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BELLEVILLE HENDERSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2025

President Allen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and called to order in the Library at 7:02 pm.

The following members were present (7): John Allen, Anthony Barney, Roger Eastman, Dennis Jerome, Adam Miner, Gary Ramsdell, and Kristin Vaughn.

Others present: Jane Collins, Superintendent, Scott Storey, Building Principal, Colleen Bellinger, Business Manager, and Sally Kohl, District Clerk.

Members from the community/guests: John Gleason, Kelli Mose, Kurt Gehrke, Frank Mose, Jennifer Larson, Kathrine Larson, Ashlyn David, Crystal Hemingway, Harold Nohle, Chelsea Nohle, Caroline Peterson, Kathy Sidmore, Joan Darby, Tammy Lyn, Christina Worthington, Jennifer Eastman, Katier Parker, Emily Baldwin, Donn Alden, Param Singh, Michael Bellinger, Katie Ramus, Devon Shelmidine, Rusty Corron, Emily Worden, Leo Valley, Lucas Valley, Stephanie Gillette, Cassandra Forrester, William Forrester, Jordan Abbott, Joseph Abbott, Ron McNitt, Casey Hollenbeck, Heather McNitt, Sarah Houghton, Dean Wyand, Chris Rexford, Catherine Rexford, and Pete Price.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Resolved that this Board of Education approve the agenda as published.

Motion made by: Roger Eastman

Seconded by: Kristin Vaughn

Motion Carried: 7-0

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Parents and community members expressed their opinions and concerns.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/10	Grade 5 ELA Computer Based Testing
4/10 10:09 am	Safety Committee Meeting
4/10 6:00 pm	National Honor Society Recognition-Watertown HS
4/11	Grade 5 ELA Computer Based Testing
4/11	30-Week Report Cards Distributed
4/14 7:00 pm	Board of Education Meeting-BOCES Vote-Library
4/15	Grade 6 ELA Computer Based Testing

APPROVE AGENDA

Date: April 14, 2025

4/15		Grade 8 ELA Computer Based Testing
4/15	6:00 pm	FFA Banquet (rescheduled from 4/10)
4/16		Grade 6 ELA Computer Based Testing
4/16		Grade 8 ELA Computer Based Testing
4/18		Good Friday Holiday
4/18-27		FFA Ireland Trip
4/21-25		Spring Recess
4/28	3:05 pm	Grade Level Meeting
4/29		Grade 3 Grade 7 ELA Paper Based Testing
4/30		Grade 3 Grade 7 ELA Paper Based Testing
4/30	3:05 pm	Technology Committee Meeting
5/1		Grade 5 Math Computer Based Testing
5/1	6:00 pm	Booster Club Meeting-Library
5/1	6:00 pm	JLSBA Workshop-BOCES Watertown Campus
5/2		Grade 5 Math Computer Based Testing
5/6		Grade 8 Math Computer Based Testing
5/7		Grade 8 Math Computer Based Testing
5/7		Grade 3 Grade 7 Math Paper Based Testing
5/7	3:05 pm	Curriculum Council Meeting
5/7-9		State FFA Convention-State Fairgrounds, Syracuse
5/8		Grade 6 Math Computer Based Testing
5/8		Grade 3 Grade 7 Math Paper Based Testing
5/9		Grade 5 Science Computer Based Testing
5/9		Grade 6 Math Computer Based Testing
5/10	12 pm-6 pm	Live Like Andrea Celebration
5/12	6:30 pm	Budget Hearing-Auditorium
5/12	7:00 pm	Board of Education Meeting-Library
5/13		Grade 4 Math Computer Based Testing
5/13		Grade 8 Science Computer Based Testing
5/14		Grade 4 Math Computer Based Testing
5/14	3:05 pm	Technology Committee Meeting
5/15	10:09 am	Safety Committee Meeting
5/16	2:00 pm	Health and Wellness/Pro-Social Committee Meeting
5/16		35-Week Progress Reports Distributed
5/20	2-8:00 pm	Annual Election/Vote
5/20	7:00 pm	Spring Chorus Concert
5/20	TBD	Board of Education Meeting-Library
5/19	3:05 pm	Grade Level Meeting
5/22	5:15 pm	JLSBA Spring Dinner/Annual Meeting-Tug Hill Winery,
5/26		Memorial Day Holiday

COMMUNITY OF CARING UPDATE

There was no news to report.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolved that this Board of Education approve the following:

A. MINUTES

BHCSD Board of Education Meeting Minutes from March 31, 2025

- The Clerk clarified resolution #2 to add Lindsay Tiller's name to receive elementary tenure.
On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby grants tenure to Lindsay Tiller in the area of Elementary Teacher, effective August 31, 2025.

