

**Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2022
High School Library
7:00 p.m.**

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Jason Fernau called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Fernau apologized for the technical difficulties that had caused a delay.

RECOGNITION

Megan Zito recognized Chelsea Cangeleri for earning recognition from the NYSAP (New York Association of School Psychologists). Ms. Cangeleri earned the School Psychologist of the Year for 2020 from Chapter F of NYSAP.

Statistical information and recommendations regarding Ms. Cangeleri's accomplishments were shared; and Ms. Cangeleri was presented with an award.

Mr. Fernau congratulated Ms. Cangeleri.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government shared an update on Spirit Week events. They thanked administration for supporting them, and shared the rest of the years' service events.

Mr. Fernau thanked everyone for their participation.

Mr. Fernau then announced the livestream was up and running.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Grey, 38 Birch Tree Lane Ballston Spa, voiced concerns and asked for a correction. He discussed school violence, an email from Dr. Duca, threats on social media, and continued threats of violence.

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Mr. Grey shared information regarding violence on the school bus. He voiced concerns regarding facts over narrative. He discussed language, the role of parents and safe environment. Mr. Grey voiced concerns regarding the all-gender bathrooms and their relation to school violence.

Jason Gurtler commended the District on a successful Homecoming celebration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY Holly Barker-Flynn, seconded by Timothy Turbiak that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting from September 21, 2022.

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Amy Pedrick for West & Company shared highlights of the District's audit. She shared the opinions given on the audit and explained the parts of the report and the financial statement components. She stated the opinions were the highest opinions possible. She stated the District was doing well financially. She stated there were no findings. She stated the Business Office had done a great job providing all the information necessary to complete the audit.

Ms. Barker-Flynn stated everyone had done an excellent job. She thanked everyone for their diligence.

Mr. Fernau stated it had been a pleasure working with West & Company.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Ryan reported on the Audit and Finance Committee's first meeting of the year. He stated the committee had gone over some housekeeping items, and approved the minutes from the March meeting. He stated there had been an in-depth review of the document from West & Company. He stated the District had received the highest opinion levels.

Mr. Fernau stated many of the financial documents were available on the website for the community, and in the financial folder on the shared drive for board members.

Mr. Fernau stated Ballston Spa always does well on the NYS Comptroller's Office report card rankings.

The Committee thanked Brian Sirianni and Melissa Lovelass for getting all the necessary documents for the Auditor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Duca reported one email regarding transportation and one email regarding the threat on the 18th.

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Mr. Fernau stated the Board had gotten one email concerning Board of Education actions and previous public comments at a prior meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stuart Williams announced High School College Financial Aid Information Night would be October 13th at 6:30 in the library.

Mr. Williams announced the All-County Band Festival would be held on October 20th from 2:30 – 7 pm in the auditorium.

Mr. Williams reminded everyone there is no school on Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day.

Mr. Williams announced the next regular Board Meeting would be on October 19th in the High School library.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fernau gave an update on the superintendent search. He discussed the survey process and went over each component of the survey. He stated individuals' identifying information would not be collected. Mr. Fernau asked board members to get back to him with any questions by Wednesday 10/12.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #250 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 7540 REVISED Suicide Prevention

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 7540 REVISED Suicide Prevention, having been tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Timothy Turbiak, seconded by Holly Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #250 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 7540 REVISED Suicide Prevention

Discussion

Mr. Fernau reminded everyone of the tabling process.

Ayes all

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Resolution #251 - 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Independent Audit Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby accepts the Independent Audit Report prepared by the independent auditing firm of West & Company, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #251 – 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Independent Audit Report

Discussion

Mr. Fernau stated this resolution was in regard to the report that had been presented earlier by West & Company.

Ayes all

Resolution #252 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the agreement between Ballston Area Community Center, (BACC) and the District, to provide a Universal Prekindergarten Program (UPK) during the 2022-2023 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #252 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #253 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the agreement between HMB Consultants, LLC and the District, to provide food service oversight, for the 2022-2023 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #253 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #254 - 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 Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #254 – Budget Transfers

Ayes all

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Resolution #255 - 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 October 5, 2022 be and are hereby approved:

Student #279550	Student #276111	Student #276006
Student #23736	Student #23811	Student #275254
Student #279549	Student #277880	Student #271952
Student #275697	Student #25689	Student #278564
Student #276197		

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #255 Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #256 - 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 October 5, 2022 be and are hereby approved.

