

BELLEFONTE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Members present: Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Jon Guizar, Holly Hopkins, Timothy Kessler, Kristin Lyons, Donna Smith, Kimberly Weaver, and Joseph Yech. **Absent:** None.

Administrators present: Superintendent Dr. Roy Rakszawski, Solicitor Mr. Joseph Beard, Mr. Kenneth Bean, Dr. Jennifer Butterworth, Mr. S. Andrew Caruso, Mr. Michael Fedisson, Dr. Sommer Garman, Dr. Katrina Lee, Ms. Tracy Long, Mr. Dan Park, and Mr. Ethan Runk.

Others present: Leslie Elder, Nate Olson, Matthew Maris, Tammie Burnaford, and a crew from C-Net.

1. OPENING ITEMS

Information: 1.01 Call to Order

Mr. Jon Guizar called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. at the Bellefonte Area Middle School, 100 North School Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

Information: 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Action: 1.03 Roll Call

Action: 1.04 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the June 30, 2026, Board Meeting was approved as presented.

Motion by Jennifer Barnhart, second by Nate Campbell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessler, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Report: 2.01 Comments from the Public - This is the time during the meeting that the public may address the Board either on agenda items or other concerns.

None.

3. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Information, Report: 3.01 Recognition of Retiring Board Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant - Mr. Guizar, Dr. Rakszawski

Mrs. Leslie Elder is retiring after 30 years of service. She was recognized with a plaque. Kind words were said by Mr. Guizar and Dr. Rakszawski.

Information, Report: 3.02 Bellefonte Elementary School History Hall - Mr. Maris

Mr. Maris presented about the History Hall for the new Bellefonte Elementary School. There was a committee formed with Mr. Maris, Mrs. Burnaford, and others in the District and community. It will be a fixed, permanent design. The words "Bellefonte" will be displayed and inside the letters will be historic photos. This will be able to be seen from the learning stairs. Over the trophy case, there will be postcards, a single map of Centre County, and more photos. In the trophy cases, there can be rotating historical exhibits.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action, Minutes: 4.01 Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting

The Minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2026, were approved as presented.

Motion by Nate Campbell, second by Kristin Lyons.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessler, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

5. REPORTS

Information, Report: 5.01 Central Intermediate Unit 10 - Mrs. Barnhart

The IU has signed an MOU with the correctional youth facilities. Special education has purchased Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screeners and also auto-acoustic emission screeners. The IT Department has gone through the full auto accessibility process. They now have 100% accessibility. They have again contracted with CPI for all their IT needs. BASD signed two agreements with CIU10--STEM lending and special education services. Their board reorganization meeting will occur in July.

Information, Report: 5.02 Legislation - Ms. Smith

Ms. Smith reported that the budget is supposedly close to being finalized. It looks like the cell phone ban for schools is part of the budget. Also, earned income tax credit is a hot issue.

Information: 5.03 Superintendent's Report - Dr. Rakszawski

Dr Rakszawski said that the District is in full summer mode. Administration and staff are busy preparing for the next school year. Both international trips returned home safely. Both had positive reports. The STEM camp was a great success. A special thanks to Brianne McDaniel for organizing it. CPI summer camps start on July 9. The Little Chefs Camp has 28 students registered. He reported that things are moving forward with the Grand Opening of Bellefonte Elementary. He is proposing either August 10 or 12 for the event.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Information: 6.01 Treasurer's Reports

With no questions on the Treasurer's Report, it will be filed for audit.

7. AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

Action: 7.01 Board Bill List

The Board approved the Board Bill Lists associated with the various funds for May 2026.

	Fund	Amount May 2026
a.	General Fund (10)	\$ 3,296,121.98
b.	Athletic Fund (29)	\$ 44,092.80
c.	Construction Fund (30)	\$ 130,931.80
d.	Cafeteria Fund (50)	\$ 70,027.09
e.	High School Activities Fund (80)	\$ 45,505.02
f.	Middle School Activities Fund (81)	\$ 1,649.66
		\$ 3,588,328.35

8. INVESTMENT REPORT

Action: 8.01 Investment Reports

The Board approved the Investment Reports for May 2026.

