

**BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 8, 2024**

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

**Absent:** none

**District Personnel:** Wendy Butler Ed. D, Superintendent, Rick Bull, 5-12 Principal, Chelsey Aylor, PK-4 Principal, Keegan Harrington, Business Manager, Gina Larrabee, District Clerk,

**Others:** Colton Monroe, Joshua Hazelton

At 5:32 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Josie Preston, President.

- Public Presentation** Colton Monroe, Lumsden McCormick, presented the yearly independent audit of the District. Mr. Monroe provided Board members with a detailed report, and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Monroe stated it was a clean audit and consistent with previous records.
- Financial** Keegan Harrington, Business Manager presented Budget Status and Revenue Status reports, August warrants, and the Internal Claims audit report. Mr. Harrington provided August Treasurer's report.
- Leadership Reports** Principal Rick Bull shared that Homecoming week festivities were well attended. Many students from BCS and GVCS participated in the dance and bonfire. Mr. Bull spoke about the Save a Life Presentation sharing students' reactions to the simulators. Principal Chelsey Aylor stated there was a good turn out for Family Literacy Night, a celebration culminating the One School/One Book, Wish. Mrs. Aylor shared and spoke about performance test scores, explaining why some scores present the way they do. Dr. Wendy Butler provided a building project update stating completion deadlines and budget limits continue to be on track allowing previously approved smaller repairs and updates to be completed, as well. She shared thoughts about the process for adding a student school board member, updates from the New York State Blue Ribbon Committee on Graduation Recommendations and the New York State Regionalization Initiative. These were discussion topics at the recent New York State Conference of School Superintendents. Additional information will be forthcoming from New York State regarding both, and will be shared when it is received. Dr. Butler provided new and updated policy recommendations to be considered prior November's meeting.
- Consent Agenda** Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Randa Harrington, adopted the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent:  
Approved the minutes from the September 10, 2024 meeting minutes.  
Approved the Treasurer's reports dated August 2024.  
Approved the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented.  
Unanimously carried
- Board Actions**
- Independent Audit** Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by, Jonathan Barney accepted the independent audit report as presented on October 10, 2024, as recommended by the superintendent.  
Carried 7-0
- Sick Day Buyout** Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Jonathan Barney authorized the use of the EBLAR reserve to for the contractual buyout of sick days upon retirement for Kathy Bogdan in the amount of \$10,881.83, as recommended by the superintendent.  
Carried 7-0

**Reserves**

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, authorized the transfer of funds from the unassigned 23-24 fund balance up to the amount listed below for each identified reserve account, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0

- Capital Fund Reserve- \$125,000
- Capital Fund Reserve (Transportation)- \$425,000
- TRS Retirement Reserve- \$60,000
- ERS Retirement Reserve- \$191,000
- EBLAR Reserve- \$150,000

**PERSONNEL**

**Appointments**

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, approved the following appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Approved the following instructional substitutes for the 24-25 school year effective September 3, 2024:

- Lilly Milliman (elementary art- certified teacher)
- Malory Derock

Approved the following non-instructional substitutes for the 24-25 school year effective September 3, 2024:

- Christiana Hansgen (custodial effective 9/23/24)
- Austin Wainwright (custodial)
- Malory Derock

Approved the following athletic appointments for the 24-25 school year:

- Matthew Kichman, Girls' Modified Basketball Coach

Appointed Joleen Middaugh as a bus monitor effective September 3, 2024.

Unanimously carried

**Executive Session**

A motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Becky Backer, moved into executive session at 6:28pm to discuss personnel or legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law. Carried 7-0

A motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Cecy Curcio, moved out of executive session at 7:13pm to discuss personnel or legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law. Carried 7-0

**Adjournment**

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, adjourned the meeting at 7:14pm. Carried 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,



District Clerk