

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2023
High School Library
7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Holly Barker-Flynn
Matthew Dreher
Jason Fernau
Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin
Lawrence Ryan
Timothy Turbiak
Katie Whittemore

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Gianleo Duca, Superintendent of Schools
Brian Sirianni, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER

Jason Fernau called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Fernau discussed the challenges and distractions of the past week. He voiced well wishes for the injured student who was struck by a car and discussed yesterday's District threat. He expressed thanks for everyone's actions and support.

Dr. Duca thanked those involved in responding to the threat made against the District. He outlined the actions of the day of the threat.

RECOGNITION

David Sunkes, Athletics Director, shared statistical data regarding the teams' GPAs; and recognized coaches, student athletes, and shared their accomplishments.

Coaches recognized their athletes and gave out certificates.

Mr. Sunkes recognized Harvey and Gene Staulters for their contributions to the District and its students.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Rossi, Jr., Mayor of the Village of Ballston Spa, stated that recognizing the student athletics that had been a highlight to a tough week. As the Mayor, he discussed his actions regarding the swatting incident and his participation in training going forward. He then discussed his involvement in street safety conversations with the Town of Ballston and the District in the aftermath of the accident last week. He stated it was important for everyone to work together to provide increased safety.

Karen Parlapiano, Ballston Spa, acknowledged Mr. Staulters, and spoke in favor of increased pedestrian safety.

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Kelly Buell, Malta, discussed safety in the schools. She shared her experience including her son's assault in school, and events that occurred during and after the District lock down.

Jason Gurtler, Ballston Spa congratulated the Scotties athletes on their accomplishments, and congratulated Mr. Staulters on his career. Mr. Gurtler questioned District placement of students during the threat and offered alternative suggestions.

Peter Skrika, Wilton, discussed fiscal responsibility and voiced his concerns regarding the reduction of support positions for special education students versus administrative increases in salaries. He voiced concern regarding critical support staff being undercompensated.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT

Student Government reported the Troupe's production of Mean Girls attracted 1,700 people. They thanked those that had supported students. They announced the Middle School's Veteran Drive had been a success and thanked all that supported the drive.

Student Government is hosting their Spring Fling Dance on 4/21 from 7-10 pm in the High School gym and Spirit Week activities begin the Monday before.

Student Government shared information regarding their Leadership Conference, and wished everyone a wonderful break.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY, Timothy Turbiak seconded by Lawrence Ryan - Barker that the Board of Education approve the March 15, 2023 regular meeting minutes

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Smart Schools Bond Act

Jason LaMora, Director of Technology, shared information regarding the Smart School Investment Plan. He shared an overview, then focused on requirements of the Smart Bond Act. Mr. LaMora outlined the process for requesting the NYS Funds and how the funds would be spent on technology. He highlighted the IT initiatives, discussed long range planning and stated the costs were completely State Grant funded.

2023-2024 Budget Review

Brian Sirianni outlined the draft total budget. He shared the required components of the budget and highlighted each item within the components. He discussed the small changes from the February presentation.

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Mr. Sirianni discussed each of the budget drivers, including debt service, health insurance and liability insurance cost increases.

Mr. Sirianni stated the District is still waiting on State Aid figures, but is hoping for quick decision to allow for adjustments. He then highlighted each of the budget's revenue streams.

Mr. Sirianni discussed the tax levy cap calculation vs the actual District levy. He stated the allowable cap was 7% for next year. He stated the actual levy was currently 3.1% and that the average tax payer could expect to see 1.0% to 1.5% increase depending on which town they were located in.

Dr. Duca shared the mission statement and the idea of the meaningful diploma for students. He discussed the fiscal commitments, the guiding principles of the budget, fiscal frameworks, and shared goals. He thanked the teams for the hard work done working on finalizing the budget draft.

Dr. Duca discussed CRRSA funding including the expiration date of the funding. He explained the migration of some staff positions and some programs from the grant to the general fund. He explained decisions were made to provide positive impacts for the highest number of students.

Dr. Duca then discussed the reductions in staffing and discussed the priority hiring process that is available for seven years for anyone affected by this reduction.

