

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2025

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

Absent: Russell 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,

At 5:33 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Josie Preston, President.

Financial	Keegan Harrington, Business Manager presented Budget Status and Revenue Status reports, February warrants, and the Claims Audit report. He stated all are progressing well and in good shape. Mr. Harrington presented final adjustments to the 2025-2026 proposed School Budget, provided additional clarification, and answered question from Board members. He also presented the Property Tax report card and discussed the fuel tank contract between the District and Town of Belfast.
Leadership Reports	<p>Principal Rick Bull handed out attendance and discipline data to the Board. Mr. Bull talked through suggested changes to the code of conduct. He discussed reasons behind some of the changes.</p> <p>Principal Chelsey Aylor explained how the New York State Science and Reading Attestation requirement works. She discussed UPK Quality Assurance Protocol and how it relates to UPK funding.</p> <p>Dr. Wendy Butler presented three updated policies and one new policy for Board review. She presented and discussed an Allegany County Common Schedule. Dr. Butler requested a change to the date of the June meeting.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, adopted the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent:</p> <p>Approved the minutes from the March 11, 2025 meetings.</p> <p>Approved the Treasurer's reports dated February 2025.</p> <p>Approved the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented.</p> <p style="text-align:right">Carried 6-0</p>
Board Actions	
Vex Worlds Tournament Overnight Trip Approval	<p>Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Jonathan Barney, to approve the trip and overnight stay for the Vex Robotics World Tournament in Dallas, as recommended by the superintendent.</p> <p style="text-align:right">Carried 6-0</p>
Piano Donation	<p>Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Cecy Curcio, accepted the donation of a Samick Baby Grand piano (valued \$5-10k), as recommended by the superintendent.</p> <p style="text-align:right">Carried 6-0</p>
CA BOCES Administrative Budget	<p>Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Cecy Curcio, adopted the 2025-2026 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget, as recommended by the superintendent, as recommended by the superintendent.</p> <p style="text-align:right">Carried 6-0</p>
2025-26 BCS Budget	<p>Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Cecy Curcio, approved the proposed 2025-26 Belfast Central School budget of \$12,611,160 to be presented at the budget hearing as identified by NYS and/or SED reflecting a 4.2% increase in the tax levy, which is within Belfast's tax cap limit, as recommended by the superintendent.</p> <p style="text-align:right">Carried 6-0</p>

2025-26 BCS Budget Hearing	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Randa Harrington, set the date for 25-26 Belfast Central School budget hearing to be held in the BCS Conference Room on May 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0
Property Tax Report Card	Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Randa Harrington, approved the 2025-26 BCS property tax report card, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0
CA BOCES Board Seats	<p>Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Chris Enders, nominated candidates for the board seats representing identified Areas on the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Board of Cooperative Education Services, as recommended by the superintendent.</p> <p>Area 1- 1-year Term Brian Perkins 24 Rochambeau Avenue Andover, NY 14806</p> <p>Area 3- 3-year Term Dr. Ralph Kerr 7766 Centerville Road Fillmore, NY 14735</p> <p>Area 7- 3-year Term Charles Davis, III 5635 Ashford Hollow Road West Valley, NY 14171</p> <p>Area 8- 3-year Term Dale Colton 8402 West Bucktooth Run Little Valley, NY 14755</p> <p>Carried 6-0</p>
24-25 Calendar Change	Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, approved a calendar change to the 24-25 school year to close school on May 23, 2025, as an unused snow day, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0
Surplus Items	<p>Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, identified the specified items as surplus and approved them to be sold, as recommended by the superintendent.</p> <p>Bus #79</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vin 4UZABRDT3GCHG5696 • Milage 84071 <p>Bus # 80</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vin 4UZABRDT5GCHG5697 • Milage 96278 <p>Carried 6-0</p>
Drama Club	Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Randa Harrington, authorized the sale of drama costumes, props, etc. that are specifically designed for shows that have been performed by BCS students, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0
June BOE Meeting	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Randa Harrington, changed the June 2025 BOE meeting date to June 17, 2025, as requested by the superintendent. Carried 6-0
Code of Conduct	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, approved 25-26 Code of Conduct/ Student Handbook for Belfast Central School, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0
PERSONNEL Appointments	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Cecy Curcio, approved the following personnel motions, as recommended by the Superintendent. Carried 6-0
Advisorships	Appointed the following BCS staff members to the identified extracurricular positions for the 2024-25 school year:

