorite teachers. There are other important staff who help us during our day, including bus drivers and administrators. Ask a preschooler about Post Card Pals! We love them! We recently had a special visitor, Jessica Murns (owner of Kira’s Custom Crafts), who crocheted each child their very own special animal. Thank you all of our PreK FAMILIES, POST CARD PALS and SCHOOL COMMUNITY!



## Preschool



## Belfast Historical Society: taken from “History Notes” by Sarah Ford Crosby circa 1914

The first school house, also used for a meeting house, stood at the north end of Main Street circa 1807. In 1853 the “red schoolhouse” was built at corner of South Street and Angel Street. In 1857, the Genesee Valley Seminary was established, a wooden structure built by John W. Edridge, at a cost of \$300, was situated close to where BCS is now. Horace Greeley gave the dedication address. The school opened with Professor S.R. Thorp as principal and 180 students. In 1874, trustees voted to turn over the GVS and its belongings to School District #1 in order to establish it as a union graded school. It has done its full share in elevating the intelligence of our town.

In 1914, the school moved into the reinforced concrete building presently being used. The building was erect by the Tuna Construction Co. of Bradford, PA at a cost of \$36,000. W.W. Fairchild was the principal with 200 pupils enrolled. This is the main and center spaces of the present Belfast Central School.

Our school has undergone numerous changes and upgrades to arrive at where we are today. We can all be very proud of this heritage.

Belfast Historical Society and Museum houses a large drawer of documents, personal diaries, mementos, and pictures, etc. available to anyone desiring to know more of the over 200 years of Belfast history of education.

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“a school dedicated to excellence”

**Budget Hearing**  
 May 9 at 5:30 p.m.  
 BCS Conference Room

**Budget Vote and Board Election**  
 May 16th from Noon to 8:00 p.m.  
 BCS Conference Room

[www.belfastcsd.org](http://www.belfastcsd.org)

## A Message Regarding the 2023-24 District Budget

The Belfast Central Board of Education and District Administration have worked diligently to prepare a budget for the 2023-24 school year, which supports student programming and is fiscally responsible to the taxpayers in the district. The proposed budget has a 0% increase in the school district tax levy, and will be presented at a budget hearing scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on May 9, 2023.

BCS will be receiving a significant increase in state aid, per a state lawsuit to fully fund foundation aid. The amount of state aid to be received by the district will bring the state aid amount to the level that BCS should have received through the state aid formula over the last fifteen years.

The proposed budget will bring about changes in student services. The planned 23-24 budget maintains all current student programs. Included in the budget is a new 7-12 math teacher to allow for additional intervention services in the secondary, an additional speech therapist, and additional elementary teachers to provide for two sections at each grade level.

The proposed 2023-24 budget includes a subsequent year capital outlay project that allows the district to do up to \$100,000 of work to address building needs for \$5,000 in the budget because of the building aid generated from the 2022-23 capital outlay project. BCS will receive 95% building aid on the project the next year (23-24),

which will provide for continuous facility maintenance. The 23-24 capital outlay project will include updates to outdated emergency exit lights and the installation of wired key card swipes on the auditorium doors to increase security.

If you have any questions about the proposed budget, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Butler Ed.D. (365-9940) or Keegan Harrington (365-8289).

Sincerely,

*Josie Preston, Board President*  
*Wendy Butler Ed.D., Superintendent*  
*Keegan Harrington, Business Official*

### Sample Ballot – Election and Vote - May 16, 2023

**PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2023-24 School Budget- RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School District be authorized to expend the sums as set forth in the District’s proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year, in the total amount of ELEVEN MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE DOLLARS (\$11,813,963) and to levy the necessary taxes therefor. **(CHECK ONE)**

YES       NO

**PROPOSITION NO. 2.- 2023-2024 Belfast Public Library Budget - RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School is hereby authorized to expend the sum of EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$84,546) as established by the Board of Trustees of the Belfast Public Library, toward the support of the Belfast Public Library during the 2023-2024 School Fiscal Year. **(CHECK ONE)**

YES       NO

**BCS BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION ONE (1) MEMBER:** Expired term of Dan Borden, for five years. Term to expire JUNE 30, 2028.

Jonathan Barney      Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE – ELECTION ONE (1) MEMBER:** For the open term of Dave Stevick, for five years. Term to expire JUNE 30, 2028.

