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Central School District

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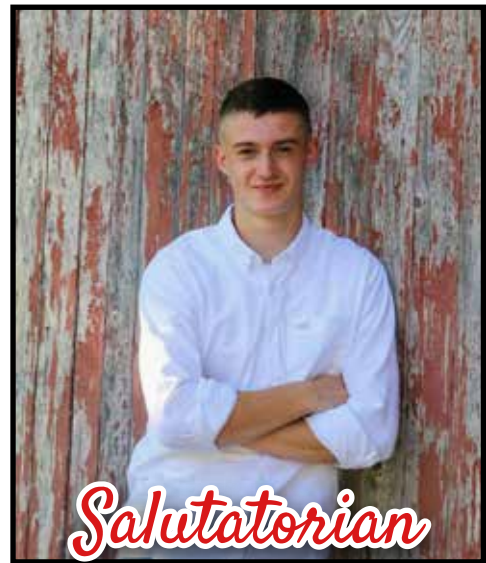


Valedictorian

Abigail Sullivan

Belfast Central School is proud to announce the Valedictorian for the class of 2024, Miss Abigail Sullivan! Abby has an overall GPA of 95.6. Abby is the daughter of Mark and Amy Sullivan. During her time at BCS, Abby has been busy with sports and many other extracurricular activities. She has been a member of the Soccer, Basketball and Softball teams where she was selected to the Big 30 Senior Classic Basketball Game. Abby is her class President and is a member of the National Honor Society and the Student Council. Abby has also been active in musical productions during high school with leading roles in both Grease and Beauty and the Beast! Abby is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and has volunteered her time as a summer soccer coach for the Belfast Youth Summer Soccer Program. Abby has been employed at Oake's Pit Stop and as a counselor for the Belfast Summer Recreation program. Abby has participated in the New Visions Education program this year which has helped her to earn a number of college credits and given her various shadowing experiences in the education field. Next year, Abby plans to attend Nazareth University majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders (Speech Therapy.)

Congratulations, Abby!



Salutatorian

Christopher Weaver

The BCS Salutatorian for the class of 2024 is Mr. Christopher Weaver! Chris is the son of Chauncey and Lindsey Weaver. Chris has achieved an overall average of 94.9. Chris has been active on the Soccer and Golf teams during high school. He is also a member of the National Honor Society at BCS and the National Technical Honor Society at the Belmont Career and Technical Center. Chris has completed a two-year course of study in the field of Natural Resources and earned his OSHA 10 and forklift certifications. Chris is his class secretary and is the President of the Belmont CTE National Technical Honor Society. Chris has been employed at Harrington's and has volunteered his time with road improvement for the Village of Belmont through his BOCES class. Chris is attending the Allegany County Government Internship Program this semester where he is learning a great deal about how county government operates. Next year, Chris has secured employment as a Cell Tower Service Technician at Patriot Towers.

Congratulations, Chris!

Dripping in elegance, it is a night you do not want to miss! Come join us for the 2024 BCS prom for dancing, entertainment, laughs, and good company.

Friday MAY 31

At 7 PM - 11 PM

Prince Phillips Millstone
4160 Back River Road Scio, NY 14880

Hosted by: HS Student Council
Contact Mrs. Guilford for tickets

Tickets \$25 each

Mrs. Hazelton's and Miss Beardsley's March Madness Book Bracket Challenge

Mrs. Hazelton's 2nd grade and Miss Beardsley's Kindergarten classes have been doing a March Madness Book Bracket Challenge put together by the Belfast Public Library. At the time this went to print we were down to the Final Five (due to a tie): The New Day vs. Blue Bison Gets a Hair Cut, and Bruce Swap vs. Rosie Revere Engineer vs. The Invisible Boy. Visit the Belfast Town Library to see which book won!



Mrs. Arnold and Miss Sand's St. Patrick Day Party

Mrs. Arnold and Miss Sand's first graders met the McCumiskeys' of Newry, County Down in Ireland via Zoom in March for their St. Patrick's Day party! They learned how to count to ten and say hello in Gaelic, and asked questions about Ireland and St. Patrick's Day traditions."



