

**Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
High School Library
7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Matthew Dreher
Jason Fernau
Melissa Glastetter
Michael O'Donnell
Lillian McCarthy
Dorothy Sellers
Katie Whitemore

STAFF PRESENT: Kenneth Slentz, Superintendent of Schools
Brian Sirianni, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER

Dorothy Sellers called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Mike O'Donnell to approve the April 14, 2021 Regular Meeting

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

2021-22 Preliminary Budget Recommendation

Mr. Slentz stated this was the final budget presentation to the board. He stated on May 5th there would be a public hearing on the budget. Mr. Slentz stated the website and the newsletter would contain significant amount of information. Mr. Slentz stated the budget contained no cuts to programs or to personnel this year.

Mr. Sirianni revisited the draft budget. He highlighted each of the components of the budget. He broke down the functional areas within each of the components and provided detailed information on each. Mr. Sirianni revisited the District's revenue from State Aid. He shared an illustration of State Aid as a percent of total revenue from 2008 – 2022. He also revisited all additional sources of revenue for the District. He stated the Total budget had an increase of 1.8%.

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Mr. Sirianni discussed the bus garage and the inventory of buses the District currently owns. He shared information regarding the fuel each of the buses use. He also shared information on the buses being turned in and purchased.

Mr. Sirianni explained the three year process of the Foundation Aid plan.

Mr. Slentz stated Resolution #488 would be to adopt the budget.

Mr. Sirianni discussed the tax rates and the impact of new construction growth on the rates. He cautioned the board on the ramifications of the tax rates in Malta going down and how that further lowers the Global Foundries PILOT payment.

Update on NYS Department of Health Interim Guidance

Mr. Slentz discussed the guidance the District has received from NYS. He stated the District would not be able to do a cohort distance change at the secondary level. He stated the elementary schools were in discussions to change the spacing model. He stated there were several steps to be taken before distances could be reduced. He stated the students on the wait list would be brought back into schools and integrated as opportunity allows.

Mr. Slentz discussed the COVID rates in the District. He stated the numbers were slowly going down. He stated there were many considerations to the methodology that drive guidance. Mr. Slentz shared the guidance on mask requirements.

Mr. Slentz discussed graduation plans. He stated there may be a graduation at SPAC. He shared some of the ideas being considered. He also shared some of the challenges surrounding graduation and the prom. He cautioned that rules and guidance continue to change and that plans are fluid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Slentz stated there was one correspondence regarding students coming back to school.

Mr. Slentz stated there was a thank you letter to our representatives thanking them for their advocacy that resulted in more state aid to the District.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stuart Williams announced there were still appointments available for HS students 16 and older at tomorrow's Saratoga County Vaccination Clinic.

Mr. Williams announced Operation Safe Stop would be held tomorrow.

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Mr. Williams announced the Ballston Spa Teaching Assistants were organizing the BBQ for School Pride Day. He reminded everyone the annual event is held each year in conjunction with the school vote. He stated the vote would be on May 18th this year.

Mr. Williams announced the Scotties 5K and the virtual Wellness Expo would be on May 22nd.

Mr. Williams announced the next Board Meeting would be on May 5th at 6:30.

Ms. Sellers stated Gordon Creek had a successful fundraiser at Mi Casa.

Katie Whittemore stated \$450 had been raised.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution #462 - Spring Sports-2021

WHEREAS, On Friday, January 26, 2021 Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that as part of New York State school's reopening, school-sponsored high-risk sports in all regions may begin to practice and play beginning February 1st pending approval of local county Departments of Health;

WHEREAS, the New York State Public High School Athletic League (NYSPHSAA) Section 2 has allowed for high-risk sports to be played based on a District-by-District decision; and,

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services has approved high-risk sports to be played so long as certain District requirements and certain county COVID-19 metrics are achieved;

WHEREAS, the District has begun the process for meeting all such requirements including seeking the approval of our District physician of sport-specific plans; and,

WHEREAS, the District has a strong interest in cautiously reintroducing student co- and extracurricular activities while minimizing the disruptions that positive test results and tracing protocols have on our ability to maintain a consistent program of teaching and learning;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The Board of Education hereby approves the recommendation of the Superintendent to allow modified, junior varsity and varsity level high-risk athletics in boys lacrosse in accordance with the presented Program Plan for the 2021 Spring Sport Season.