Dave Stevick      Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

**Voter Qualifications**

1. Citizen of the United States
2. Eighteen years of age.
3. Resident of the district for a period of thirty (30) days or more prior to May 16, 2022.



# BELFAST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Below is the proposed budget for the Belfast Public Library prepared and approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Library Trustees on March 21, 2023. The following trustees were present: Dave Stevick, Annie West, Patty Preston, and Beth Hazelton.

Dave Stevick's term expires in 2023. Dave Stevick was nominated at the annual budget hearing to serve for the next five-year term and has helped with countless grant applications so far.

The amount of taxes to be voted on is \$84,546. This represents a 4% increase in property taxes and a 7.3% increase in the budget (all due to inflation and minimum wage increases).

## Proposed Budget 2023-2024

### EXPENDITURES

Salaries (Director & 4 Clerks) .....	\$56,416
Custodial Salary .....	\$5,496
Equipment .....	\$600
Contractual .....	\$500
Insurance .....	\$800
Telecommunications .....	\$6,600
Software .....	\$200
Programs .....	\$1,700
Books .....	\$4,600
Magazines .....	\$50
Multimedia .....	\$1,000
Supplies - Library .....	\$800
Supplies - Custodial .....	\$800
Utilities .....	\$5,500
Travel .....	\$250
Employee Benefits .....	\$4,731
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$90,044</b>

### REVENUES

Real Property Taxes .....	\$84,546
Library Charges .....	\$0
Interests and Earnings .....	\$10
Sale of Scrap & Excess Materials .....	\$100
Gifts and Donations .....	\$500
Library System Grants .....	\$1,400
<b>Total Revenues .....</b>	<b>\$86,556</b>
Fund Balance used .....	\$3,488
<b>Total Revenues plus Fund Bal. ....</b>	<b>\$90,044</b>

# 2023-24 Property Tax Report Card

## 000000 - Belfast CSD

Contact Person: Keegan Harrington

Telephone Number: 585-365-8289

Budgeted 2022-23 (A)	Proposed Budget 2023-24 (B)
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Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	10,739,734	11,813,963
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount <sup>1</sup>	1,847,981	1,847,981
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	81,294	84,546
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable <sup>2</sup>	0	0
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	1,929,275	1,932,527
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	6,431	36,394
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions <sup>3</sup>	1,874,210	1,902,326
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	1,841,550	1,811,587
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) <sup>2</sup>	32,660	90,739
Public School Enrollment	357	341
Consumer Price Index		4.70%
<sup>1</sup> Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest. <sup>2</sup> Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements. <sup>3</sup> For 2022-23, includes any carryover from 2021-22 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.		
	Actual: 2022-23 (D)	Estimated: 2023-24 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	1,080,417	1,276,596
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	99,850	0
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	698,547	575,541
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	6.50%	4.87%

## Schedule of Reserve Funds

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/23 Actual Balance	6/30/23 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2023-24 School Year
Capital	Capital Improvement Reserve 2019	To cover local share of future capital project.	50,008	50,009	This reserve will be used as needed over the next two school years to cover the local share of the upcoming building project.
Capital	Capital Improvement Reserve 2022	To cover local share of future capital project.	0	0	This reserve will be used as needed over the next two school years to cover the local share of the upcoming building project.
Capital	Bus Reserve 2022	To purchase school buses.	0	0	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2023-24 school year.
Repair	Reserve for Repairs	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	60,025	51,073	To use \$25,000 towards upcoming repairs.
Workers' Compensation	Workers' Compensation Reserve	To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.	37,922	37,923	Reserve policy is set up to use 25% of the reserve to cover a portion of the Workmens' Comp premium.
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Insurance Reserve	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	24,006	24,007	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2023-24 school year.
Reserve for Tax Reduction		For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.			
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service		To cover debt service payments on outstanding obligations (bonds, BANS) after the sale of district capital assets or improvements.			
Insurance		To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.			
Property Loss		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover property loss.			
Liability		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.			
Tax Certiorari		To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements			
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		To account for unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at the fiscal year end.			
EBALR - Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Res.	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	117,881	117,884	To use EBALR funds for any upcoming retirements.
Retirement Contribution	Retirement Contribution Reserve	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	206,433	206,436	The reserve policy is set up to cover 50% of the Employees' Retirement System bill with these reserve funds.
Other Reserve	Teachers' Retirement Reserve	To fund employer retirement contributions to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System	184,243	239,273	There is no plan to use these reserve funds while we are building the reserve.