Calendar of Events

May

- 4 – SAT
- 6 – 14 – 3-8 testing
- 10 & 11 – NYSSMA
- 14 – Budget Hearing & Board of Ed. Mtg
- 14 – Spring Concert – K-4th grade
- 16 – Spring Concert – 5-12th grade
- 20 – Career Day
- 21 – 7th Grade Symposium
- 21 – NHS Blood Drive
- 21 – Budget Vote
- 22 – Board of Ed mtg.
- 24 - 27 – Memorial Day - No school
- 29-31 – Camp Duffield
- 31 – PROM

June

- 1 – SAT
- 8 – ACT
- 10 – Pre-K in Bloom
- 11 – MS Picnic
- 11 – Board of Ed mtg.
- 13 – Kindergarten Screening
- 13 – Last full day grades 7-12
- 14 – Flag Day
- 17 – Kindergarten Graduation
- 18, 20-25 – Regents exams
- 19 – Juneteenth - No School
- 21 – Field Day
- 25 – Last Day K-6
- 27 – Awards Assembly
- 28 – Graduation

Mrs. Flanagan Mole Project



BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

2024 BCS CAREER FAIR

We Offer:

- College Reps ✓
- Military Recruiters ✓
- Professionals in a variety of trades ✓
- Opportunity to explore career options ✓

MAY 20TH 12-3PM

585-365-2646
mgullford@belfastosd.org

Staff Spotlight



Deb Wagoner
Art Teacher

Mrs. Wagoner is in her second year working as an art teacher at BCS. She works with students in grades PK-12 to provide instruction in various art mediums. Mrs. Wagoner is also working with the BCS entrepreneur class to teach students about screen printing. Away from school, is a proud grandma and is busy with the farmer's market.
Thank you for all you do!



Keegan Harrington
Business Manager

Mr. Harrington is in his second year working as the Business Manager at BCS. He is responsible for the management of the district's budget and financial planning. Mr. Harrington has spent the last year learning and updating processes in the business office. Away from school, he is a Bills fan who loves to travel.
Thank you for all you do!



Jessica Bentley
Special Education Teacher

Mrs. Bentley is in her second year working as a special education teacher at BCS. She works with students in grades 4-6 to provide support. Mrs. Bentley operates a resource room and pushes into classes to help students who struggle. Away from school, she spends a lot of time going to sporting events for her daughter and visiting her son at college.
Thank you for all you do!



Chelsey Aylor
PK-4 Principal/ Director of Curriculum

Mrs. Aylor is in her first year as the PK-4 Principal/ Director of Curriculum at BCS. She works to support elementary students and teachers on a daily basis. She also works with teachers to improve curriculum and instruction. Away from school, Mrs. Aylor is a barrel racer and big Buffalo Bills fan.
Thank you for all you do!



Sadie Ellis
Elementary Teacher

Miss Ellis is in her second year as an elementary teacher at BCS. She was an AIS teacher and is currently a kindergarten teacher. Away from school, Miss Ellis is spending a lot of time working on her new house with her fiancé.
Thank you for all you do!

Open House



Thank you to all the families who attended our BCS Open House! Your presence was greatly appreciated. It was a pleasure to meet new families and reconnect with familiar faces. We hope you found the event both informative and enjoyable, as we showcased the exciting learning experiences happening in our classrooms.



Belfast Public Library

Seeking Volunteers

If you would like to help in the library, or have a special interest, hobby, or talent to share with children or adults, please call or email!

Hours:
Monday: 10am – 1pm
Tuesday: 3pm – 7pm
Wednesday: 10-1; 3-7
Thursday: 3pm – 7pm
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 10am – 1pm
Sunday: Closed
(585) 365-2072

Save the Date

July 19, 2024
St. Patrick's Hall
Boxing for Books
John L. Sullivan
A one-man show written and performed by Brendan Heaney
Art Auction & Music
Hors d'oeuvres and Drinks

Announcing Friends of the Library

A group working to support the library through fundraising, events, and advocacy!

Call the library or email librarybelfast@gmail.com if interested in joining!

There will be a summer reading program for ages 5 to 18! Stay tuned for information on the Belfast Public Library Facebook page.

NURSE'S CORNER

>>>Vision and Hearing Screenings<<<

Required for students in grades PreK or K, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11 as well as newly enrolled students within six months of admission to school who did not have a vision or hearing screening prior.

Make sure you ask your Primary Care Provider to complete these screenings at your child's annual physical.

For more information:

585-365-2053
Julia Mills RN

Eclipse



Abby Sullivan

I am delighted to shine a spotlight on one of our exceptional senior students, Abby Sullivan, who recently conducted an outstanding lesson on energy transfer for her New Visions class. This dedicated student not only showcased her deep understanding of the subject but also brought a delicious twist to the learning experience – homemade ice cream!

The lesson was an engaging exploration of energy transfer concepts, turning a potentially complex topic into an enjoyable and memorable experience for the entire class. Through hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations, our senior student skillfully conveyed the principles of energy transfer, making it accessible and fun for her peers.