Motion made by: Kristin Vaughn

Seconded by: Dennis Jerome

Motion Carried: 6-

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B. WARRANTS

General Warrant #12

Cafeteria Warrant #7

C. BUSINESS MANAGER'S STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

The Business Manager's Statement of Revenues and Expenditures of the General and the School Food Fund from July 1, 2024-March 31, 2025

D. TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly Treasurer's report for March 2025

E. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT QUARTERLY REPORT

Student Activities Account Quarterly Report of revenue and disbursements as of March 31, 2025.

F. ELECTION INSPECTORS/CHAIRPERSON

The following to act as chairperson and election inspectors at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 20, 2025:

Chairperson: Sally Kohl

Election Inspectors: Michelle Moyer, Alison VanBrocklin, Tara Hess, Maggie McNett, Marisa Riordan and Jerrica White.

G. BALLOT BOX

The Clerk to open the ballot box and destroy all ballots therein over six months old.

Motion made by: Roger Eastman

Seconded by: Adam Miner

Motion Carried: 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA

**BH BOE MEETING MINUTES
3/31/2025**

WARRANTS

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S
STATEMENT**

TREASURER'S REPORT

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES
ACCOUNT QUARTERLY
REPORT**

**ELECTION
INSPECTORS/CHAIRPERSON**

BALLOT BOX

PERSONNEL

2. APPROVE ELEMENTARY TEACHER-CRISSA BARRON

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves **Crissa Barron** to four (4) year probationary appointment as follows:

Tenure Area: Elementary

Effective: September 1, 2025

Expiration Date: August 31, 2029

Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) (pending application)
Childhood Education (Birth -2) (pending application)

Salary: Pending BHTA Contract Settlement MA, Step 4

Motion made by: Kristin Vaughn

Seconded by: Roger Eastman

Motion Carried: 7-0

3. APPROVE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER-CASSANDRA FORRESTER

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves **Cassandra Forrester** to four (4) year probationary appointment as follows:

Tenure Area: Special Education

Effective: September 1, 2025

Expiration Date: August 31, 2029

Certification: Students with Disabilities (All Grades), Initial Certificate
Childhood Education Grades 1-6, Initial Certificate
Childhood Education Birth -2, Initial Certificate

Salary: pending BHTA Contract Settlement MA Step 2

Motion made by: Gary Ramsdell

Seconded by: Roger Eastman

Motion Carried: 7-0

4. APPROVE VOLUNTEER CHAPERONE FOR FFA IRELAND TRIP

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **Heather Hyman**, as a volunteer chaperone for the FFA Ireland Trip from April 18-27, 2025.

IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, that Mrs. Hyman has had a background check performed by EF Tours.

Motion made by: Kristin Vaughn

Seconded by: Gary Ramsdell

Motion Carried: 7-0

5. APPROVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **Alice Draper** as substitute teacher.

IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, that **Mrs. Draper** has had a criminal history background check, including fingerprinting, performed by the State Education Department.

Motion made by: Roger Eastman

Seconded by: Adam Miner

Motion Carried: 7-0

**APPROVE ELEMENTARY
TEACHER-CRISSA BARRON**

**APPROVE SPECIAL
EDUCATION TEACHER-
CASSANDRA FORRESTER**

**APPROVE VOLUNTEER
CHAPERONE FOR FFA TRIP-
HEATHER HYMAN**

**APPROVE SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER-ALICE DRAPER**

NEW BUSINESS

6. APPROVE BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

Resolved, that the Belleville Henderson Central School District approves the 2025-2026 proposed administrative budget of the Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Education Services as mailed to the component districts and presented at the BOCES Annual Meeting on April 2, 2025.

Motion made by: Kristin Vaughn
Seconded by: Anthony Barney

Motion Carried: 7-0

**APPROVE BOCES
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET
FOR 2025-2026**

**BOCES BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALLOT**

7. BOCES BOARD OF EDUCATION BALLOT

Three (3) vacancies exist on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services to be filled at the annual election to be held in component school districts on April 14, 2025. Two (2) candidates have been nominated to fill these three vacancies. The members of the Board of Education of each component school district vote as a block by adopting a resolution and casting one (1) vote for each of the three vacancies to be filled. No more than one vote may be cast for any candidate. The term of office for the three (3) vacancies is three (3) years (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028). The candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the three (3) year terms on the BOCES Board. No more than one person residing in a particular component school district may be elected to serve on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services at one time, except as provided in Education Law §1950 (2-a). The District Clerk, or other officer authorized to certify that a Board resolution has been adopted, shall complete this ballot by placing an ("X") next to the names of each candidate for whom a vote has been cast, and by completing the certification at the bottom of the ballot. Candidates are listed in the order in which their nominations were received along with their address and school district of residence.