9. PERSONNEL (CONSENT)

Action (Consent): 9.01 Retirements/Resignations

The Board approved the following Retirements and Resignations:

[https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/bellasd/Board.nsf/files/DVEF7E3DB86A/\\$file/Resignations_Retirements%206-30-26.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/bellasd/Board.nsf/files/DVEF7E3DB86A/$file/Resignations_Retirements%206-30-26.pdf)

Action (Consent): 9.02 Extra Duty/Extra Pay

The Board approved the following Extra Duty/Extra Pay positions:

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Action (Consent): 9.03 Leave Requests

The following request is subject to guidelines within Board Policy for Short-Term Uncompensated Leaves. All requested leaves are for personal reasons.

Christopher Warner Second Shift Custodian HS 6/11/26, 6/12/26, 6/15/26, 6/16/26 32 hours

Action (Consent): 9.04 Mentor

The Board approved the following mentor:

Mentor	Support Staff
Joshua Fisher	Richard Sauers

Action (Consent): 9.05 Sub Pay Rate Changes

The Board approved the following changes/updates (highlighted) for substitute pay rates for the summer of 2026:

Substitute Pay Rates for Summer 2026- Effective July 1, 2026

Substitute Paraprofessional	\$15/hour
Substitute Paraprofessional- with bachelor's	\$15.25/hour
Substitute Clerical	\$15/hour
Substitute Food Service	\$15/hour
Substitute Custodial	\$15/hour
Substitute Van Driver	\$15/hour
Substitute Teacher- Teacher Prep	\$20/hour
Substitute Teacher- Emergency Permit	\$25/hour
Substitute Teacher- Certified	\$30/hour
Substitute Nurse	\$30/hour

Action (Consent): 9.06 Sub Pay Rate Changes for ESY

The Board approved the following changes/updates (highlighted) for substitutes for the 2026 ESY, their approved number of hours, and at the following compensation rate:

Substitute	Position	Building	Hours	Compensation
Elizabeth Young	Teacher	Bellefonte Elementary	Up to 51 hours	\$30/hour
Tara Ripka	Teacher	Bellefonte Elementary	Up to 51 hours	\$25/hour
Alana Verbeyst	Teacher	Bellefonte Elementary	Up to 51 hours	\$25/hour
Megan Range	Teacher	Bellefonte Elementary	Up to 51 hours	\$30/hour
Stacy Port	Paraprofessional	Bellefonte Elementary	Up to 42 hours	\$15/hour
Ava Barrickman	Teacher	Middle School	Up to 51 hours	\$20/hour
Allison Nicholls	Paraprofessional	Bellefonte Elementary	Up to 42 hours	\$15/hour

Action (Consent): 9.07 Volunteers

The Board approved the following Volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year:

Logan	Houser	Football
Seth	Miller	Girls Soccer

10. EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Action (Consent): 10.01 Cross Country Trip

The Board approved the Cross Country team to travel to Cary, NC, to participate in the Great American Cross Country Festival from October 1-4, 2026. There is no charge to the District.

11. FINANCE (CONSENT)

Action (Consent), Report: 11.01 Sports Medicine and Athletic Training Services Agreement

The Board approved the SPORTS MEDICINE AND ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICES AGREEMENT to provide athletic training services for the next three years. The costs per year are as follows:

26-27 = \$74,570
27-28 = \$77,232
28-29 = \$79,989

Action (Consent), Report: 11.02 Salvage

The Board approved the salvage and disposition of furniture and office equipment from the Benner and former Bellefonte Elementary School buildings. Items determined to be damaged, obsolete, or otherwise unusable will be disposed of in accordance with District procedures. Remaining furniture and office equipment will be made available for sale. Building principals have reviewed the available furniture and equipment, and items suitable for continued use have been redistributed to other District schools to replace lower-quality or aging furnishings.

ALL CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Nate Campbell, second by Kristin Lyons.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessler, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

12. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

Action: 12.01 Donations

The Board approved the following donations:

- \$100 from the Bellefonte Moose to the Volleyball Booster Club
- red Yeti Roadie Wheeled Cooler valued at \$375.00 from Dicks Sporting Goods (to be used at the Dig Pink Raffle) to the Volleyball Booster Club

Motion by Jennifer Barnhart, second by Nate Campbell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessler, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action, Report: 12.02 SAEBERS

The Board approved the purchase of SAEBERS as the district's universal behavior screening tool for grades K-12 beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, as outlined in the attached proposal and quote, for a total of \$10,621.00.