The day's highlight was the creation of homemade ice cream, a delightful application of the principles learned during the lesson. The students were not only able to see energy transfer in action but also taste the sweet results of their scientific endeavors. It was a truly immersive and enriching experience that left a lasting impression on everyone involved.

Mrs. Bainbridge



Music Corner



Grade 7 – 9 Band
(back row) Colden Caiazza, Jackson Barney, Elsa Brennan, Greta Smithers
(front row) Noah Miller



Sean Mahon performed his scholarship-winning solo during the concert as well.



Intermediate Band (Directed by Miss Willgens: (back row) Adam Oskar, Taryn Moore, Mackenna Yackerer, Conan Tallman, Caylin Burrows, Summer Histed (middle row) Matthew Guilford, Evan Moore, Logan McCarthy, Nicholas Chamberlain (front row) Tesslynn Weaver, Mariah Dannheim, Shea Preston, Lydia Preston



Grade 6 Choir, Directed by Mrs. Brennan
(back row) Mackenna Yackerer, Mariah Dannheim, Tesslynn Weaver, Paityn Norton, Shea Preston, Catrina Mura, Lyndsey Hill
(front row) Logan McCarthy, Nicholas Chamberlain, Evan Moore, Caleb Stork

Upcoming Events

May 10-11 - NYSSMA Solo Festival Adjudication at FCS

May 14 - BCS Elementary Spring Concert (K-4) @ 6pm

May 16 - BCS 5-12 Spring Concert @7pm

May 25 - BCS High School Musical Cast and Crew attend the Shea's High School Musical Theatre Awards

June 1 - BCS 7-12 Grade Ensembles trip to Darien Lake; Jazz Band and Chamber Choir compete in the Music Festival Day/Competition

June 7 - BCS Elementary Musical students participate in the Shea's Junior Theatre Celebration at the 710 Theatre in Buffalo

June 8 - BCS 5/6 grade music trip to Seabreeze Amusement Park; 5/6 choir competes in the Music Competition



Jazz Band: (drum set) Callahan Tallman



We had 19 students audition for solos and ACSMA Scholarships. Sean Mahon ('24) was awarded the ACSMA Sr. High Scholarship.



Grades 10- 12 Band
(back) Callahan Tallman
(front row) Audrina Costa, Emalee Carman, Samayah Lussier



Grade 7-9 Choir
(back row) Conan Tallman, Pierre Lussier, Jackson Barney, Avery Enders, Ella Austin
(middle row) Isabelle Guilford, Sarah Hazelton, Savannah Miller, Elsa Brennan, Khloe Jenkins, Maddie White, Caylin Burrows
(front row) Jessie-Joe Chamberlain, Noah Miller, Summer Histed, Bradley Middaugh, Bradan Foster



Grade 10 -12 Choir
(back row) Finn Heaney, Sean Mahon
(front row) Ava Aronson, Sadie Estabrook, Summer Buchholz, Rachel Merriam



BCS High School Musical Cast and Crew went to Shea's to see *Les Misérables*.



BCS Musicians/Community collected over 1,100 shoes to raise money for our Music Department! Thanks to all who contributed!



Beauty and the Beast



The BCS Auditorium was a well-sought-after venue on March 20-23, as forty-one students in grades 6-12, along with co-directors Mrs. Rebekah Brennan & Mrs. Jessica Romance, and Pit Director Miss Tara Willgens, brought Disney's Beauty and the Beast the Musical to well over 1,300 audience members over their four performances. The cast members included senior stars Sean Mahon (Beast), Sondra Guilford (Belle), Kyle McCumiskey (Lumier), Matthew Cater (Gaston), Abby Sullivan (Mrs. Potts), and Audrey Cole (Babette), and their peers, Ava Aronson (Mrs. Potts), Sadie Estabrook (Belle), Finn Heaney (Cogsworth), Ellyonah Wright (Babette), Rachel Merriam (Madame), Ella Austin (Madame), Afton Hamer (Lefou), Noah Miller (LeFou), Jackson Barney (Maurice), Elsa Brennan (Chip), Caylin Burrows, Derek Calanni,

Jessie-Joe Chamberlain, Nicholas Chamberlain, Avery Enders, Bradan Foster, Isabelle Guilford, Sarah Hazelton, Lyndsey Hill, Aidan Hirsh, Summer Histed, Khloe Jenkins, Savannah Miller, Evan Moore, Brynn Preston, Shea Preston, Emerson Weaver, Tesslynn Weaver, Wyatt Weaver, Maddie White, Mackenna Yacker, and Madison Yacker. Seventh-grader Greta Smithers contributed to the show immensely, as she joined the other pit members (Day Chase, Mrs. Diana Clem, Miss Molly Fitzgerald, Mr. Marcio Horsth, Mr. Isaac Little, Mrs. Sharon McGarvey, Mr. Noah Luthart, Mr. Andrew Reith, Mr. Jack Smith) as a percussionist, a feat rarely achieved by a student musician, especially one as young as she. Another student contributor was sophomore Logan Estabrook who played a major role in set construction and special structural design.

