

**Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Virtual Meeting
7:00 pm**

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

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.

RECOGNITION

Ken Slentz thanked parents, teachers, staff and administrators. He recognized the strain of the past few weeks. He stated the District was grateful that everyone continues to work together.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sellers read a public comment from Scott McNamara concerning sports, specifically Track and Field. Mr. McNamara expressed his concern that the District administration has not tried hard enough to make Track and Field happen.

Ms. Sellers stated there would be a response to Mr. McNamara this week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY, Jason Fernau seconded by Melissa Glastetter to approve the January 6, 2021 Regular Meeting

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Slentz stated Brian Sirianni would give a financial report regarding COVID costs.

Mr. Sirianni gave a review of the preliminary COVID expenses. He stated there were increased costs for equipment and supplies, but that personnel costs were lower. He outlined expenses that

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specifically related to COVID. He also discussed State Aid information that came from the Governor's office. He stated there would be a budget review on March 3rd.

Mr. Slentz stated there were things that have been learned in recent months, especially around sanitizing buildings and that the District will continue to do to provide the best environment for student learning.

Mr. Slentz stated there was no information coming yet from the State regarding high risk winter sports. He discussed the timeframe for each of the sports season. He stated it was the District's intention to make a recommendation to host sports allowed by the State, and that there would be an update as soon as there is additional information.

Mr. Slentz stated the District was expecting a full opening of all grades on Monday. He reviewed the quarantine and positive case data in the District.

Mr. Slentz stated there was a rolling appeal system for parents that wanted to have their students to attend in person or virtually. He stated there would be more information available to parents regarding the District's standing available on the website. He stated it would be updated daily.

Mr. Slentz discussed the State's current COVID numbers.

Mr. Slentz stated it was the number of individuals that are quarantined that have created the challenges for staffing as opposed to the number of positive cases. He stated there is some lag with information coming from Saratoga County Public Health that adds to challenges.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Slentz stated there would be a Policy Committee Meeting prior to the next Board Meeting on February 10th.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Slentz stated the majority of the correspondence received was regarding indoor track. He stated the others were single issues that had been resolved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Slentz stated the District was ready for UPK. He stated the application deadline January 31st.

Mr. Slentz stated the free meal program has been extended through the end of the 2020-21 school year. He stated all information was available on the website and through school principals.

Mr. Slentz stated there would be a sports spirit day on January 28th.

Mr. Slentz stated there would be a Malta Food Fest at the TECH Park on January 28th. He stated the proceeds would go to The Partnership of Innovation and Education.

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Mr. Slentz stated the end of the marking period would be January 29.

Mr. Slentz stated there would be no January enrichment program this year.

Mr. Slentz stated the next and only BOE meeting in February would be on the 10th. He stated all updates would be available on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #356 - Award of Bid – Rubbish Removal

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to award the bid for rubbish removal services to Casella Waste Management, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Melissa Glastetter that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #356 – Award of Bid – Rubbish Removal

Ayes all

Resolution #357 - Award of Bid – Auto, Truck and Bus Parts

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the bid for auto, truck and bus parts for the 2020-2021 school year be awarded as follows, be and is hereby approved:

Part 1 Auto, Truck & Bus Parts

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Matthews Buses Inc.	\$26,824.40
Leonard Bus Sales	\$3,648.20
HL Gage Sales Inc.	\$4,345.80
Vehicle Maintenance Program	\$1,183.70
New York Bus Sales	\$1,955.40
BEW LLC	<u>\$19,558.19</u>
Total	\$57,515.69

Part 2 OEM & Miscellaneous Parts

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Item/Discount</u>
Mangino Buick GMC	Group #9–GM Car & light truck parts & miscellaneous parts 40% discount
Morris Ford Inc.	Group #10–Ford Car & Light truck OEM

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No Award	30% discount
Matthew Buses	Group #11-International Navistar OEM parts
	Group #12- Freightliner OEM parts
	15% discount

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Melissa Glastetter that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #357 – Award of Bid – Auto, Truck and Bus Parts

Ayes all

Resolution #358 - Award of Bid – Facilities Improvement Project

WHEREAS the Ballston Spa Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for the Middle/High School Renovations (SED Project No. 52-13-01-06-0-001-033) on January 7, 2021; and WHEREAS, the low responsible bidders on the contracts are:

