

**BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 13, 2025**

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

**Absent:** Cecy Curcio, Randa Harrington, Vice President

**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 5:37 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Josie Preston, President.

<b>Financial</b>	Keegan Harrington, Business Manager presented Budget Status and Revenue Status reports, March warrants, and the Claims Audit report, and the March Treasurer's Report. Mr. Harrington updated the Board on conversations he had with the Town of Belfast to resolve the aging fuel tank stored at the Town Barn.
<b>Leadership Reports</b>	Principal Rick Bull spoke about graduating seniors and graduation ceremony plans. Principal Chelsey Aylor stated New York State grade 3 -8 tests were successful with a very small number of students opting out. Dr. Wendy Butler shared that fundraising by students is evenly distributed, and efforts are made to allow one fundraiser at a time. She understands groups outside of school also need to fundraise and often overlap school fundraisers. Dr. Butler presented field trip cost and reminded the Board the school pays for all field trips cost in advance before any partial reimbursements are received. BCS covers transportation cost.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Chris Enders, adopted the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent: Approved the minutes from the April 22, 2025 meetings. Approved the Treasurer's reports dated March 2025. Approved the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented. <div>Carried 5-0</div>
<b>Board Actions</b>	
<b>Policy Adoption</b>	Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Becky Backer, approved the following policies as presented at the April 22, 2025, meeting, as recommended by the superintendent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Policy 1220: Board Members: Nominations and Elections</li><li>o Policy 3311: Notification of Disclosure of Employee Disciplinary Records</li><li>o Policy 7513: Administration of Medication</li><li>o Policy 7521: Student with Life-Threatening Health Conditions</li></ul> <div>Carried 5-0</div>
<b>Donation Acceptance</b>	Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Becky Backer, approved and accepted cash donations to support student participation in the Vex Worlds Tournament and Camp Duffield during the Spring of 2025, as recommended by the superintendent. <div>Carried 5-0</div>
<b>Allegany County CPSE Transportation Contract</b>	Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Russell Calanni, approved a contact with Allegany County to provide transportation to preschool children with disabilities to access special education services between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2027, as recommended by the Superintendent. <div>Carried 5-0</div>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	
<b>Appointments</b>	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Russell Calanni, approved the following personnel motions, as recommended by the Superintendent. <div>Carried 5-0</div>

Appointed the following BCS staff members to the identified extracurricular positions for the 2024-25 school year:

Position	Staff Member(s)
• Drama Club Advisors	Jessica Romance and Rebekah Brennan
• Freshman Class Advisor	Joleen Middaugh

Approved a leave for Nick Miller effective April 25, 2025 through May 9, 2025.

Appointed Jeremy Marsh to the position of Transportation Supervisor (50%)/ Mechanic (50%) effective May 5, 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 on May 5, 2026. (Amended motion from April 22, 2025).

Appointed Jessica Bentley, who holds a NYS Permanent Certificate permitting her to teach Students with Disabilities in grades N-21 and has completed a successful three-year probationary appointment, to the tenured position of Special Teacher in the special education tenure area commencing August 25, 2025.

Appointed Mary Guilford, who holds a NYS Professional Certificate permitting her to work as a Library Media Specialist and has completed a successful three-year probationary appointment, to the tenured position of School Librarian in the school media specialist tenure area, commencing August 25, 2025.

Appointed Lou Ann Mages, who holds a NYS Permanent Certificate permitting her to teach Business and Distributive Education and has completed a successful four-year probationary appointment, to the tenured position of Business Teacher in the business education tenure area, commencing August 25, 2025.

Appointed Dylan Harrington to a one-year probationary position of teacher aide effective May 14, 2025. Her starting salary will be \$15.90 per hour, as outlined in the SRP contract and NYS minimum wage laws. Miss Harrington is being credited with four years of experience.

Approved the following instructional substitute(s) for the 2024-25 school year:

- Max Miller (non-certified)

Approved the following non-instructional substitute(s) for the 2024-25 school year:

- Max Miller

#### Resignation

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Jonathan Barney, approved the following resignation, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Accepted Macy Beardsley's letter of resignation from the position of elementary teacher, effective June 26, 2025.

Accepted Kathleen Malota's resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025.

Accepted Katelyn Davis' letter of resignation from the position of elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Chris Enders, adjourned the meeting at 6:22pm.

Carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,



District Clerk