"It's truly miraculous for us to be able to put on a show this huge in such a small town, with a limited number of students in our student body, and with so many student-athletes. This is a testament to the dedication to excellence of our town, our school, and our students," state Brennan & Romance. "This production would not have been successful without the community-wide efforts of so many including Mr. Tom Rickert (Graphic design for sets and costuming), John Barney & family (Magical Rose), Josh Hazelton (The Contraption & supplies), Short Tract Town Theatre (costumes), Jason



Beauty and the Beast

Hamer (supplies), our teachers and staff, administrators, Board of Education, and our families & friends. We are humbled by the kindness, generosity, and incredible support of everyone. This was a team effort and the success of this show is an accomplishment we all can revel in."

The excitement for the cast and crew continues as they were selected to participate in Shea's Performing Arts Center High School Musical Awards. Five adjudicators came from Buffalo to watch and judge the show for the chance for

the program to earn monetary awards and our students to earn several individual awards. The ceremony will take place at Shea's on May 25th.

As we close the curtains on one show, we are always looking forward to creating magic again. We are thrilled to announce the elementary show for the fall will be Disney's Finding Nemo Jr. We invite everyone to join us as we adventure into the "Big Blue Sea," October 25&26, 2024.



Modified Girls Basketball



Liz Brundage 8
 Jesse-Joe Chamberlain 7
 Alayna Davis 7
 Violet Edwards 8
 Elizabeth Grantier 7
 Megan Johnson 7

Willow Koschuk 7
 Allie Marsh 7
 Alayna McCullen
 Savannah Miller 7
 Liviya Rice 7
 Paizlee Tilton 8

Girls JV Basketball



Leah Burrows 8
 Emma Calanni 8
 Alexa Ely 10
 Addisyn Ely 10
 Lily Green 9

Jasmine Rounds 10
 Bayleigh Tallman 9
 Kayla Wedge 9
 Whitney Young 10

Girls' Varsity Basketball



Ava Aronson 11
 Morgan Bentley 12
 Kendra Bigelow 11
 Kate Calanni 11
 Mary Hamer 12
 Jenna Hill 11

Charisma Metatos 11
 Keanna Sands 11
 Abby Sullivan 12
 Morgan Yackeren 11
 Sophie Zillgitt 11

Bowling



Clayton Babbitt 12
 Landen Blocho 9
 Noah Brogan 9
 Conner Carr 9
 Vanessa Carr 7
 Kaylee Densmore
 Landyn Graham 8
 Derek Grantier 9

Dakota Hemphill 12
 Esperanza Lara 9
 Liliana Porter-Long 12
 Aurora Moses 9
 Kory Nurse 12
 Noah Salmonson 8
 Julie Sortore 11

Boys' Modified Basketball



Hayden Barcy 8	Dominic Krzeminski 7
Jaden Brown 8	Kris McLaughlin 8
Leon Burrows 7	Dominic Miller 9
Landyn Burrows 9	Ian Miller 9
Parker Davis 9	Carson White-Phipps 7
Bradán Foster 7	Spencer Rembaran 8
Dean Frawley 8	Conan Tallman 7
Wyatt Green 9	Aason White 8
Timothy Hunt 7	

Boys JV Basketball



Derek Calanni 9	Logan Rice 10
Logan Callahan 10	Riley Rogers 10
Ben Cater 9	Cal Tallman 10
Ethan Davenport 10	Mason Thomas 9
Logan Estabrook 10	Cane Treusdell 10
Afton Hamer 9	Wyatt Weaver 9
Finn Heaney 10	
Trent Hutchinson 9	
Grant Preston 9	

Boys' Modified Basketball



Owen Armison 7	Pierre Lussier 8
Jackson Barney 7	Cameron Otto 8
Colden Caiazza 8	Ben Snyder 7
Damon Davis 9	Colin Stork 8
Braylyn Faber 9	Trenton Whitsell 9
Aidan Hirsch 7	Luke Wilson 8
Bryan Kear 9	Lenix Witter 8
Brett Lewandowski 8	

Boys' Varsity Basketball



Jacob Borden 12	Kyle McCumiskey 12
Matt Cater 12	Kenton Schultz 10
Thayne Cobb 12	Lannden Tilton 10
Ryan Daciw 11	Lance Vohs 12
Owen Heaney 12	Harley Wardhaugh 11
Fisher Herdman 12	Tyler Wedge 11
Kadin Logue 12	
Ian MacKenzie 10	