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Contractor</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Contract No. 10	New Castle Paving, LLC	Base Bid	\$289,936.16
Sitework	1 Madison St, Suite 100	Add Alternate No. 1	\$17,600.00
Construction	Troy, NY 12180		
Contract No. 11	J. McBain, Inc.	Base Bid	\$16,500.00
Electrical	2742 6 th Avenue		
Construction	Troy, NY 12180		
	Total Award Contracts Awarded		\$324,036.16

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby awards the above contracts and authorizes the Board President to execute the contracts between the District and the above contractors on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Owner’s Representative and Architect:

Be it further resolved that the school District administration, owner’s representative, architect and legal counsel are directed to draft and execute the necessary documents to commence construction on the Project.

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Melissa Glastetter that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #358 – Award of Bid – Facilities Improvement Project

Ayes all

Resolution #359 - 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:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ballston Spa Basketball Booster Club Scholarship	Awarded to senior athletes who show leadership and character on and off the court – number of recipients varies	Varies each year

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Melissa Glastetter that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #359 – Scholarship Change

Ayes all

Resolution #360 - Student Transportation Contract

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the "Piggyback" student transportation contract with Upstate Transit of Saratoga, LLC and Saratoga Springs City School District, with a cost savings of \$273 per day, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Melissa Glastetter that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #360 – Student Transportation Contract

Discussion

Mr. Fernau asked if this was just for the remainder of this year.

Mr. Sirianni responded it was just for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Fernau asked if there was a chance it would continue through next year.

Mr. Sirianni responded no, that it was unlikely, and explained the uniqueness of the situation.

Ayes all

Resolution #361 - 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 January 20, 2021 be and are hereby approved:

Student #276964	Student #272885	Student #278099
Student #277166	Student #23895	Student #24698
Student #275754	Student #278053	Student #23486
Student #21013	Student #278468	

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Melissa Glastetter that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #361 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #362 - Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

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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 January 20, 2021 be and are hereby approved:

Student #277258
Student #278404

Student #277673
Student #278393

Student #278418

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Melissa Glastetter that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #362 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #363 - #368 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #363 - Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the resignation for the purpose of retirement 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>
Pamela Hart	Teacher	6/25/21
Jean Hoins	Teacher	6/25/21

Mr. Fernau recognized the individuals and thanked them for their service. He stated he hoped there would be an opportunity for an end of year recognition for all retirees.

Ms. Sellers stated each individual had 35 years of dedicated service.

Resolution #364 - 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>
Modupe Adediran	Teaching Assistant, MT	1/27/21
Carly Baker	School Aide, MA	1/08/21
Brad Fersch	Lunch Supervisor, WR	1/04/21

Resolution #365 - Appointment Instructional

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

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<u>Name / Position</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary / Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Eric Bersch	NYS Physics 7-12	\$57,002/yr. (pro-rated) Step 7+101	1/21/21-1/20/25
Kayla Fountain	NYS Family and Consumer Sciences K-12	\$46,380/yr. (pro-rated) Step 1	2/28/21-2/27/25
Sarah Hinman	NYS English Language Arts 7-12	\$50,133/yr. (pro-rated) Step 3+46	2/01/21-1/31/25

Resolution #366 - Appointment –Support Services - Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be granted probationary appointment previously approved at the Board of Education meeting on January 6, 2021 in Resolution #344 to the position(s) indicated below, with salary and effective dates shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Ashley Smith	Special Education Aide	\$16.56/hr.	01/07/21-03/04/21

Resolution #367 - 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>
Robert Bodien	Lifeguard Substitute	30	\$15.24/hr.
Lisa Rose	Bus Driver Substitute	30	\$21.57/hr.

Resolution #368 - 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>
Christina Carlson	Social Emotional Learning Coordinator, P-Tech	\$1,000 (pro-rated)

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Melissa Glastetter that the Board of Education to approve Resolutions #363 - 368

Ayes all

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, Student Council and PTA

Ms. Sellers thanked everyone. She stated she hoped the vaccines would make things better.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Slentz announced to the Board there were additional documents in their budget folders.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Melissa Glastetter to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Ayes all

Ms. Sellers reminded everyone the next meeting would be on February 10th.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board