

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2025

School Board Members Present: Becky Backer, Jonathan Barney (entered 5:46 p.m.), Russell Calanni, Cecy Curcio, Chris Enders, Randa Harrington, Vice President (left 6:01p.m.), Josie Preston, President
District Personnel: Wendy Butler, Ed.D., Superintendent (Clerk Pro-Temp), Rick Bull, 5-12 Principal, Chelsey Aylor, PK-4 Principal, Keegan Harrington, Business Manager
Other: William Weaver, Jessica Romance, Rebekah Brennan, Lizzy Austin

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

**PUBLIC
COMMENT/
PRESENTATION**

Mr. Weaver provided an overview of the transportation department from his role as interim transportation supervisor.

Mrs. Romance presented a video about the drama productions for the 24-25 school year and the production plans for the 25-26 school year.

Mrs. Brennan shared information about music programming events and statistics for the 24-25 school year. Mrs. Brennan also presented a proposed music trip for November 2025.

FINANCIAL

Mr. Harrington, Business Manager, presented the monthly Budget Status and Revenue Status Reports, April Warrants and Claims Audit Report, and April Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Harrington also shared information about BCS's participation in the NYSSBA School Aid Review.

**LEADERSHIP
REPORTS**

Mr. Rick Bull, 5-12 Principal, reported that all seniors have completed graduation requirements.

Mrs. Aylor, PK-4 Principal/Director of Curriculum, reviewed the recommended updates for the 25-26 Professional Learning Plan and the K-4 end-of-year assessment data.

Dr. Wendy Butler, Superintendent, reviewed the recommended updates to the District Safety Plan. Potential dates and venues for a summer BOE retreat were discussed.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Chris Enders, to adopt the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent:

Approve the minutes from the May 13, 2025, Budget Hearing and Meeting, and May 21, 2025, Special Meeting.

Approve the Treasurer's reports dated April 2025.

Approve the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented.

Vote: 6 Aye 0 Nay Accepted

BOARD ACTIONS

Professional Learning Plan

Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Chris Enders, to approve the District Professional Learning Plan for the 25-26 school year as presented, as recommended by the superintendent.

Vote: 6 Aye 0 Nay Accepted

Merged Athletics

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Cecy Curcio, to approve merging the identified athletic teams with Genesee Valley for the 2025-26 school year, as recommended by the superintendent.

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| • Boys' and Girls' Soccer | • Boys' and Girls' Basketball | • Baseball |
| | • Swimming | • Softball |
| | • Golf | • Track and Field |

- Boys' and Girls' Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Cheer
- Football (also with Wellsville)
- Boys' and Girls' Bowling
- Boys' and Girls' Tennis
- Indoor Track

Vote: 6 Aye 0 Nay Accepted

Out-of-District Students 25-26 School Year

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Becky Backer, to approve the following out-of-district students for the 25-26 school year, as recommended by the superintendent.

PK-6 Students		Grade	Home District
James	Brennan	5	Wellsville
James	Piwko-Rivera	4	Cuba-Rushford
Melanee	DeJesus	3	Friendship
Joseph	Scholes	K	Fillmore
Kayliegh	Piwko-Rivera	PK	Cuba-Rushford
7-12 Students		Grade	Home District
Addison	Ely	12	Genesee Valley
Alexa	Ely	12	Genesee Valley
Kristopher	MacLaughlin	10	Friendship
Wade	DeRock	10	Fillmore
Elsa	Brennan	8	Wellsville
Emerson	Ely	7	Genesee Valley
Alexandria	Litchner	7	Cuba-Rushford

Vote: 6 Aye 0 Nay Accepted

Fuel Sharing Agreement Amendment

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Jonathan Barney, to approve an amendment to the fuel sharing agreement between Belfast Central School and the Town of Belfast to discontinue the per-gallon surcharge model outlined in the 1998 Fuel Station Agreement and instead share annual maintenance costs proportionally based on actual fuel usage. The actual fuel usage will be reviewed monthly. The Board affirms that the District is not obligated to exclusively use the Town's fuel station and may obtain fuel from other sources as needed. Both the District and the Town will begin using the NYS WEX Fleet Card contract to assess its viability as a long-term fuel solution, effective immediately, as recommended by the superintendent.

Vote: 6 Aye 0 Nay Accepted

25-26 Music Trip

Motion by Cecy Curcio, seconded by Becky Backer, to approve the proposed music department trip to NYC, November 24-26, 2025, as recommended by the superintendent.

