

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

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

Absent: Russ Calanni

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: Lou Ann Mages, Laura Brace, Bob Mackmer, two Belfast students

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

Additions/Deletion	Agenda item 6.2 Resignations was deleted.
Leadership Reports	Principal Rick Bull spoke about the Washington Trip. Two students shared videos they created summarizing the trip. Other student videos will be available to view in Aran Heaney's room during open house. Both Laura Brace and Rick Bull spoke about the trip stating students were well behaved, and all had a great time. Mr. Bull shared information about course offering for the 2025-2026 school year.
Financial	Keegan Harrington, Business Manager presented Budget Status and Revenue Status reports, January warrants, and the Claims Audit report. He provided January's Treasurer's report. Mr. Harrington presented part III of the 2025-2026 proposed School Budget, fielded questions from the board, and spoke about the tax cap. Mr. Harrington and the Board discussed a fuel tank contract between the District and Town of Belfast.
Leadership Reports	Principal Chelsey Aylor talked about the Principal's Reading Challenge presented to elementary students which culminated in a Friday, March 7 th celebration. She shared that students were very motivated to meet the reading challenge. Dr. Wendy Butler gave a summary from the NYSCOSS (New York State Council of School Superintendents) conference she recently attended, including health insurance, budgets, UPK funding, and AI technology.
Consent Agenda	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jon Barney, adopted the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent: Approved the minutes from the February 11, 2025 meetings. Approved the Treasurer's reports dated January 2025. Approved the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented. <div>Carried 6-0</div>

Board Actions

Designation of Lead Agency Status for the BCS 2025-26 Capital Outlay Project	Motion by Jon Barney, seconded by Becky Backer, approved the designation as lead agency for the Belfast Central School 2025-26 Capital Outlay Project resolution, as recommended by the superintendent.
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Whereas, the Belfast Central School District, in an effort to improve its educational facilities, has initiated a Capital Outlay Project; and

Whereas, on March 11, 2025, the Belfast Central School District Board of Education took action to proceed with said project; and

Whereas, the preliminary engineer’s estimate prepared by CPL provides a detailed description of the proposed Capital Outlay Project; and

Resolved, that the Belfast Central School District will act as the lead agency in the SEQR review of the action for the proposed 2025-26 Capital Outlay Project for the Belfast Central School District. Carried 6-0

**Classifying the
Proposed BCS 2025-26
Capital Outlay Project
as a Type II Action in
Accordance with
SEQRA**

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Cecy Curcio, approved the classification of the proposed BCS 2025-26 Capital Outlay Project as a Type II action in accordance with SEQRA resolution, as recommended by the superintendent.

Whereas, the Belfast Central School District is lead agency for the purpose of implementing the above referenced project, and

Whereas, the Belfast Central School District has considered and reviewed the project, now therefore be it,

Resolved, the Belfast Central School District, as the lead agency for purposes of this project, determines that the project is a Type II action for the purposes of SEQRA and be it further

Resolved, that as a consequence of such finding, the Belfast Central School District hereby determines that the no additional actions are required in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA. Carried 6-0

**24-25 Capital Outlay
Project Contract**

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Becky Backer, approved the state contract price of \$89,317.44 with Kircher Construction to complete the 2024-25 capital outlay project, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0

**Shared
Transportation
Supervisor**

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, approved an agreement with Genesee Valley CSD to provide a shared transportation supervisor through June 30, 2025, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0

**PERSONNEL
Appointments**

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by, Randa Harrington, approved the following appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Approved Athletic appointments for the Spring 2025 season:

- Caleb Caiazza- Assistant Varsity Golf Coach
- Carolyn Burr- Modified Softball Book Keeper
- Josh Crego- Volunteer Modified Baseball Assistant Coach

Appointed Elisa Cartwright to a one-year probationary position of cleaner effective February 24, 2025. Their starting salary will be \$15.50 per hour, as outlined in the SRP contract and NYS minimum wage laws.

Approved the following chaperones for the Spring 2025 season:

- Laura Brace
- Shelly Calanni
- Connie Schuld
- Joanne Ross

Appointed Pat Histed Sr. as a substitute/occasional school bus driver. Mr. Histed will be paid \$18.50/hour while completing requirements (training, fingerprinting, and licensure requirements) to obtain required school bus endorsements through the NYS DMV.

Carried 6-0

Executive Session

A motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Becky Backer, to move the board into executive session was approved at 6:55pm to discuss personnel or legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law. Keegan Harrington and Chelsey Aylor were asked to attend.

Carried 6-0

A motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Cecy Curcio, to move the board out of executive session was approved at 7:48pm to discuss personnel or legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law.

Carried 6-0

Adjournment

Motion by Jon Barney, seconded by Becky Backer, adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm.

Carried 6-0

Respectfully Submitted, , District Clerk