# General Support

Present Year  
2022-23      Next Year  
2023-24

## Board of Education

Expenditures incurred by the Board of Education, necessary expenses for legal advertising, materials and supplies for the district clerk and district meeting.

Board of Education Contractual	\$13,150	\$13,386
Board of Education Materials & Supplies	200	600
District Clerk Salary	2,801	2,884
District Meeting Mailing	11,000	11,000
<b>Total Board of Educ.</b>	<b>\$27,151</b>	<b>\$27,870</b>

## Central Administration

This area covers the expenses of the superintendent, secretary and central office operation.

CSA Salary	\$141,323	\$148,390
Non-Instructional Salary	35,596	37,376
CSA Contractual	3,875	5,120
CSA Materials & Supplies	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Central Admin.</b>	<b>\$182,794</b>	<b>\$192,886</b>

## Business Administration

This category includes expenses of the Business Office, auditor, BOCES services and tax collector. There is a significant decrease in salaries due to a new business manager.

BOCES (Co-Op Purchasing, Aid, Planning)	\$8,270	\$17,255
Auditing	14,000	20,000
Business Office Salaries	160,211	126,446
Business Office Contractual	34,500	45,500
Business Office Materials & Supplies	500	500
Tax Collector Materials & Supplies	3,400	4,000
<b>Total Business Admin.</b>	<b>\$220,881</b>	<b>\$213,701</b>

## Legal

This section covers our legal expenses and some BOCES services covering insurance and legal services. It also includes the cost of providing the newsletter. The legal expense is increasing due to the upcoming capital improvement project.

Legal Expenses	\$6,000	\$25,000
BOCES (Legal, Insurance)	176,619	192,492
BOCES (Newsletter)	34,970	42,912
<b>Total Legal</b>	<b>\$217,589</b>	<b>\$260,404</b>

## Oper. & Maintenance

The costs involved in upkeep and operation of the buildings and grounds of all the district property is included in this section of the budget. Salaries for custodians, groundskeeper, and part-time help are included, as well as building utilities, repairs, supplies, and service contracts. This proposed budget increase is largely due to rise in utility costs. The BOCES decrease is due to the HVAC program - the previous year included additional start up costs.

Maintenance Salaries	\$303,775	\$348,834
Maintenance Equipment	17,609	19,600
Maintenance Contractual	137,713	141,725
Electric	80,000	106,290
Gas	30,000	42,500
Phone	1,300	1,500
Water	19,200	19,200
Materials & Supplies	76,500	88,300
BOCES (Safety Programs)	43,368	41,461
<b>Total O &amp; M</b>	<b>\$709,465</b>	<b>\$809,410</b>

## Special Items

Property and Liability Insurance and BOCES Data Processing and Administrative Costs (overhead and BOCES building payments) are found in this area. This year we have broken out the BOCES Capital expenses. It use to be in under the Admin charges.

BOCES - Data Processing	\$204,593	\$231,060
Unallocated Insurance	29,000	29,000
Refund Real Property	1,000	1,000
BOCES (Admin. Charges)	106,964	45,898
BOCES (Capital Expense)	0	69,485
<b>Total Special Items</b>	<b>\$341,557</b>	<b>\$376,443</b>

<b>Total Gen. Support</b>	<b>\$1,699,437</b>	<b>\$1,880,714</b>
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# Instruction

Present Year  
2022-23      Next Year  
2023-24

## Teaching/Supervision

This section covers the regular education students from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

BOCES (Curriculum)	\$2,727	\$2,787
Principal Salary	86,641	93,558
Non-Instructional Salary	43,702	44,879
Contractual	775	775
Principal Office Materials & Supplies	2,000	2,000
BOCES - Inservice Training	119,251	123,416
K-6 Teacher Salaries	851,552	1,076,591
7-12 Teacher Salaries	905,343	1,066,724
Substitute Salaries	65,000	75,000
Non-Instructional Salaries	91,402	118,136
Equipment	5,000	9,000
Contractual	24,500	39,500
Materials & Supplies	56,000	55,200
Tuition	5,000	5,000
Textbooks	32,000	32,640
BOCES (Educational Programs)	285,162	225,147
<b>Total Teaching/Supervision</b>	<b>\$2,576,055</b>	<b>\$2,970,353</b>

## Special Programs

Included here are the costs of our resource room and other expenses associated with our students with disabilities.

