

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2026

School Board Members Present: Becky Backer, Jonathan Barney, Russell Calanni, Randa Harrington, Vice President, Ashley Moore, Josie Preston, President

Absent: Emerson Weaver, Ex-Officio Student BOE Member

District Personnel: Wendy Butler Ed. D, Superintendent, Rick Bull, 5-12 Principal, Chelsey Aylor, PK-4 Principal, Gina Larrabee, District Clerk

At 5:28 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Josie Preston, President.

Board Action

BOE Appointment Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Randa Harrington, appointed Marc Smithers to the Belfast Board of Education to fill the position vacated by Chris Enders, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0
The Clerk of the Board administered Oath of Office to newly appointed Board member Marc Smithers.

Presentation Representatives of Gallagher Western New York presented themselves to the Board. Gallagher provides services like claims management, loss control, and strategic advice, acting as brokers to find suitable coverage from different carriers.

Financial Keegan Harrington, Business Manager presented Budget Status and Revenue Status Reports, October and November Warrants and Claims Audit Reports, and the tax collector report. Mr. Harrington presented Part 1 of the 2026-2027 school budget.

Leadership Reports Principal Rick Bull spoke about the Vex Tournament held in the BCS auditorium on December 18, 2025. Mr. Bull expressed pride in the Robotics team's drive, determination, and successes.
Principal Chelsey Aylor stated the 2024-2025 School Report Card is now online and available to the public.
Dr. Wendy Butler gave a water treatment update and stated water retesting will begin soon. She shared additions to our Meal Modification process.

Consent Agenda Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Randa Harrington, adopted the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent:
Approved the minutes from the December 9, 2025, meeting.
Approved the October and November 2025 Treasurer's Reports.
Approved the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented.
Appointed Jon Barney to the BCS athletics committee. Carried 7-0

Board Actions

BTA MOA Professional Services Provide by Member Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, to approved an MOA with the Belfast Teachers' Association with regard to association members providing professional services not in the collective bargaining agreement, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0

Musical Orchestra Pit Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Randa Harrington, approved contracting with the musicians listed below for up to seven sessions each at \$35 a session to participate in the BCS MS/HS pit orchestra, as recommended by the superintendent.

- Piano/Keyboard 1: Marilee Olsen
- Piano/Keyboard 2: Mariah Clendenin
- Reed 1: Derek Chase
- Bass Guitar: Daniel Zambrano
- Percussion 2: Philip Schierer
- Guitar 1: Adam Stack
- Guitar 2: Jonathan Brennan

Not Paid:

- Percussion 1/Drum Set: Greta Smithers

Carried 7-0

**BOCES Cooperative
Purchasing Resolution**

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Russ Calanni, approved the annual cooperative purchasing agreement with CA BOCES for the 26-27 school year, as recommended by the superintendent.

WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of public school districts in Cattaraugus County and Allegany County, New York, to bid jointly for various supplies, commodities, and/or services in the 2026-2027 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, The Belfast Central School District is desirous of participating with other school districts in Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties in the joint bidding of all or some of the supplies, commodities, and/or services as mentioned above, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119 0, and as determined by district need, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Boards of Education wish to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting of the results to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Belfast Central School Board of Education hereby appoints the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services to represent it in all matters related above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Belfast Central School Board of Education authorizes the above-mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned supplies, commodities, and/or services, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Belfast Central School Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Belfast Central School Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by the majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations with the successful bidder(s).

Carried 7-0

Sick Day Buyout

Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Ashley Moore, authorized the use of the EBLAR reserve to for the contractual buyout of sick days upon retirement for Joanne Ross in the amount of \$27,655.05, as recommended by the superintendent.

Carried 7-0

Unit Cost Methodology Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Becky Backer, approved the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0

25-26 COP Contract Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Ashley Moore, awarded contracts in the identified amount to complete the 25-26 Capital Outlay Project, as recommended by the superintendent.

- Danforth: Mechanical/Plumbing Contract Amount \$71,453
- U&S Services, LLC: Security Equipment Contract Amount \$18,500

Carried 7-0

BTA- SRP MOA- Sick Day Donation Motion by Marc Smithers, seconded by Randa Harrington, approved an MOA with the Belfast Teachers' Association and Belfast School Related Personnel Association about a process for members to donate sick days to another employee, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0

PERSONNEL
Appointments Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Becky Backer, approved the following personnel appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent. Carried 7-0

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

- Allyson Hazelton (non-certified)
- Morgan Yackeren (non-certified)
- Kanta Ueno (non-certified)
- Cayla Ciraolo (non-certified)
- Mae Holly (non-certified)
- Sadie Estabrook (non-certified)

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

- Allyson Hazelton (teacher aide)
- Morgan Yackeren (teacher aide)
- Kanta Ueno (teacher aide)
- Cayla Ciraolo (teacher aide)
- Mae Holly (teacher aide)
- Sadie Estabrook (teacher aide)

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

- Ethan Burt- volunteer assistant modified baseball coach

Appointed Patrick Histed to the position of school bus driver for a probationary period of one year. The probationary period will commence on September 2, 2025, and end on September 2, 2026. The applicable hourly rate shall be \$19.50, in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Belfast Central School District and the Belfast School Related Personnel Association.

Appointed Tracy Slaughter to the position of school bus driver for a probationary period of one year. The probationary period will commence on January 14, 2026, and end on January 14, 2027. The applicable hourly rate shall be \$21.00, in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Belfast Central School District and the Belfast School Related Personnel Association. Mr. Slaughter is being credited with 25 years of bus driving experience per the SRP contract.

Appointed Jessica Buchholz as a co-advisor for the 25-26 freshman class.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, adjourned the meeting at
6:25pm. Carried 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gina Tanabe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

District Clerk

