

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2025

School Board Members Present: Becky Backer, Jonathan Barney, Russell Calanni, Chris Enders, Randa Harrington, Vice President, Josie Preston, President

Absent: Cecy Curcio

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: Mary Paulsen

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

Financial	Keegan Harrington, Business Manager presented Budget Status and Revenue Status reports, November warrants, and the Internal Claims audit report. He provided November Treasurer's report. Mr. Harrington stated we overpaid income tax, and will be refunded at quarterly reporting.
Leadership Reports	Principal Rick Bull spoke about of the Vex Tournament and how enthusiastic students are about upcoming events. Mr. Bull shared our students desire to honor the memory of Ricky Elliott. Mr. Bull has organized a Water Safety Day for grades 7-12 in which water safety training will be held in the pool at Genesee Valley Central School. Principal Chelsey Aylor provided SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Standards and goals. She spoke about grant opportunities for Belfast Central School support staff. Dr. Wendy Butler shared building project updates. She spoke about the Building Construction Survey and 5 Year Plan, reiterating the importance of project timing to maintain fiscal stability. Dr. Butler presented the PE (Physical Education) Plan to the Board.
Consent Agenda	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Randa Harrington, adopted the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent: Approved the minutes from the December 10, 2024 meetings. Approved the Treasurer's reports dated November 2024. Approved the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented. Carried 6-0
Board Actions Out of District	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, approved Wade DeRock as an out-of-district student for the 24-25 school year, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0
Musical Orchestra Pit	Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Randa Harrington, approved contracting with the musicians listed below for up to seven sessions each at \$35 a session to participate in the BCS MS/HS pit orchestra, as recommended by the superintendent. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rebecca Rowley• Molly Fitzgerald• Sharon McGarvey• Diana Clem• Derek Chase• David Dytscgkowski• Isaac Little• Jack Smith• Noah Luthart Additional (no pay): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marcio Horsith (volunteer)

- Greta Smithers (student)
 - Mara Heaney (student)
 - Samayah Lussier (student)
- Carried 6-0

Physical Education Plan Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, approved the BCS Physical Education plan, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0

25-26 BOCES Unit Cost Methodology Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Randa Harrington, approved proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0

PERSONNEL
Appointments Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, approved the following appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Substitutes Approved the following instructional substitutes for the 24-25 school year:

- Caleb Caiazza

Approved the following non-instructional substitutes for the 24-25 school year:

- Jake Borden (custodial)
- Mary Hamer (custodial)
- Caleb Caiazza

Appointed Denise Atherton who is completing an Initial NYS Certificate permitting her to work under the direct supervision of a teacher as a teacher assistant, to the position of Teacher Assistant in the teacher assistant tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence January 6, 2025 and to end January 6, 2029. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Mrs. Atherton's completion of all requirements of certification in conjunction with positive evaluations. The salary during the first year of this appointment will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule, at 60% of step J, as outlined in the Belfast Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Approved the extension of Kathleen Malota's leave through June 30, 2025.

Approved Josh Hazelton as a co-game club advisor for the 24-25 school year.

Approved Robert Davenport as a volunteer assistant varsity basketball coach for the 24-25 school year.

Approved David Buchholz as a substitute bus driver for the 24-25 school year, pending fingerprint and 19-A clearance as a driver.

Resignations Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, approved the following resignation, as recommended by the Superintendent.
Accepted Mark Sullivan's resignation from the varsity softball coach position for the 24-25 school year. Carried 6-0

Executive Session A motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Chris Enders, to move into executive session at 5:59pm to discuss personnel or legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law. Carried 6-0

A motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Russ Calanni, to move out of executive session at 6:35pm to discuss personnel or legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law. Carried 6-0

Adjournment Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm.

Carried 6-0

Respectfully Submitted, , District Clerk