Modified Cheer



Elsa Brennan 7	Layla Lavallee 7
Mya Clark 9	Lydia McDonald 7
McKylie Elliott 7	Lilly Peet 8
Gabby Goepner 9	Aria Saccamano 8
Izzy Guilford 8	Brooke Timberlake 9
Sarah Hazelton 8	Maddie White 8
Rhaegan Hoover 8	Blake Winterhalter 8
Khloe Jenkins 8	

Varsity Cheer



Haelyn Clark 11
Daphne Gugino 11
Rhianna Hoover 10
Emily Mejia 12
Abby Morton 10
Carly Moultrup 10
Madison Tarar 11
Emerson Weaver 9
Madison Yackerren 9

Modified Swimming



Finn Hunter 7
Greta Smithers 7
Rowan Vossler 8
Faith White 8

Swimming



Ayeron Bentley 10	Nolan Hunter 10
Addison Bradt 9	Harmony Jenson 11
Graham Bradt 10	Samayah Lussier 10
Emily Carman 10	Hunter Nickens 12
Rhianna Cowburn 11	Cayleigh Shipman 10
Bryce Davis 10	Jamie Szalay 12
Regina Dougherty 8	John Webb-Aylor 12
Avery Geoppner 11	

Summer Rec

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors, if you are interested in working as a counselor for summer rec this year, please see Miss Austin for more information.

We are excited to have summer recreation again this summer! Summer rec will run through the month of July and will be open to students entering first grade through 6th grade! Your child will be sent home with more information regarding sign-ups within the next few weeks. Questions? Please contact Lizzy Austin (eaustin@belfastcsd.org)

Chris Weaver

Congratulations to Chris Weaver for on being inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on March 21, 2024



Campaign for 2024

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

With your help we hope to have a wreath on every deceased veteran's grave.

Each wreath is \$17.00. If you want your wreath to be placed on a specific grave, please write the name of your veteran along with the name of the cemetery on a slip of paper and include it with your payment. Cash is accepted.

Checks to: **Wreaths Across America** and write *Belfast, NY in the memo area.*

Send To: Cecy Curcio, 6976 Murray Hill Rd., Belfast, NY, 14711

Or

Rodney Jopson, Belfast American Legion, PO Box 25, Belfast, NY 14711

There are over 400 veterans buried in our two cemeteries. We have some from as early as the Revolutionary War

THANK YOU for your support to honor our deceased veterans!

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Budget Hearing
May 14 at 5:30 p.m.
BCS Conference Room

Budget Vote and Board Election
May 21st from Noon to 8:00 p.m.
BCS Conference Room

www.belfastcsd.org

2024-25 District Budget

The Belfast Central Board of Education and District Administration have worked tirelessly to prepare a budget for the 2024-25 school year, which supports student programming. The proposed budget contains a \$885,988 (7.6%) increase in expenditures driven mostly by increases in contractual obligations, increases in minimum wages, the need to offer regionally competitive salaries to have highly qualified teachers in classrooms, and mandated increases to the teachers and employees' retirement systems. The proposed budget has a 3% tax levy increase, which is approximately \$55,000, and will be presented at a budget hearing scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on May 14, 2024.

The development of the 24-25 budget has been challenging because of unknown and known information. At the time the budget had to be adopted, NYS did not have a budget passed, which means the final state aid for the district was not known. At the same time, the district has a known 24.4% increase in health insurance expenses for the 24-25 school year, which is a \$523,000 increase in contractual expenses. The health insurance issues are compounded by an increase in health insurance premiums by 10% each of the previous two school years. Additionally, the district has been informed that contributions to the teachers' retirement system (TRS)

will increase from 9.76% to 10.02% and contributions to the employees' retirement system (ERS) will increase from an average of 13.1% to 15.2%.

Even with the challenges presented for next school year, the proposed budget maintains all student programs. The district will reassign job duties and not fill positions being vacated through retirements. The district will utilize reserve TRS and ERS funds to address the increase in retirement contributions. Additionally, the proposed budget has removed the purchase of a bus from the proposed budget and will ask voters in the district to approve a separate proposition to approve the purchase of a new 66 passenger diesel bus.

As previously noted, salaries and benefits represent the most significant increase in district expenditures. Other notable percentage increases in the proposed budget include a significant increase in the cost of the required annual independent audit, which is currently in the bid process. Additionally, BCS has experienced an increase in athletic program expenses because we are able to offer additional opportunities to students such as JV sports, boys' volleyball, golf, bowling, cross country, and swimming, through our merged athletics program with Genesee Valley, that have not been previously available to BCS students.

