

**Board of Education Meeting  
Special Meeting  
Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
High School Library  
6:00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Matthew Dreher  
Jason Fernau  
Melissa Glastetter  
Michael O'Donnell  
Lillian McCarthy - Absent  
Dorothy Sellers  
Katie Whittemore

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kenneth Slentz, Superintendent of Schools

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dorothy Sellers called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Kenneth Slentz stated the music education reopening plan is something the Albany and Schenectady Districts have already done. He stated the resolution came about because there had been no direction from the State regarding music and drama. He stated it was especially frustrating due to the nature of some of the high risk sports programs that had been approved.

Mr. Slentz stated the District had designed the reopening plan based on existing guidelines. He stated both the District's legal advisor and the District's physician had signed off on the reopening plan. He highlighted some of the requirements the physician put in place.

Mr. Slentz stated the agreement with BSTA was an agreement that had been in progress prior to the closure last year. He stated the District had able to meet with BSTA and complete the agreement pertaining to coaching.

Resolution #456 - Music Education Reopening Plan

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District believes that music education is an important component of a student's experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the students of Ballston Spa Central School District have been unable to have a full music education experience during the 2020-2021 school year because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control recently updated its guidance as it relates to social distancing and music education; and

**WHEREAS**, the new music education social distancing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control is also permissible under the New York State Department of Health pandemic guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent for the Ballston Spa Central School District is confident that the Ballston Spa Central School District fine arts program can safely implement the new music education social distancing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control; Now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby authorizes the Superintendent for the Ballston Spa Central School District to implement the music education social distancing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control in a manner that is compatible with the New York State Department of Health guidelines, so that the students of Ballston Spa Central School District can resume a more complete music education program.

MOTION BY Michael O'Donnell, seconded by Katie Whittemore that the Board of Education to approve Resolution# 456 – Music Education Reopening Plan

Ayes all

Resolution #457 - Appointment of Machine Custodian

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the person listed below be appointed as Machine Custodian for the May 18, 2021 annual budget vote, is hereby approved:

Mike Iacolucci

MOTION BY Michael O'Donnell, seconded by Katie Whittemore that the Board of Education to approve Resolution# 457 – Appointment of Machine Custodian

Ayes all

**Resolutions #458- #460 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.**

Resolution #458 - Agreement – Ballston Spa Teachers Association Memorandum of Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Agreement between the Ballston Spa Central School District and the Ballston Spa Teachers' Association, dated March 24, 2021, be and is hereby approved

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Resolution #459 - 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>
Robert Immel	Athletic Safety Coordinator	Per BSTA MOA
Lisa Perrone	Athletic Safety Coordinator	Per BSTA MOA

Resolution #460 - 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 2020-2021 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jennifer Groat	Varsity Volleyball Assistant	\$5,306
Thomas Nocito	Varsity Boys Soccer Assistant	\$5,306
Jaime Retersdorf	Varsity Girls Soccer Assistant	\$5,306

MOTION BY Michael O'Donnell, seconded by Katie Whittemore that the Board of Education to approve Resolutions# 458 - 460

Ayes all

MOTION BY Michael O'Donnell, seconded by Katie Whittemore that the Board of Education to accept Walk-On Resolution# 461 – BOCES Board of Education Nomination

Discussion

Dottie Sellers thanked Jason Fernau for agreeing to accept the nomination for the BOCES Board of Education.

Jason Fernau Abstained  
Ayes all others

Resolution #461 - BOCES Board of Education Nomination

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the nomination of Jason Fernau for election to the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Board of Cooperative Educational Services to fill one of three (3) partial terms, effective April 28, 2021, or as soon thereafter as the individual may be sworn in, and expiring June 30, 2023, and five (5) full terms, one (1) effective April 28, 2021 and four (4) effective July 1, 2021, all expiring June 30, 2024," be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Michael O'Donnell seconded, by Katie Whittemore that the Board of Education approve Walk-On Resolution# 461 – BOCES Board of Education Nomination

Jason Fernau - Abstained

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Ayes all others

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY Michael O'Donnell, seconded by Katie Whittemore to adjourn at 6:08 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BS', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board