Student #278822	Student #279274	Student #278974
Student #278706		

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #256 Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #257 - #270 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #257 - Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the resignation of Crim Trerise for the purpose of retirement effective September 16, 2022 is hereby accepted. It is further resolved that the Agreement between the School District and Mr. Trerise dated September 15, 2022 is hereby approved and the Interim Superintendent and Board President are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the School District.

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Resolution #258 - 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>
Racheal Cichy	Special Education Aide	10/05/22
Ariel Nugent	School Aide	09/23/22
Sean Ohnsman	Special Education Aide	10/05/22
Benjamin Oliver	Assistant Coordinator of Technology Support	09/19/22
Laurie Pascucci	Yearbook Advisor, GC	09/19/22
Colleen Renzi	School Aide	10/05/22

Resolution #259 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) appointment previously approved by the Board at their meeting held August 3, 2022, in Resolution #148 is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Sarah Albrycht	Ballston Buddies Advisor, MS	\$556

Resolution #260 - Rescission of Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the resignation of Sarah Gunner Moorfoot, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held September 21, 2022, in Resolution #228, is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #261 - Tenure Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be awarded tenure, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Commencement Date</u>
Jennifer Pushee	Teaching Assistant	10/10/22

Resolution #262 - Appointment – Teaching Assistant

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary/Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Racheal Cichy	Teaching Assistant	NYS Teaching Assistant Level 1	\$22,325/yr. Step 1 (pro-rated)	10/06/22-10/05/26

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Peter DiStefano	Teaching Assistant	NYS Initial, Physical Education	\$23,200/yr. Step 1 (pro-rated)	10/06/22-10/05/26
Sean Ohnsman	Teaching Assistant	NYS Teaching Assistant Level 1	\$22,325/yr. Step 1 (pro-rated)	10/06/22-10/05/26
Colleen Renzi	Teaching Assistant	NYS Teaching Assistant Level 1	\$22,325/yr. Step 1 (pro-rated)	10/06/22-10/05/26
Brenna Wilday	Teaching Assistant	NYS Teaching Assistant Level 1	\$22,325/yr. Step 1 (pro-rated)	10/06/22-10/05/26

Resolution #263 - 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>
Melissa Barnett	School Aide	22.5	\$16.06/hr.	10/06/22-10/05/23
Angela Ebert	School Aide	37.5	\$16.06/hr.	10/06/22-10/05/23
Heather Hojnicky	School Aide	32.5	\$16.06/hr.	10/06/22-10/05/23
Lisanne Koppenhafer	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$18.50/hr.	10/06/22-10/05/23
Samantha Lucia	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$18.50/hr.	10/06/22-10/05/23
Samantha Paige	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$18.50/hr.	10/06/22-10/05/23
Patricia Parker	Typist	37.5	\$19.69/hr.	10/06/22-10/05/23

Resolution #264 - Appointment – Support Services

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max. Hrs./ Wk.</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Marielena Hauser	Substitute Clerical	40	\$19.10/hr.
Catherine Kelly	Student Lifeguard	30	\$15.00/hr.
Gavin LeBlanc	Student Lifeguard	30	\$15.00/hr.

Resolution #265 - 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>
Karen Almy	Bus Driver	22.5	9/20/22

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Resolution #266 - 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Rate</u>
John Balet	NYS Permanent, Biology & General Science 7-12, Business & Distributive Education	\$40.72/hr.
Jeffrey Fenton	NYS Permanent, Special Education	\$40.72/hr.
Mandi Fox-McKeen	NYS Permanent, Pre K-6, Special Education	\$40.72/hr.
Mara Gallagher Bouyea	NYS Permanent, School Counselor	\$40.72/hr.
Matthew Glogowski	NYS Permanent, Mathematics 7-12, Technology Education	\$40.72/hr.
Frances Kane	NYS Permanent, Pre K-6, Special Education	\$40.72/hr.
Elizabeth Meehan	NYS Permanent, Special Education	\$35.61/hr.
Maureen Northrup	NYS Professional Mathematics 7-12, SWD Mathematics 7-12	\$40.72/hr.
Annetta O'Connor	NYS Permanent, Pre K-6, Reading Teacher	\$40.72/hr.
Judith Selig	NYS Professional, Biology 7-12, Chemistry 7-12	\$40.72/hr.
Marc Trzaskos	NYS Professional, Social Studies 7-12	\$40.72/hr.
Bernadette Wehr	NYS Permanent, English 7-12, Special Education	\$40.72/hr.

