

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2025

School Board Members Present: Becky Backer, Jonathan Barney, Chris Enders, Randa Harrington, Vice President, Ashley Moore, 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, Danielle Bainbridge

At 5:17 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Josie Preston, President.

Financial Keegan Harrington, Business Manager presented Budget Status and Revenue Status Reports, June and July Warrants and Claims Audit Reports, June and July Treasurer's Reports. He also provided the revised May Capital Project Treasurer's report noting a corrected check. Mr. Harrington stated the natural gas energy bid was won by NOCO Energy. He shared 2025-2026 tax rates, proposed changes to the school credit card policy, and use of Arbiter Pay to simplify athletic payroll. Mr. Harrington spoke about increased insurance cost, yearly BAN paperwork, and changes to Business Office procedures in light of our local bank closure.

Leadership Reports Principal Rick Bull stated the new school started well. He provided the Board with an overview of the 2025 summer program.
Principal, Chelsey Aylor spoke about the start of the new year, time she spends in classrooms, and changes to PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentives).
Dr. Wendy Butler talked about district goals and the importance of reinforcing the positive. She spoke about our distraction free school information provided in our Code of Conduct, and shared information about New York State's Portrait of a Graduate, saying, we don't have specifics on this program but believes there is reason to have hope in education. Dr. Butler gave an update on NYS Regionalization Planning and the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan known as Desha's Law. She presented Policy 5685-Max Temp for Buildings and Facilities, and Policy 7315-Use of Internet-Enabled Devices During the School Day.

Consent Agenda Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Jonathan Barney, adopted the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent:
Approved minutes from the July 8, 2025, meeting.
Approved Treasurer's reports dated June and July 2025, and the revised May 2025 Capital Reserve report.
Approved CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented.
Carried 6-0

Board Actions
25-26 District Goals and Action Steps Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Chris Enders, adopted the 25-26 BCS District goals and Action Steps as presented, as recommended by the superintendent.
Carried 6-0

Natural Gas Bid Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Becky Backer, awarded a two-year contract to NOCO Energy to provide natural gas at a base rate of \$0.0835, effective September 1, 2025, as recommended by the superintendent.
Carried 6-0

District Safety Plan Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, approved the District Safety Plan for the 25-26 school year as reviewed at the June 18, 2025, BOE meeting and posted for public comment June 18-July 18, 2025, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0

Out-of-District Students Motion by Ashley Moore, seconded by Randa Harrington, approved the identified out-of-district students for the 25-26 school year, as recommended by the superintendent.

PK-6 Students	Grade	Home District
Callen Reed	PK	Cuba-Rushford
Susan Stadelmaier	PK	Fillmore
Karl Stadelmaier	2	Fillmore
Robert Stadelmaier	2	Fillmore
Luca Collins	2	Wellsville
Gabriella Collins	6	Wellsville
7-12 Students	Grade	Home District
Jayden Marshall	12	Fillmore

Carried 6-0

Electric Bid Award Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, awarded a one-year electric bid award to Energy Coop of America with a bid of \$0.02150 per kwh, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0

Policy Deletion Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Randa Harrington, deleted Policy 5240: School Tax Assessment and Collection and Policy 5241 Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens because both actions require annual BOE resolution and approval, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0

Renumber Current Policy 5685 Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Chris Enders, approved renumbering of current Policy 5685: Cardiac Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Public School Facilities to be Policy 5681.1 Cardiac Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Public School Facilities (no change in policy content), as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0

AED Plan Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Becky Backer, approved the 25-26 AED Plan, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0

MOU- BTA Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Ashley Moore, approved an MOU with the Belfast Teachers' Association dated 9/2/25 addressing two teachers teaching above the contractual assigned teaching load for the 25-26 school year, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 6-0

PERSONNEL
Appointments Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Randa Harrington, approved the following appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent. Carried 6-0

Approved the following instructional substitutes for the 25-26 school year:

- Sarah Palmer (Certified Birth-2)
- Karen Hayes

Approved the following non-instructional substitutes for the 25-26 school year:

- Heather Hirsch (teacher aide)
- Scott DeRock (bus driver)
- Karen Hayes (teacher aide office)
- Tori Vanderford (cleaner)

Permanently appointed Heather Jaycox to the position of teacher aide, effective August 26, 2025, after completing a one-year probationary term.

Approved the following people as athletic chaperones for the fall 2025 season:

- Angel Belcer
- Erin Arnold
- Connie Schuld
- Shelly Calanni
- Joleen Middaugh

Appointed Davina Cotton to the one-year probationary position of teacher aide, effective August 26, 2025. Her starting salary will be \$15.90 per hour, as outlined in the SRP contract.

Approved Evan Turybury as a volunteer assistant JV soccer coach for the 2025 season.

Approved Tina Loucks and Mary Paulsen as the HS 25-26 HS Student Council Advisors

Retroactively approved Dylan Worthington as an additional summer school substitute teacher aide for the 2025 summer program.

Approved Wendy Butler, Chelsey Aylor, and Rick Bull, who have completed the CA BOCES Lead Evaluator refresher training, as teacher evaluators for the 25-26 school year.

Appointed Marilee Olsen, who is a certified music teacher, to the position of part-time long-term instrumental substitute from August 25- December 23, 2025. She will be paid .75 of Step A of the BTA contract.

Approved the following athletic appointments for the 25-26 school year:

- Joleen Middaugh- Girls' JV Soccer Bookkeeper
- Jasmine Shephard- Boys' Modified Soccer Bookkeeper

Appointed Christianna Hansgen to a one-year probationary position of cleaner, effective September 10, 2025. Her starting salary will be \$15.50 per hour, as outlined in the SRP contract and NYS minimum wage laws.

Carried 6-0

Resignation

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

Accepted Mary Guilford's resignation from the position of HS Student Council advisor for the 25-26 school year.

Accepted Eli Cartwright's resignation from the position of cleaner, effective July 23, 2025.

Accepted Patty Preston's resignation from the position of HS ELA teacher effective August 30, 2025.

Accepted Raegan Ryan's resignation as the girls' varsity basketball coach effective August 11, 2025.

Carried 6-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, moved meeting into executive session at 6:05pm to discuss personnel or legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law. Carried 6-0

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, moved meeting out of executive session at 6:36pm to discuss personnel or legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law. Carried 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, adjourned the meeting at 6:37pm. Carried 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,



District Clerk