Instructional Salaries	\$463,870	\$578,649
Non-Instructional Salaries	196,367	183,057
Contractual	112,493	96,199
Materials & Supplies	5,600	6,200
Tuition	0	0
Textbooks	1,900	1,900
BOCES (Special Education)	343,459	324,108
<b>Total Special Programs</b>	<b>\$1,123,689</b>	<b>\$1,190,113</b>

## Occupational Ed.

Expenses for materials and supplies associated with our technologies program. The BOCES services in this section are based on the number of students who attend the Belmont BOCES based on a three year average.

Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$2,000
BOCES - (Occupational Education)	274,792	254,325
<b>Total Occupational Ed.</b>	<b>\$274,792</b>	<b>\$256,325</b>

## Summer School

These are the expenses for our Driver Education Program and Academic Summer School.

BOCES (Special Schools)	8,520	7,010
<b>Total Summer School</b>	<b>\$8,520</b>	<b>\$7,010</b>

## Library & Computer Instruction

Includes funds for the purchase of books, AV equipment and computer hardware/software.

Library Books	\$2,000	\$2,000
School Library & AV	4,000	4,500
BOCES (Library & AV)	38,631	39,939
Computer Hardware	17,000	18,500
Computer Software	7,100	6,800
BOCES (Computer Assisted Instruction)	212,041	289,432
<b>Total Library &amp; Computer Instruction</b>	<b>\$280,772</b>	<b>\$361,171</b>

## Instruction (cont'd)

Present Year  
2022-23

Next Year  
2023-24

### Pupil Services

Salary and related office expenses for a school counselor and a guidance aide are included in this section. The section also includes Community Schools, various salaries including extra-curricular and athletic salaries as well as referees and other interscholastic sports expenses.

	Present Year 2022-23	Next Year 2023-24
Guidance Salaries	\$84,236	\$86,159
Non-Instructional Salaries	19,057	20,135
Contractual (Guidance)	17,150	17,150
Materials & Supplies	1,200	1,200
Nurses Salary	35,580	36,350
Equipment (Health Services)	3,300	3,300
Contractual (Health Services)	575	575
Materials & Supplies (Health Services)	5,000	5,000
BOCES Health Services	13,504	16,163
Psychological - Materials & Supplies	0	1,500
BOCES - Psychological	71,540	74,402
BOCES Social Work Services	0	1,444
Extracurricular Salaries	62,502	61,777
Extracurricular Contractual	5,000	5,000
Extracurricular Materials & Supplies	5,000	5,000
Coaching Salaries	70,611	75,952
Athletic Equipment	5,000	6,000
Athletic Contractual	29,450	33,000
Athletic Materials & Supplies	16,000	16,320
BOCES - Athletic	4,923	5,104
<b>Total Pupil Services</b>	<b>\$449,628</b>	<b>\$471,531</b>

**Total Instruction** **\$4,713,456** **\$5,256,503**

## Transportation

Present Year  
2022-23

Next Year  
2023-24

### Pupil Transportation

This area of the budget covers all areas of district transportation - regular a.m. and p.m. routes, field trips, athletic teams, special education routes, and BOCES trips. Also included are drivers' salaries, fleet insurance, bus parts, fuel for buses, and expenses associated with the garage building.

	Present Year 2022-23	Next Year 2023-24
Transportation Salary	\$366,220	\$362,184
Equipment	5,000	33,000
Buses	131,016	161,000
Contractual	38,143	42,560
Materials & Supplies	84,250	94,250
BOCES - Transportation	3,963	3,446
Equipment	2,500	2,575
Contractual	45,658	50,845
<b>Total Pupil Transportation</b>	<b>\$676,750</b>	<b>\$749,860</b>

## Determination of Estimated Tax Levy

Present Year  
2022-23

Next Year  
2022-23

	Present Year 2022-23	Next Year 2022-23
Total Amount Authorized	\$10,739,734	\$11,813,963
Total Revenues Other Than Taxes	8,791,903	9,965,982
Appropriated Fund Balance	99,850	0
Total Real Property Tax to be Raised for School Purposes	1,847,981	1,847,981
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$10,739,734</b>	<b>\$11,813,963</b>

Amount of Fund Balance Retained as of 7/1/2022 \$572,613

\*Amount of Fund Balance Retained as of 7/1/2023 \$572,613

\*Estimated

**2022-2023 Budget** **\$10,739,734**

**2023-2024 Proposed Budget** **\$11,813,963**

## Undistributed

Present Year  
2022-23

Next Year  
2023-24

Debt service and employee benefits make up the largest part of this section of the budget. It also includes a transfer to Capital Funds to continue capital outlay projects to help delay the need of going to the public for larger capital projects.