Motion by Donna Smith, second by Jennifer Barnhart.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessler, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action: 12.03 Additional Furniture for BE

The Board approved the purchase of furniture for the new Bellefonte Elementary School in the amount of \$27,859.20 for extra teacher desks for teachers who did not receive one, mostly as a result of sharing a room. There are also filing cabinets for special education teachers, round tables for the two counselors and Dean of Students, and a main office filing cabinet for student records.

Motion by Nate Campbell, second by Kristin Lyons.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessler, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action: 12.04 Specialist's Furniture

The Board approved the purchase of furniture for the new Bellefonte Elementary School in the amount of \$36,960.36 for storage for the Reading Specialist Rooms, as well as mobile storage units for the interventionists.

Motion by Nate Campbell, second by Joseph Yech.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessler, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action: 12.05 10-Passenger Van

The Board approved the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Express 10-passenger Van (CG23705) RWD 2500 for \$60,678.00. Pricing as per the State of Pennsylvania Costars 26 Contract and has been included in the 2026-2027 budget.

Motion by Jennifer Barnhart, second by Nate Campbell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessling, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action: 12.06 Two Handicapped-Accessible Vans

The Board approved the purchase of two (2) 2027 Ford Transit-350 passenger RWD Medium Roof Van for \$55,812.00 with an additional \$28,093.00 for a mobility works wheelchair upfit. Total price of each van is \$83,905.00, and each van can accommodate two wheelchair passengers. Pricing as per the State of Pennsylvania Costars Contract and has been included in the 2026-2027 budget. Total price is \$167,810.00 for the two handicap-accessible vans.

Motion by Jennifer Barnhart, second by Nate Campbell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessling, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action: 12.07 HRI

The Board approved the payment to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$690,972.99 for services rendered for the roadwork on Airport Road.

Motion by Kristin Lyons, second by Jennifer Barnhart.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessling, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action: 12.08 HRG Supplement #6

The Board approved the Supplement #6 to HRG Agreement for additional inspection time for road work at a cost of \$16,080.00.

Motion by Nate Campbell, second by Joseph Yech.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessling, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action: 12.09 HRG Supplement #7

The Board approved Supplement #7 to HRG Agreement for storm pipe testing inspections at a cost of \$8,400.00 (estimate based on hourly projections).

Motion by Kristin Lyons, second by Nate Campbell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessling, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action: 12.10 Adjudication

The Board approved the student hearing recommended sanction as written or modify as deemed appropriate.

Motion by Nate Campbell, second by Kristin Lyons.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessling, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action: 12.11 The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between BASD and BAEA regarding the Speech Language Pathologist services for students.

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Motion by Nate Campbell, second by Jennifer Barnhart.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessling, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action: 12.12 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

The Board approved the 2026 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution as presented.

Motion by Kristin Lyons, second by Nate Campbell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessler, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action: 12.13 Stormwater Improvements Surety Agreement

The Board approved the Stormwater Improvements Surety Agreement with the Bellefonte Borough to provide financial security in the amount of Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$40,700.00) to guarantee the completion of all outstanding stormwater management improvements for the new Bellefonte Elementary school. The cost of the letter of credit will be \$610.50.

Motion by Donna Smith, second by Kristin Lyons.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessler, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action: 12.14 Jessica Quinn-Horgan Law Office

The Board approved payment to Jessica Quinn-Horgan Law Office for services rendered for the new Bellefonte Elementary School in the amount of \$7,735.00.

Motion by Nate Campbell, second by Joseph Yech.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessler, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

Action: 12.15 Bellefonte Elementary School History Hall Order

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessler, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Discussion: 13.01 This section of the agenda is related to items Board Members may wish to bring up at a future meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 14.01 Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Nate Campbell, second by Jennifer Barnhart.

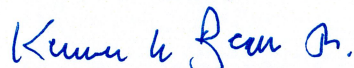
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Donna Smith, Jon Guizar, Kimberly Weaver, Timothy Kessler, Jennifer Barnhart, Nate Campbell, Kristin Lyons, Joseph Yech, Holly Hopkins

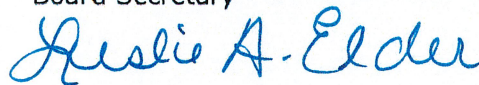
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Information: 15.0 Personnel

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth G. Bean, Jr.
Board Secretary



Leslie A. Elder
Recording Secretary