

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2026

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

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

Guests: Mark Wixson, Fiscal Advisors, Beth Hazelton, Bruce Harrington

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

- Presentation** Fiscal Advisor representative, Mark Wixson presented long-range financial planning including financial conditions analysis, forecasting, strategic planning, and financial goals for the Belfast School district.
- Financial** Keegan Harrington, Business Manager presented Budget Status and Revenue Status Reports, January Warrants and Claims Audit Reports, and January's Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Harrington presented Part 3 of the 2026-2027 school budget, highlighting changes and updates. He provided tax cap information, an analyzes of the water bill, and presented information compiled regarding previous presentations by insurance brokers.
- Leadership Reports** Principal Rick Bull reported on the 8th Grade Washington trip, stating that students had the opportunity to enjoy many important sites in and around Washington, D.C. Mr. Bull spoke about the recent Vex tournaments sharing how well our students compete and stand up against much larger schools.
Principal Chelsey Aylor updated the board on the events taking place for the Principal's Reading Challenge events. She shared that elementary students are energized to meet and exceed reading challenges she gives them.
Dr. Wendy Butler gave an overview of the NYCROSS Conference. Dr. Butler spoke about a visit she will make to a Project-Based Learning School. She shared that we are still waiting to receive information from New York State regarding updated graduation requirements.
- 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 February 10, 2026, meeting.
Approved the January 2026 Treasurer's Reports.
Approved the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented.
Approved updates to specified policies that were reviewed at the February 10, 2026, BOE meeting:
- Policy 1620: Annual Organizational Meeting
 - Policy 1640: Absentee, Military, and Early Mail Ballots
 - Policy 5413: Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards
 - Policy 5850: Data Networks and Security Access (current Policy #5674)
 - Policy 5681: School Safety Plans
 - Policy 5851: Cybersecurity Incident Response
 - Policy 7521: Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions and/or Anaphylaxis (current Policy #7522)
 - Policy 7522: Concussion Management (current Policy #7521)

Carried 7-0

Board Actions

Designation of Lead Agency Status

Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Randa Harrington, approved the designation as lead agency for the Belfast Central School 2026-27 Capital Outlay Project resolution, as recommended by the superintendent.

Whereas, the Belfast Central School District, in an effort to improve its educational facilities, has initiated a Capital Outlay Project; and

Whereas, on March 10, 2026, the Belfast Central School District Board of Education took action to proceed with said project; and

Whereas, the preliminary engineer's estimate prepared by CPL provides a detailed description of the proposed Capital Outlay Project; and

Resolved, that the Belfast Central School District will act as the lead agency in the SEQR review of the action for the proposed 2026-27 Capital Outlay Project for the Belfast Central School District. Carried 7-0

Classifying the Proposed BCS 2026-27 Capital Outlay Project as a Type II Action in Accordance with SEQRA

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Marc Smithers, approved the classification of the proposed BCS 2026-27 Capital Outlay Project as a Type II action in accordance with SEQRA resolution, as recommended by the superintendent.

Whereas, the Belfast Central School District is the lead agency for the purpose of implementing the above-referenced project, and

Whereas, the Belfast Central School District has considered and reviewed the project, now therefore be it,

Resolved, the Belfast Central School District, as the lead agency for purposes of this project, determines that the project is a Type II action for the purposes of SEQRA and be it further

Resolved, that as a consequence of such finding, the Belfast Central School District hereby determines that no additional actions are required in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA. Carried 7-0

PERSONNEL

Appointments

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Becky Backer, approved the following appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent.

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

- Mark Sullivan- Tennis
- Duane Powers- Volunteer Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
- Josh Crego- Volunteer Assistant JV Baseball Coach

Approved the following Spring 2026 athletic chaperones:

- Brianna Burgess
- Tina Loucks
- Shelly Calanni
- Angel Belcer
- Shelby Tucker
- Connie Schuld

Approved a leave for Elizabeth Ellison from June 4, 2026, through January 3, 2027. Carried 7-0

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Marc Smithers, adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm.
Carried 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nina Garabed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

District Clerk