• Senior Class Advisor	Mary Guilford & Jessica Buchholz (co-advise)
• Junior Class Advisor	Jessica Weaver & Shelly Calanni (co-advise)
• Sophomore Class Advisor	Michelle Calanni & Shelby Tucker (co-advise)
• Freshman Class Advisor	
• HS Student Council Advisor	Mary Guilford & Jessica Weaver
• MS Student Council Advisor	Krista Harrington & Danielle Prosser
• National Honor Society Advisor	Teresa Heaney, Kayla Green (co-advise)
• Yearbook Advisor	Gina Larrabee & Krista Harrington
• Odyssey of the Mind (3) Coach	Jasmine Shephard & Isabella Corwine
• Supervisor of Athletics	Mary Paulsen
• Awards Assembly Advisor	Cindy Struckmann & Isabella Corwine
• Musical Director (2)	Jessica Romance, Rebekah Brennan
• Musical Pit Director	Tara Willgens
• Elementary Musical Director (2)	Jessica Romance, Rebekah Brennan
• Band Advisor	Tara Willgens
• Choir advisor	Rebekah Brennan
• SADD Advisor	Isabella Corwine
• Lego League Coach (3)	Beth Hazelton, Josh Hazelton, Deb Borden
• Scholastic Challenge Coach	Aran Heaney
• Scholastic Challenge Jr Coach	Aran Heaney
• Sr. Masterminds Coach	Deb Borden
• Jr. Masterminds Coach	Carolyn Burr
• Ski Club Advisor (2)	Liz Hamer, Sandy Miller
• Archery Advisor (2)	Bruce Harrington & Jordan Sands
• Golf Club Advisor	Sandy Miller & Bruce Harrington
• Auditorium Lights and Sound (2)	Josh Hazelton (sound), Rebekah Brennan (lights)
• Vex Club	Josh Hazelton
• Game Club	Carolyn Burr & Josh Hazelton
• eSports	Jasmine Shephard
• Art Club	Deb Wagoner
• Girls on the Run Fall Coach (2)	Sandy Miller & Lizzy Austin
• Girls on the Run Spring Coach (2)	Sandy Miller & Lizzy Austin

Athletics Approved the following chaperones for the Spring 2025 season:

- Erin Arnold
- Angel Belcer

Approved Gavin Hand as a volunteer assistant JV softball coach for the spring 2025 season.

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

- Mary Hamer
- Kennedy Norasethaporn

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

- Mary Hamer
- Kennedy Norasethaporn
- Catherine Histed (bus monitor)

Instruction Appointed Elizabeth Austin, who holds NYS Professional Certificates permitting her to teach Early Childhood and Childhood Education in grades Birth-6, who previously earned tenure as an elementary education teacher at BCS, to the tenured position of Elementary Education Teacher in the elementary education tenure area commencing August 25, 2025. Miss Austin will be paid on her normal Step schedule as outlined in the BTA negotiated contract.

Appointed Isabella Corwine, who holds an NYS Initial Certificate permitting her to teach Childhood Education Special Education in grades 1-6, to the probationary position of Elementary Special Education Teacher in the special education tenure area commencing August 25, 2025. Mx. Corwine will be eligible for tenure after a four-year probationary term. Mx. Corwine will be paid on her normal Step schedule as outlined in the BTA negotiated contract.

Election Worker Approved the following election inspector/worker for the 25-26 school budget vote:

- Doris Warner

Bus Driver & Transportation Supervisor Appointed Jeremy Marsh to the position of school bus driver for the period of April 23, 2025-June 30, 2025. The applicable hourly rate shall be \$18.90, in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Belfast Central School District and the Belfast School Related Personnel Association. Mr. Marsh will be granted four years driving experience.

Appointed Jeremy Marsh to the position of Transportation Supervisor (50%)/ Mechanic (50%) effective July 1, 2025, with a one-year probationary appointment. Mr. Marsh's salary for the first year will be \$62,000. Mr. Marsh will be eligible for a permanent appointment July 1, 2026.

School Psychologist Appointed Skyler Stisser who is eligible for a NYS certification as a School Psychologist to the probationary position of School Psychologist/ CSE Chairperson effective July 1, 2025. This will be an 11-month position with a starting salary of \$70,000. Miss Stisser will be eligible for tenure after a four-year probationary term.

Resignation Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, approved the following resignation, as recommended by the Superintendent. Carried 6-0

Accepted Joanne Ross's letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective November 25, 2025.

Accepted Cyle Burns' letter of resignation as a bus driver, effective April 3, 2025.

Accepted Anthony Piwko's letter of resignation as a teacher's aide, effective April 11, 2025.

Accepted Nick Miller's resignation as a mechanic, effective May 2, 2025.

Accepted Mary Keesker's resignation as a school social worker, effective June 30, 2025.

Executive Session A motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Becky Backer, moving the board into executive session was approved at 7:08pm to discuss personnel or legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law. Carried 6-0

At 7:39pm, Dr. Wendy Butler was asked to join.

A motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Becky Backer, moving 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 Becky Backer, seconded by Cecy Curcio, adjourned the meeting at 7:53pm. Carried 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,



, District Clerk