The proposed 2024-25 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 2023-24 capital outlay project. BCS will receive 95% building aid on the project the next year (24-25), which will provide for continuous facility maintenance. The 24-25 capital outlay project will include updates to cafeteria equipment including a new dishwasher, water/ice machine, and warming oven. The final equipment that is able to be purchased is dependent on pricing.

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

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 21, 2024.

Sample Ballot – Election and Vote - May 14, 2024

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 school year, in the total amount of TWELVE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO DOLLARS (\$12,548,132) and to levy the necessary taxes therefor.

(CHECK ONE)

YES NO

PROPOSITION NO. 2.- 2024-2025 Belfast Public Library Budget - RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School is hereby authorized to expend the sum of EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$87,928) as established by the Board of Trustees of the Belfast Public Library, toward the support of the Belfast Public Library during the 2024-2025 School Fiscal Year.

(CHECK ONE)

YES NO

PROPOSITION NO. 3.- 2024-2025 Belfast Bus Purchase Proposition - RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of Belfast Central School District, Belfast, New York, Allegany County be authorized and directed to purchase one 66 passenger conventional diesel bus and expend therefore a sum not exceeding \$175,000 which said sum of \$175,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by tax on the taxable property of the School District to be collected in annual installments, and to issue obligations of the District therefore in accordance with Education Law and Local Finance Law.

(CHECK ONE)

YES NO

BCS BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION ONE (1) MEMBER: Expired term of Josie Preston; said term to expire June 30, 2029.

Josie Preston Write-In _____

BCS BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION ONE (1) MEMBER: Open seat for Patricia Krotz; resignation accepted February 13, 2024; said term to expire June 30, 2029.

Russ Calanni Roxie Cole Write-In _____

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE – ELECTION ONE (1) MEMBER: For the open term of Annie West, for five years. Term to expire JUNE 30, 2029.

Annie West Write-In _____

2024-25 Property Tax Report Card

000000 - Belfast CSD

Contact Person: Keegan Harrington

Telephone Number: 585-365-8289

	Budgeted 2023-24 (A)	Proposed Budget 2024-25 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	11,813,963	12,548,132
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	1,847,981	1,903,420
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	84,546	87,928
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²	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)	1,932,527	1,991,348
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	36,394	15,151
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	1,902,326	1,976,197
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	1,811,587	1,888,269
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	90,739	87,928
Public School Enrollment	341	339
Consumer Price Index		4.12%

¹ Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

² 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.

³ 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: 2023-24 (D)	Estimated: 2024-25 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	961,234	716,427
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	0	0
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	409,299	409,299
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	3.46%	3.26%

Schedule of Reserve Funds

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/24 Actual Balance	6/30/24 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2024-25 School Year
Capital	Bus Reserve 2022	To purchase school buses.	75,000	75,000	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2024-25 school year.
Capital	Capital Improvements Project 2022	To cover local share of future capital project.	350,000	350,000	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2024-25 school year.
Repair	Reserve for Repairs	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	51,076	51,076	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2024-25 school year.
Workers' Compensation	Workers' Compensation Reserve	To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.	31,316	31,316	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.	24,059	24,059	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2024-25 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.	50,994	50,994	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	141,833	141,833	Utilize reserve to help pay for the 24-25 ERS bill.
Other Reserve	Teachers' Retirement Reserve	To fund employer retirement contributions to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System	184,475	184,475	Utilize reserve to help pay for the 24-25 TRS bill.

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 February 27, 2024. The following trustees were present: Tara Histed, Annie West, Patty Preston, Beth Hazelton, and Bob Mackmer.

Annie West's term expires in 2024. Annie West was nominated at the annual budget hearing to serve for the next five-year term.

The amount of taxes to be voted on is \$87,928. This represents a 4%

increase in property taxes and a 3.6% increase in the budget (all due to inflation and minimum wage increases).