Dr. Duca discussed the implementation for each of the building levels regarding learning opportunities, the continued implementation of the K-12 multi-tiered system of support program, the commitment to improve District facilities to ensure safe and secure campus, and the creation of learning opportunities for Special Education Students.

Mr. Fernau stated the presentations would be available on the District's site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Duca reported there had been 4 calls and 17 emails to the District. He shared the topics of the correspondences.

Mr. Fernau reported the number and topics of the correspondences to the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stuart Williams announced Spring recess next week.

Mr. Williams stated Odyssey of the Mind Teams would be competing on April 15th in Syracuse and shared that information, including links to the competition would be on the District's site.

Mr. Williams announced the Community Art Show will begin again on May 5th throughout the village during First Friday. He stated the District was still looking for sites for the exhibits.

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Mr. Williams announced the Wellness Expo will be held on May 13th. He stated there are still opportunities for volunteers for the 5K, and he stated the Committee was still looking for exhibits, and sponsors. Mr. Williams stated that an organization sponsorship for a helmet give away was still needed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #488 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 7590 – Wellness Policy on Physical Activity and Nutrition

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 7590 Wellness Policy on Physical Activity and Nutrition, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Timothy Turbiak, seconded by Lawrence Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #488 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 7590 – Wellness Policy on Physical Activity and Nutrition

Discussion

Mr. Fernau explained the process.

Mr. Ryan explained the change regarding store brought items being allowed post Covid.

Ayes all

Resolution #489 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 8280 – English Language Learners Proficiency Instruction

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 8280 English Language Learners for Proficiency Instruction, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #489 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 8280 – English Language Learners Proficiency Instruction

Ayes all

Resolution #490 - Appointment of Chairperson, Chief Inspectors and Election Inspectors

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the persons listed below be appointed as election officers for the May 16, 2023 annual budget vote, are hereby approved:

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Chief Inspector, Malta Town Hall: Joanne Bosley

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #490 – Appointment of Chairperson, Chief Inspectors and Election Inspectors

Ayes all

Resolution #491 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Hudson Valley Community College and the District for tutoring services, for the 2022-2023 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #491 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #492 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Union College and the District for facility use, for the 2022-2023 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #492 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #493 - Establish Award

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the following awards are hereby accepted and approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount/Recipient</u>
The National Honor Society Senior Class Award	Awarded to any senior student who excels in at least one of the pillars of the National Honor Society: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service. Open to non- members.	Varies/Varies

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #493 – Establish Award

Discussion

Mr. Fernau thanked the group for their donation.

Ayes all

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Resolution #494 - Scholarship Change

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the following award amounts/terms are hereby accepted and approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount/Recipients</u>
The National Honor Society Membership Award	Awarded to any senior student who excels in at least one of the pillars of the National Honor Society: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service. Open to current members of the NHS.	Varies/Varies

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #494 – Scholarship Change

Ayes all

Resolution #495 - Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Transfers, be and are hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #495 – Budget Transfers

Ayes all

Resolution #496 - Placement of Students with Disabilities

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the said Board arrange placement of the following students as recommended by the District Committee on Special Education, effective April 5, 2023, be and are hereby approved:

Student #273700	Student #275752	Student #23857
Student #25435	Student #275949	Student #274636
Student #24499	Student #275867	Student #277324
Student #278830	Student #25288	Student #23895
Student #276087	Student #276744	Student #277687
Student #275502	Student #275623	Student #276269
Student #25239	Student #277507	Student #276284
Student #279751	Student #277895	Student #276900
Student #275292	Student #272719	Student #274003
Student #24775	Student #276688	Student #24776
Student #279619	Student #23997	Student #277727
Student #272896	Student #276576	Student #24318
Student #272641	Student #278376	Student #274105