	Present Year 2022-23	Next Year 2023-24
State Retirement	\$122,100	\$151,742
Teachers' Retirement	321,306	310,642
Social Security	316,397	363,632
Workman's Comp.	32,427	33,076
Unemployment Insurance	9,000	9,000
Hospital Insurance	991,300	1,198,223
Serial Bonds Principal	920,000	965,000
Serial Bonds Interest	197,569	151,569
BAN Principal	347,000	376,000
BAN Interest	177,038	177,948
EPC Lease Principal	30,000	30,000
Bus Lease Principal	0	0
EPC Lease Interest	10,954	10,054
Bus Lease Interest	0	0
Transfer to School Lunch	75,000	50,000
Transfer to Capital Funds	100,000	100,000
<b>Total Undistributed</b>	<b>\$3,650,091</b>	<b>\$3,926,886</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,739,734</b>	<b>\$11,813,963</b>

## General Fund Estimated Revenues

Present Year  
2022-23

Next Year  
2023-24

	Present Year 2022-23	Next Year 2023-24
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	\$5,000	\$5,000
Summer School Revenue	1,000	1,000
Admissions	0	0
Interest Earnings	1,000	1,000
Rental of Equipment	1,000	1,000
Sale of Instructional Supplies	750	400
Other Unclassifieds	10,000	10,000
Retirees Health Insurance	48,744	48,744
Basic State Aid	5,853,889	6,833,890
BOCES Aid	1,005,564	1,208,701
Textbook Aid	37,169	30,793
Community Schools Aid	100,000	0
Pandemic Adjustment	0	0
Federal Cares Restoration	0	0
Use of Retirement Reserve	0	0
Medicaid Reimbursement	30,000	30,000
Repair Reserve	25,000	25,000
Worker's Compensation Reserve	8,107	8,107
Retirement Contribution Reserve	<b>61,050</b>	<b>75,871</b>
Transfer from Debt Service	<b>22,500</b>	<b>0</b>
State Building Aid	<b>1,581,130</b>	<b>1,686,476</b>
<b>TOTAL - REVENUES</b>	<b>\$8,791,903</b>	<b>\$9,965,982</b>

## Summary of General Fund Appropriations 2023-2024

General Support	\$1,880,714
Instruction	5,256,503
Pupil Transportation	749,860
Undistributed	3,926,886
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,813,963</b>



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**IMPORTANT BCS TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO REMEMBER**

Superintendent's Office.....	365-9940
Principal's Office .....	365-8285
Business Office .....	365-8289
Guidance Office .....	365-8297
Bus Garage.....	365-2609
Nurse's Office .....	365-2053
Special Education Office.....	365-8847
Preschool.....	365-8088
Automated Attendant .....	365-2646
Fax.....	365-2648
Website.....	www.Belfastcsd.org

Please remember our school safety tip line. This line remains at **365-2053** and may be used for anonymous calls for reporting student safety concerns.

**Board of Education Meetings**

Belfast Central School  
Board of Education Meetings  
2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM

**Music Corner**

**Elementary Spring Concert,  
Grades K – 4th**

May 16 at 6pm in the Belfast Central School Auditorium

**High School Concert,  
Grades 5 – 12th**

May 30 at 7pm in the Belfast Central School Auditorium

**Kid's Clubs Newsletter**

**Kid's Clubs** is an after school program for grades K-4.

We provide **Lego, Dance & Movement, Art & Drama,** and **Explorers Clubs.**

Monday - Thursday  
3:00-5:15

Must complete an enrollment packet to sign up!

**We are at capacity and have a waitlist. However, we are hopeful to provide more slots soon!**

**Sign up today!**

More questions and how to sign up...

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