Proposed Budget 2024-2025

EXPENSES

Salaries (Director & 4 Clerks)	\$59,282
Custodial Salary	\$5,642
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	\$4,961
Total	\$93,285

REVENUES

Real Property Taxes	\$87,928
Library Charges	\$0
Interests and Earnings	\$10
Sale of Scrap & Excess Materials	\$100
Gifts and Donations	\$500
Library System Grants	\$1,400
Total Revenues	\$89,938
Fund Balance used	\$3,347
Total Revenues plus Fund Bal.....	\$93,285

General Fund Estimated Revenues

	Present Year 2023-24	Next Year 2024-25
Oth. Paymts in Lieu of Taxes	\$0	\$10,650
Int. & Penal. on Real Pro	5,000	5,000
Summer School Tuition (In	1,000	1,400
Day School Tuit-Oth Dist. NYS	0	39,545
Interst and Earnings	1,000	10,000
Rental of Real Property, BOCES	1,000	8,000
Sale Scrap & Excess Material	400	500
Sale of Equipment	0	1,000
Other Compensation for Loss	0	50
BOCES Svs Approved for Aid	0	162,409
Gifts and Donations	0	100
Other Unclassified Rev.(S	58,744	36,825
Summer Recreation	0	12,100
Basic Formula Aid-Gen Aid	8,520,366	6,424,059
Excess Cost Aid	0	842,375
Lottery Aid (Sect 3609a E	0	449,963
VLT LOTTERY AID	0	293,454
COMMERCIAL GAMING	0	37,326
Cannabis (NYSEL Section 3609a)	0	966
NYS Mobile Sports Wagering	0	211,178
BOCES Aid (Sect 3609a Ed	1,208,701	1,226,750
Textbook Aid (Incl Txtbk/	30,793	22,794
Computer Software Aid	0	11,187
Library A/V Loan Program Aid	0	2,006
Other Federal Aid (Specify)	0	486,659
Medic.Ass't-Sch Age-Sch Y	30,000	72,000
Interfund Trans. for Debt Svs	0	23,000
APPROPRIATED RESERVES	108,978	253,416
TOTAL - REVENUES	\$9,965,982	\$10,644,712

Transportation

	Present Year 2023-24	Next Year 2024-25
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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.

Transportation Salary	\$362,184	\$389,315
Equipment	33,000	23,000
Buses	161,000	0
Contractual	42,560	42,560
Materials & Supplies	94,250	91,000
BOCES - Transportation	3,446	4,305
Equipment	2,575	2,575
Contractual	50,845	50,845
Total Pupil Transportation	\$749,860	\$603,600

Summary of General Fund Appropriations 2024-2025

General Support	\$1,969,061
Instruction	5,689,435
Pupil Transportation	603,600
Undistributed	4,286,036
Total	\$12,548,132

General Support

Present Year
2023-24 Next Year
2024-25

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	\$13,386	\$11,060
Board of Education Materials & Supplies	600	800
District Clerk Salary	2,884	3,100
District Meeting Mailing	11,000	8,000
Total Board of Educ.	\$27,870	\$22,960

Central Administration

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

CSA Salary	\$148,390	\$155,564
Non-Instructional Salary	37,376	39,245
CSA Contractual	5,120	5,120
CSA Materials & Supplies	2,000	2,000
Total Central Admin.	\$192,886	\$201,929

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)	\$17,255	\$20,870
Auditing	20,000	30,000
Business Office Salaries	126,446	132,482
Business Office Contractual	45,500	45,500
Business Office Materials & Supplies	500	500
Tax Collector Materials & Supplies	4,000	4,100
Total Business Admin.	\$213,701	\$233,452

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	\$25,000	\$25,000
BOCES (Legal, Insurance)	192,492	197,368
BOCES (Newsletter)	42,912	48,169
Total Legal	\$260,404	\$270,537

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.

General Support (cont'd)

Present Year
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2024-25

Maintenance Salaries	\$348,834	\$426,383
Maintenance Equipment	19,600	21,000
Maintenance Contractual	141,725	141,725
Electric	106,290	89,800
Gas	42,500	26,353
Phone	1,500	1,912
Water	19,200	18,950
Materials & Supplies	88,300	88,300
BOCES (Safety Programs)	41,461	60,156
Total O & M	\$809,410	\$874,579

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	\$231,060	\$216,517
Unallocated Insurance	29,000	32,500
Refund Real Property	1,000	1,000
BOCES (Admin. Charges)	45,898	47,397
BOCES (Capital Expense)	69,485	68,190
Total Special Items	\$376,443	\$365,604

Total Gen. Support **\$1,880,714** **\$1,969,061**

Undistributed

Present Year
2023-24 Next Year
2024-25

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.