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Student #274278	Student #275275	Student #279530
Student #25043	Student #274840	Student #274964
Student #276233	Student #278767	Student #271953
Student #279604	Student #273686	Student #277078
Student #277930	Student #25618	Student #25129
Student #273464	Student #272439	Student #275998
Student #277915	Student #25302	Student #278805
Student #276744	Student #24651	Student #278314
Student #274939	Student #24455	Student #279548
Student #274463	Student #275019	Student #277047
Student #276987	Student #277039	Student #277974
Student #277926	Student #274643	Student #279592
Student #276089	Student #278434	Student #275637
Student #277895	Student #25573	Student #275704
Student #274003	Student #275523	Student #275890
Student #278965	Student #275306	Student #272689
Student #275863	Student #272986	Student #272402
Student #278853	Student #275395	Student #278769
Student #273085	Student #272896	Student #277340
Student #277861	Student #278146	Student #25829
Student #278468	Student #272956	Student #274165
Student #24009	Student #276790	

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #496 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #497 - Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the said Board arrange placement of the following students as recommended by the District Committee on Preschool Special Education, effective April 5, 2023, be and are hereby approved:

Student #279247	Student #279329	Student #279167
Student #279469	Student #279784	Student #278095
Student #279247	Student #279012	Student #279786
Student #279651		

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #497 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #498 - #505 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

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Resolution #498 - Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of the employee(s) listed below, with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jennifer DelGuercio	Special Education Aide	4/06/23
Catherine Howard	Senior Typist	3/31/23
Amanda Patsey	Teacher	4/06/23

Resolution #499 - Permanent Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be granted permanent appointment to the position(s) indicated below with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kristle Mathison	HR and Civil Service Coordinator	3/17/23
Philip Patnode	Bus Driver	4/25/23
Stephanie Stomski	Special Education Aide	4/25/23

Resolution #500 - Appointment – Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be granted appointment to the probationary position(s) indicated below, with hours, rate and effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max. Hrs./Wk.</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Skylar Duell	Bus Attendant	25	\$16.86/hr.	4/06/23-4/05/24
Patricia Langdon	School Aide	20	\$16.06/hr.	4/06/23-4/05/24

Resolution #501 - Appointment – Increase in Hours – Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be granted an increase in hours to the position(s) indicated below with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max Hrs./Wk.</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Tammie Schott	Bus Attendant	30	4/06/23
Helen Tulloch	Bus Driver	31.25	4/06/23

Resolution #502 - Appointment – Tutor

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the Tutor position for the 2022-2023 school year, with rate shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Susan Bernd	NYS Permanent, Special Education	\$35.61/hr.
Susan Bernd	NYS Permanent, Special Education	\$40.72/hr.

Resolution #503 - Appointment – Co-Curricular Clubs and Activities

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the advisor position(s) to the following clubs and activities for the 2022-2023 school year, with stipend shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Kristina Vivian	Sophomore Class Advisor, HS	\$931 (pro-rated)

Resolution #504 - Appointment – Interscholastic Sports Coaches

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the coaching position(s) indicated below for the 2022-2023 school year, with stipend shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Peter DiStefano	Junior Varsity Boys Tennis	\$3,247

Resolution #505 - Appointment - Interscholastic Sports Coach Volunteers

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the coaching position(s) indicated below for the 2022-2023 school year, with stipend shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Nicholas Brennan	Varsity Baseball Volunteer	n/a

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #498 - 505

Ayes all

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Gurtler, Ballston Spa voiced concern regarding the District moving the location of the extended school year for special education students.

Karen Parlipiano, Ballston Spa, voiced concern regarding school safety and concern for her student.

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BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

The President of the Teaching Assistants' Union announced scholarships were still available; and she announced tickets for the May 16th Vote Day BBQ are available. Tickets can be purchased from any Teaching Assistant. The BBQ helps bring people to the vote, and funds scholarships for students.

Mr. Turbiak reported the Milton Terrace Bingo Night had been a success with 200 participants. He stated they were planning a book fair and a dance and shared that the next meeting is on April 27th.

Mr. Turbiak reported the Middle School PTA was having a meeting tomorrow night that included a vote on the by-laws; and stated they would need a quorum for the vote.

Mr. Turbiak stated the HS PTSA was looking for After Prom volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person, not to return at 8:46 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board