Resolution #267 - 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>
Tara Alverson	International Club Advisor, HS	\$556
Susan Bernd	Ballston Buddies, HS	\$556
Michael Gatzendorfer	Yearbook Club Advisor, MA	\$931
Erika Hover	GOC Club Advisor, MS	\$556
Jill Richards	After School Activities Coordinator, WR	\$931
Elizabeth Sikoryak	Junior Class Advisor, HS	\$2,018
Nicole Stehle	Sponsor-A-Scholar Advisor, HS	\$2,018
Kristen Willman	Chorus, MT	\$931

Resolution #268 - Appointment – Extra Duties

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Stephanie Gellatly	Aquatics Facilitator (spring)	\$2,122

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Resolution #269 - 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>
Jeffrey Armer	Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse	\$4,775
Katherine Burke	Varsity Assistant Girls Lacrosse	\$5,306
Gerard Costello	Freshman Baseball	\$4,245
TaraMarie Crisafulli	Varsity Assistant Track	\$4,775
Thomas Dufort	Varsity Assistant Baseball	\$5,306
Benjamin Eldridge	Unified Boys Basketball	\$3,714
Amanda Fifield	Varsity Softball	\$5,837
Patricia Fitzgerald	Modified Track	\$3,714
Stephanie Gellatly	Modified Girls Lacrosse	\$3,714
Jennifer Groat	Junior Varsity Softball	\$4,775
Robert Immel	Modified Track	\$3,714
Joseph McClements	Modified Track	\$3,714
Christopher McNulty	Modified Boys Lacrosse	\$3,714
Emily Micheller	Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse	\$4,775
David Morse	Varsity Assistant Boys Tennis	\$5,306
Timothy Moseman	Varsity Assistant Track	\$4,775
Curtis Nobles	Varsity Baseball	\$5,837
Donald Nowc	Strength and Conditioning Coordinator (spring)	\$3,714
Donald Nowc	Varsity Girls Lacrosse	\$5,837
Jason Ohnsman	Varsity Assistant Boys Lacrosse	\$5,306
Gary Older	Varsity Assistant Track	\$4,775
Ryan O'Reilly	Modified Baseball	\$3,714
Christopher Perrone	Modified 9 Softball	\$3,714
Garry Preece	Varsity Track	\$5,837
Mark Rabideau	Varsity Boys Tennis	\$5,837
Theresa Rousseau	Varsity Assistant Track	\$4,775
Lucas Snow	Varsity Boys Lacrosse	\$5,837
Theodore Snyder	Junior Varsity Baseball	\$4,775
Glen Wolin	Varsity Track	\$5,837
Lawrence Youngblood	Varsity Assistant Softball	\$5,306

Resolution #270 - 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>
Kevin Dayton	Boys Lacrosse Volunteer	n/a
Joseph Hayes	Boys Lacrosse Volunteer	n/a

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Peter Sorbera	Boys Baseball Volunteer	n/a
Peter Vadney	Boys Lacrosse Volunteer	n/a

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #257-270

Ayes all

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

PTSA president Yvonne Byer-Teal thanked those that had participated in the week's events. She shared information on the booth they had run for Homecoming.

Ms. Byer-Teal announced the first in-person meeting would be tomorrow evening. She shared the times and encouraged everyone to join and to volunteer. She shared voting information and stated they needed 10 members present for voting.

Ms. Byer-Teal stated a link had been sent out to parents requesting volunteers for picture day. She reminded everyone that membership dues were used to pay for events.

Ms. Byer-Teal stated the PTSA would help with the surveys if needed.

Mr. Fernau thanked the PTAs and stated he would look to see if student and PTSA volunteers may be utilized for the survey.

Mr. Turbiak shared the dates and events for the school PTAs. He stated there was a line for apparel.

Mr. Ryan stated there was apparel available that was not school specific, but Scotties themed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Brisson commented on transparency and documents availability for meeting items. He cautioned the board regarding audience fatigue in regard to the survey. He encouraged a modern way of engaging with parents that care. He thanked the board for supporting the suicide resolution and voiced a preference for a different name for the policy.

Jason Gurtler, thanked the PTA and parent volunteers for Homecoming. He voiced concerns regarding a resignation on the consent agenda.

Mr. Fernau stated all resignations and appointments are part of the consent agenda at every meeting and on every agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Mr. Turbiak that the Board of Education adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Ayes all

Mr. Fernau stated the next meeting would be on October 19th.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board