Vote: 6 Aye 0 Nay Accepted

PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Russ Calanni, seconded by Chris Enders, to approve the following personnel motions, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Vote: 6 Aye 0 Nay Accepted

- To approve the following teachers to work the BCS 2025 summer school – special education program (July 7- August 15, 2025):
 - Jasmine Shephard
 - MacKenzie Hamer

- b. To approve the following teacher aides for the BCS 2025 summer school program (July 7- August 15, 2025)
 - 1. Tammy DaHill
 - 2. Sue Durrigan
 - 3. Joleen Middaugh
 - 4. Heidi Ellsessor (substitute)
 - 5. Lori Gibney (substitute)
- c. To approve the following teachers to work the BCS 2025 summer school program (July 8- July 31, 2025):
 - 1. Alexis Wight
 - 2. Jessica Weaver
 - 3. Mary Paulsen
 - 4. Isabella Corwine
 - 5. Aran Heaney
 - 6. Shelby Tucker
 - 7. Bruce Harrington
 - 8. Joanne Ross (substitute)
 - 9. Lori Gibney (substitute)
- d. To approve the following summer bus drivers (July 7- August 15, 2025):
 - 1. Kevin Borden
 - 2. Andy Mountain
 - 3. Linda Keys
 - 4. Patrick Histed
- e. To approve the following bus monitors for the BCS 2025 summer program (July 7- August 15, 2025):
 - 1. Tammy DaHill
 - 2. Kim Ralyea
 - 3. Joleen Middaugh (sub)
- f. To approve the following 2025 summer cleaning staff (8 weeks):
 - 1. Marion Brundage
 - 2. Jessica Buchholz
 - 3. Jake Borden
 - 4. Jenna Hill
 - 5. Hannah Powers
 - 6. Grant Preston
- g. To approve Lori Wilson and Becca Ellsessor to work in the cafeteria during the 2025 summer school program.
- h. To approve Danielle Prosser as the Summer Recreation Program Director for 2025.
- i. To approve Sharlene Rivera as the Assistant Summer Recreation Program Director for 2025.
- j. To approve the following students to work as counselors for the 2025 summer rec program:
 - 1. Maddison Yackerren
 - 2. Bayleigh Tallman
 - 3. Emerson Weaver
 - 4. Wyatt Weaver
 - 5. Alex Ely
 - 6. Addisyn Ely
- k. To approve a leave of absence for Gina Larrabee from June 18, 2025, through August 13, 2025.
- l. To appoint Tina Loucks, who holds an initial NYS Certificate permitting her to teach Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), to the position of Elementary Teacher in the elementary education tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence August 25, 2025, and to end August 25, 2029. Ms. Loucks's salary for the 25-26 school year will be at Step I of the BTA negotiated contract plus graduate credit hours.

- m. To appoint Brianna Burgess, who holds an initial NYS Certificate permitting her to teach Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), to the position of Elementary Teacher in the elementary education tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence August 25, 2025, and to end August 25, 2029. Miss Burgess's salary for the 25-26 school year will be at Step E of the BTA.
- n. To appoint Casey Bishop, who holds an initial NYS Certificate permitting her to teach Childhood Education (Grade 1-6), to the position of Elementary Teacher in the elementary education tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence August 25, 2025, and to end August 25, 2029. Ms. Loucks's salary for the 25-26 school year will be at Step C of the BTA negotiated contract plus graduate credit hours.
- o. To appoint Sabrina Wesche, who holds an initial NYS Certificate permitting her to teach Early Childhood Special Education (Birth-Grade 2), to the position of Elementary Special Education Teacher in the special education tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence August 25, 2025, and to end August 25, 2029. Ms. Wesche's salary for the 25-26 school year will be at Step E of the BTA negotiated contract plus graduate credit hours.
- p. To appoint Mackenzi Adams, who is eligible for an initial NYS Certificate permitting her to work as a School Social Worker, to the position of School Social Worker in the school social worker tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence August 25, 2025, and to end August 25, 2029. Miss Adams's salary for the 25-26 school year will be at Step A of the BTA negotiated contract plus graduate credit hours.
- q. To appoint Becca Ellsessor to a one-year probationary position of teacher aide effective August 26, 2025. Her starting salary will be \$15.50 per hour, as outlined in the SRP contract and NYS minimum wage laws.

RESIGNATIONS Motion by Russ Calanni, seconded by Chris Enders, to approve the following resignation, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Vote: 6 Aye 0 Nay Accepted

- A To accept Reina Laughlin's resignation from her elementary teacher position effective June 27, 2025.
- B To accept Tara Luthart's resignation from her music teacher position effective June 27, 2025.
- C To accept Sue Durrigan's resignation from her teacher aide position effective August 15, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Chris Enders, to adjourn the meeting at 6:31.

Vote: 6 Aye 0 Nay Accepted

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