Each component Board of Education may vote for two (2) candidates listed below:

Mr. Michael Kramer X
Adirondack Central School District

Mrs. Jennifer Jones X
Beaver River Central School District

Motion made by: Roger Eastman
Seconded by: Kristin Vaughn

Motion Carried: 7-0

8. REMOVE FROM TABLE RESOLUTION #9 FROM MARCH 31, 2025

APPROVE BH BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

Resolved, that this Board of Education approves a budget in the amount of \$_____ for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion made to remove from table by: Kristin Vaughn
Seconded by: Anthony Barney

Motion Carried: 7-0

REMOVE FROM TABLE

9. APPROVE BH BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

Resolved, that this Board of Education approves a budget in the amount of \$13,253,283 (thirteen million, two hundred fifty-three thousand, two hundred eighty-three) for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion made by: Roger Eastman
Seconded by: Kristin Vaughn

Mrs. Bellinger reviewed budget.

Motion Carried: 7-0

10. PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD/SIX DAY BUDGET NOTICE

Resolved, that this Board of Education approves the Property Tax Report Card and the Six Day Budget Notice.

Motion made by: Kristen Vaughn
Seconded by: Gary Ramsdell

It was noted that a corrected Six Day Budget Notice was distributed at the meeting.

Motion Carried: 7-0

11. APPROVE LOCAL LIBRARY PROPOSITION

Resolved, that pursuant to Education Law § 259, the Board of Education of the Belleville Henderson Central School District is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget in support of the below listed public libraries located within the geographic boundaries of the Belleville Henderson Central School District as follows:

- Belleville Philomathean Free Library an increase of \$2,000 for a total of \$24,000
- Ellisburg Free Library, a total of \$20,000 (no increase)
- Henderson Free Library, a total of \$27,000 (no increase)

The appropriated amounts will be annual appropriations for the support and maintenance of the libraries until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Belleville Henderson School District.

Motion made by: Dennis Jerome
Seconded by: Kristin Vaughn

Motion Carried: 7-0

12. PERMISSION FOR PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH WCSD

Resolved, that this Board of Education gives permission for the President and Clerk to sign the Contract for Health and Welfare Services with Watertown City School District for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion made by: Roger Eastman
Seconded by: Anthony Barney

Motion Carried: 7-0

**APPROVE BH BUDGET FOR
2025-2026**

**APPROVE PROPERTY TAX
REPORT CARD/SIX DAY
BUDGET NOTICE**

**APPROVE LOCAL LIBRARY
PROPOSITION**

**PERMISSION FOR PRESIDENT
AND CLERK TO SIGN
CONTRACT WITH WCSD**

13. **ITEMS FOR DONATION, DISPOSAL AND/OR PUBLIC SALE**

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following items to be considered for donation, disposal and/or public sale:

QTY	ITEM
93	Miscellaneous Library Books

Motion made by: Kristin Vaughn
Seconded by: Gary Ramsdell

Motion Carried: 7-0

POLICY

There were no policy items

FOR THE BOARD'S REVIEW

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Business Manager's Update:

Mrs. Bellinger reported on the Buildings and Grounds, Food Service Departments and Business Office activity for the month.

Principal's Update:

Mr. Storey reported on a summary of student and building activities and athletic report.

Superintendent's Update:

Ms. Collins discussed the computer bases testing and complemented Mr. Storey and educators on the testing process.

UPDATE TO BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public comment at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolved, that this Board of Education enter executive session at 7:45 pm to discuss employment history of an employee and to discuss legal matters with school attorney.

Motion made by: Roger Eastman
Seconded by: Anthony Barney

Motion Carried: 7-0

President Allen declared open session at 9:19 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that at 9:20 pm, this meeting be adjourned.

Motion made by: Roger Eastman
Seconded by: Anthony Barney

Motion Carried: 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Kohl,
District Clerk

**ITEMS FOR DONATION,
DISPOSAL AND/OR PUBLIC
SALE**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT