

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2025

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

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: Deborah Borden

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, December warrants, and the Claims Audit report. He provided December's Treasurer's report. Mr. Harrington presented part II of the 2025-2026 proposed School budget.
Leadership Reports	<p>Principal Rick Bull provided January Regents Exam results. He shared second quarter academic standings and the second quarter discipline report. He stated he is pleased with this quarter's outcome.</p> <p>Principal Chelsey Aylor provided winter benchmark results for elementary students. Board members praised students' improvements.</p> <p>Dr. Wendy Butler shared building project updates. She spoke about <i>Safeguarding the Rights of New York State Immigrant Students</i> published on the New York State website. Dr. Butler presented the Comptroller's Fiscal and Environmental Stress Reports and explained Belfast CSD standings.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Cecy Curcio, adopted the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent:</p> <p>Approved the minutes from the January 14, 2025 meetings.</p> <p>Approved the Treasurer's reports dated December 2024.</p> <p>Approved the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented.</p> <p style="text-align:right">Carried 7-0</p>
Board Actions	
Calendar	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Chris Enders, adopted the proposed school calendar for the 25-26 school year, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0
Musical Orchestra Pit	Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, approved contracting with Alva Robbins as a percussionist for up to seven sessions each at \$35 a session to participate in the BCS MS/HS pit orchestra, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0
Tabled Motion	<p>Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Randa Harrington, approved request to table the identified MOA with the Belfast Teachers' Association, as recommended by the superintendent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MOA regarding terms and conditions of Ms. Davis's employment during the 2025-2026 school year. <p style="text-align:right">Carried 7-0</p>
Annual Cooperative Purchasing Resolution	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Cecy Curcio, approved the CA BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Resolution for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, as recommended by the superintendent.

WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of public school districts in Cattaraugus County and Allegany County, New York, to bid jointly for various supplies, commodities, and/or services in the 2025-2026 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, The Belfast Central School District is desirous of participating with other school districts in Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties in the joint bidding of all or some of the supplies, commodities, and/or services as mentioned above, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119 0, and as determined by district need, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Boards of Education wish to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting of the results to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Belfast Central School District Board of Education hereby appoints the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services to represent it in all matters related above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Belfast Central School District Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned supplies, commodities, and/or services, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Belfast Central School District Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Belfast Central School District Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by the majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations with the successful bidder(s). Carried 7-0

**Data Privacy
Agreements**

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Becky Backer, authorized the ROC to negotiate Data Privacy Agreements (DPAs) with third-party contractors on behalf of Belfast Central School, as recommended by the superintendent.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School District, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, "Ed Law 2d") related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;"

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Board of Education of the Belfast Central School District authorizes the attorneys designated by the ROC to negotiate and approve of DPAs for software and/or technology resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Belfast Central School District Board of Education grants the ROC and its designated attorneys the authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of DPAs and take such actions so as to effectuate the purposes and intent of this resolution. Carried 7-0

Vex Overnight Trip Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Becky Backer, approved a Vex Robotics overnight trip for the NYS competition in Syracuse, NY, on March 4 and 5, 2025, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0

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

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

- Tobias Webb

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

- Tobias Webb
- Crystal Carmer- bus driver
- Jeremy Marsh- bus driver
- Lori Gibney- bus monitor

Approved athletic appointments:

- Brooke Bradt- Varsity Softball Coach
- Bryan Gamache- JV Softball Coach

Approved William Weaver as the interim transportation supervisor effective February 26, 2025. Carried 7-0

Resignations Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Becky Backer, approved the following resignations, as recommended by the Superintendent.

- Accepted Jim Schneider's resignation for purposes of retirement effective March 7, 2025.
- Accepted Nick Gughicello's resignation from his position as a cleaner effective February 17, 2025. Carried 7-0

Executive Session A motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, to move into executive session was approved at 6:02pm 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, to move out of executive session was approved at 6:57pm to discuss personnel or legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law. Carried 7-0

Adjournment Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Cecy Curcio, adjourned the meeting at 6:58pm. Carried 7-0

Respectfully Submitted, , District Clerk