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education to approve Resolution # 462 – Spring Sports 2021

Ayes all

Resolution #485 - Appointment - Interscholastic Sports Coaches

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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 2020-2021 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Ryan O'Reilly	Modified Baseball	\$3,714
Brian Retersdorf	Varsity Assistant Track	\$3,247

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #485 – Appointment – Interscholastic Sports Coaches

Ayes all

Resolution #486 - Appointment - Interscholastic Sports 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 volunteer position(s) indicated below for the 2020-2021 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kevin Dayton	Modified Boys Lacrosse	n/a
Joseph Hayes	Varsity Boys Lacrosse	n/a

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education to approve Resolution # 486 – Appointment – Interscholastic Sports Volunteers

Ayes all

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #488 - Adoption of 2021-2022 School Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the annual budget for the 2021-2022 school year, in the amount of \$94,927,725 be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education to approve Resolution # 488 – Adoption of 2021-2022 School Budget

Discussion

Ms. Sellers thanked Mr. Sirianni, Mr. Slentz and the staff for the work that had gone into the budget.

Ayes all

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Resolution #489 - Property Tax Report Card

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Property Tax Report Card for the 2021-2022 school year, be and is hereby accepted and approved.

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education to approve Resolution # 489 – Property Tax Report Card

Ayes all

Resolution #490 - Award of Bid

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to award the bid for custodial supplies, as follows, be and is hereby approved:

VENDOR	AMOUNT
AramSCO DBA:E.A. Morse	\$1,789.64
WB Mason	\$13,962.75
Hill &Markes Inc.	\$2,707.85
Johnston Food Service & Cleaning Supplies	\$1,108.28
All Star Cleaning Supply Inc.	\$375.96
Pyramid School Products	\$344.08
SiteOne Landscape Supply	\$2,716.00
Quill	\$6,650.76
Total Bid Award	<u>\$29,655.32</u>

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education to approve Resolution # 490 – Award of Bid

Ayes all

Resolution #491 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the agreement amendment dated April 6, 2021 between Integrated Energy Concepts Engineering, P.C. and the District to provide additional commissioning services, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education to approve Resolution # 491 – Agreement – Professional Services

Discussion

Mr. Fernau asked for clarification on the agreement.

Mr. Sirianni explained that this work was necessary to receive a large grant from NYSERDA.

Ayes all

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Resolution #492 - 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 21, 2021 be and are hereby approved:

Student #24527	Student #278483	Student #273505
Student #276973	Student #274574	Student #275032
Student #275275	Student #277314	Student #274291
Student #274840	Student #25910	Student #275167
Student #276768	Student #273686	Student #277475
Student #275580	Student #277915	Student #278314
Student #277734	Student #274463	Student #277326
Student #276343	Student #276345	Student #272931
Student #278434	Student #273941	Student #273738
Student #23098	Student #277424	Student #275425
Student #277398	Student #275145	Student #277884
Student #274941		

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education to approve Resolution # 492 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #493 - 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 21, 2021 be and are hereby approved:

Student #277072	Student #277740	Student #277673
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MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education to approve Resolution # 493 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

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Resolutions #494 - #498 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #494 - Amendment - Appointment – Instructional

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) previously approved on April 14, 2021 in Resolution #481 be amended to the probationary position(s) indicated below, with salary and effective dates shown contingent upon meeting all of the requirements of Education Law Sections 3012, 3012-c or 3012-d, 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>
Rebecca O’Neil	Social Worker	NYS School Social Worker	\$49,951/yr. (pro-rated) Step 2+60	5/10/21-5/09/25

Resolution #495 - Rescission –Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) appointment previously approved on April 14, 2021 in Resolution #482 be rescinded and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Brandy Taylor	School Aide, MT	\$15.14/hr.	4/15/21-4/14/22

Resolution #496 - 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 2020-2021 school year, with hours and salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max Hrs./Wk.</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Anna Adams	Student Lifeguard	30	\$12.50/hr.
Evan Lebediker	Student Lifeguard	30	\$12.50/hr.

Resolution #497 - Appointment - Interscholastic Sports 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 volunteer position(s) indicated below for the 2020-2021 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jason Nichols	Modified Baseball	n/a

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Resolution #498 - 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 2020-2021 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Catherine Casella	Teacher Mentor, MS	Per BSTA contract
Ank Meuwissen	Teacher Mentor, MS	Per BSTA contract

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education to approve Resolutions # 494 – 498

Ayes all

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slentz thanked everyone for the work that had been done and for all the support that had been received for the budget.

MOTION BY Michael O'Donnell, seconded by Jason Fernau to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board