State Retirement	\$151,742	\$207,838
Teachers' Retirement	310,642	359,266
Social Security	363,632	381,235
Workman's Comp.	33,076	33,076
Unemployment Insurance	9,000	9,000
Hospital Insurance	1,198,223	1,743,336
Serial Bonds Principal	965,000	865,000
Serial Bonds Interest	151,569	312,619
BAN Principal	376,000	63,860
BAN Interest	177,948	116,652
EPC Lease Principal	30,000	35,000
Bus Lease Principal	0	0
EPC Lease Interest	10,054	9,154
Bus Lease Interest	0	0
Transfer to School Lunch	50,000	50,000
Transfer to Capital Funds	100,000	100,000
Total Undistributed	\$3,926,886	\$4,286,036

TOTALS **\$11,813,963** **\$12,548,132**

Instruction

Present Year
2023-24 Next Year
2024-25

Teaching/Supervision

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

BOCES (Curriculum)	\$2,787	\$2,860
Principal Salary	93,558	98,232
Non-Instructional Salary	44,879	42,379
Contractual	775	775
Principal Office Materials & Supplies	2,000	1,200
BOCES - Inservice Training	123,416	131,711
K-6 Teacher Salaries	1,076,591	1,234,659
7-12 Teacher Salaries	1,066,724	1,177,036
Substitute Salaries	75,000	101,250
Non-Instructional Salaries	118,136	103,989
Equipment	9,000	9,000
Contractual	39,500	39,500
Materials & Supplies	55,200	56,200
Tuition	5,000	5,000
Textbooks	32,640	32,640
BOCES (Educational Programs)	225,147	242,318
Total Teaching/Supervision	\$2,970,353	\$3,278,749

Special Programs

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

Instructional Salaries	\$578,649	\$529,842
Non-Instructional Salaries	183,057	169,642
Equipment	0	2,000
Contractual	96,199	108,289
Materials & Supplies	6,200	6,200
Tuition	0	0
Textbooks	1,900	1,900
BOCES (Special Education)	324,108	298,644
Total Special Programs	\$1,190,113	\$1,116,517

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	\$2,000	\$2,000
BOCES - (Occupational Education)	254,325	289,666
Total Occupational Ed.	\$256,325	\$291,666

Summer School

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

BOCES (Special Schools)	8,520	7,010
Total Summer School	\$8,520	\$7,010

Instruction (cont'd)

Present Year
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2024-25

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	4,500	4,500
BOCES (Library & AV)	39,939	66,911
Computer Hardware	18,500	18,500
Computer Software	6,800	10,836
BOCES (Computer Assisted Instruction)	289,432	303,386
Total Library & Computer Instruction	\$361,171	\$406,133

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.

Guidance Salaries	\$86,159	\$90,226
Non-Instructional Salaries	20,135	20,772
Contractual (Guidance)	17,150	17,150
Materials & Supplies	1,200	1,200
Nurses Salary	36,350	46,710
Equipment (Health Services)	3,300	3,300
Contractual (Health Services)	575	575
Materials & Supplies (Health Services)	5,000	5,000
BOCES Health Services	16,163	19,427
Psychological - Materials & Supplies	1,500	1,500
BOCES - Psychological	74,402	83,666
BOCES Social Work Services	1,444	0
Extracurricular Salaries	61,777	75,243
Extracurricular Contractual	5,000	5,000
Extracurricular Materials & Supplies	5,000	5,800
Coaching Salaries	75,952	79,751
Athletic Equipment	6,000	6,000
Athletic Contractual	33,000	78,625
Athletic Materials & Supplies	16,320	22,000
BOCES - Athletic	5,104	8,537
Total Pupil Services	\$471,531	\$570,482

Total Instruction **\$5,256,503** **\$5,689,435**

Determination of Estimated Tax Levy

Present Year
2023-24 Next Year
2024-25

Total Amount Authorized	\$11,813,963	\$12,548,132
Total Revenues Other Than Taxes	9,965,982	10,644,712
Appropriated Fund Balance	0	0
Total Real Property Tax to be Raised for School Purposes	1,847,981	1,903,420
Totals	\$11,813,963	\$12,548,132

Amount of Fund Balance Retained as of 7/1/2023 \$409,299

*Amount of Fund Balance Retained as of 7/1/2024 \$409,299

*Estimated

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

2024-2025 Proposed Budget **\$12,548,132**



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IMPORTANT BCS TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

- Superintendent’s Office.....365-9940
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- Business Office365-8289
- Guidance Office365-8297
- Bus Garage.....365-2609
- Nurse’s Office365-2053
- Special Education Office.....365-8297
- Preschool.....365-8088
- Automated Attendant365-2646
- Fax.....365-2648
- Website.....www.Belfastcsd.org

Teaching and Non-Teaching substitutes needed!

Check out the Belfast Central School website under District Information/Employment. Or go to: <https://www.applitrack.com/caboces/onlineapp/> to complete an application.

Board of Education Meetings

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

Request for Transportation to Non-Public Schools

All transportation requests for the Belfast Central School District to non-public schools for the 2024-2025 school year must be submitted to the District Clerk or the Transportation Supervisor, by no later than April 1, 2024, as per New York State Department Education Law §3635(2)