

**Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, March 15, 2017  
High School Library  
7:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Susan Filburn  
Nancy Fodera  
Tony Leva - Absent  
Jeanne Obermayer - Absent  
Michael O'Donnell  
Dorothy Sellers  
Kevin Schaefer

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Joseph Dragone, Superintendent of Schools  
Brian Sirianni, Clerk of the Board

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kevin Schaefer called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jean Rutigliano, 18 Kristen Drive Ballston Spa, NY offered assistance to any workshop regarding the Veterans' Tax Exemption.

Thomas Riley, 34 Birchwood Lane, Milton, NY also offered assistance for the Veterans' Exemption process. He asked that impact information for the community and veterans be included. Additionally, he offered information and requested town delineation in regard to the information.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Dragone stated the Health and Wellness Expo held on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> in the WR gym had been great. He thanked Sheriff Zurlo for handing out bike helmets and the Ballston Spa Teachers' Association for handing out books.

Dr. Dragone thanked students, parents and staff for participating in the Science & Engineering Fair held on March 11<sup>th</sup>. He reported March was Music in the Schools Month and he provided information regarding upcoming events.

Dr. Dragone went on to report the spring Meet the Coaches night would be held on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, and the High School play, *Addams Family, The New Musical*, would start on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Dragone stated the BSEF Taste of Ballston Spa would be held on April 3, 2017.

Dr. Dragone reminded everyone of the Robotics Competition this weekend. He stated there would be teams from all over the world competing. He wished everyone good luck.

#### Student Recognition

Tracy DeRagon and members of the music staff recognized students in the program. Ms. DeRagon shared a multitude of accomplishments.

Kevin Schaefer offered support and congratulations to those in the program and Dr. Dragone thanked everyone for the hard work and the excellent results.

#### Staff Recognition

Celeste Keane recognized staff from the Gordon Creek School.

Kevin Schaefer stated the highlighted program sounded wonderful.

Kerri Canzoni-Ball recognized Kathy Simpkins as the Medicaid Compliance Office.

Valerie Karas recognized a staff member from Wood Road.

Kris Jensen recognized staff from the High School.

Dr. Dragone congratulated everyone recognized.

#### 2017-2018 Budget

Dr. Dragone stated he would present a State Aid update, share a revised draft budget and share the next steps. He discussed the Foundation Aid deficit and shared Foundation Aid from a historical perspective. Dr. Dragone discussed the Foundation Aid per pupil, and shared the ECB recommendations.

Dr. Dragone shared the Assembly One House Budget and the Senate One House Budget. He presented a slide illustrating Foundation Aid and the recommendation of all concerned groups.

Dr. Dragone reviewed the Tax Levy Limit Calculation, and discussed the Globalfoundries depreciation.

Dr. Dragone provided the draft budget comparison summary for the 2016-2017 to 2017-2018. Dr. Dragone stated the current planned increase was 2.1%. He gave the breakdown for each of the components of the budget.



Dr. Dragone discussed the staffing recommendations that had been presented at the last meeting.

Dr. Dragone discussed the propositions, including Vehicle Purchase, Ballston Spa Public Library and BARC. He reminded everyone that the library and BARC were not district related.

Dr. Dragone shared the opinions of the State's superintendents regarding optimism and pessimism related to program funding and services for their students.

Dr. Dragone discussed the concerns regarding inadequate State Aid.

Dr. Dragone shared information on the Federal front, discussed the cuts at USDOE and shared information regarding Obamacare and ESSA.

Dr. Dragone discussed the Education Transformation Act of 2015

Dr. Dragone gave a summary and stated the district would continue to stay focused on the District mission.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nancy Fodera stated the Facilities and Safety Committee had decided to have a runaway test.

Ms. Fodera reported the Committee had discussed implementing additional security measures. She stated security was constantly being reviewed. Ms. Fodera stated the Transportation Department was also looking at different way to update security

~~Ms. Fodera stated the Facilities Pride Committee had discussed the removal of obsolete equipment. She went on to report the coffee shop was continuing to move forward.~~

Ms. Fodera gave an update on the current search for the Building Maintenance Supervisor.

Ms. Fodera reported the district's insurance company had been very responsive in the wake of the fire.

Additionally, Ms. Fodera reminded everyone the Taste would be on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. She stated the raffles would include the Ireland trip and the drawing for the Ireland trip would be done during the First Friday village event.

Kevin Schaefer reported the Policy Committee continues to meet and read draft policies. He stated the policies that had been completed were available to board members in the shared folder. He encouraged board members to look at the draft polices that had been posted for review.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution #359 - Purchase of School Vehicles Proposition

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BALLSTON SPA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, that the following proposition be presented to the voters of the District at the annual Budget Vote to be held on May 16, 2017:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District is hereby authorized and directed to: (1) purchase various school buses and vehicles, at a maximum cost of \$907,000 (2) expend such sum for such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$907,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest and principal on said obligations when due?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include the notice of the vote on the proposition in the notice of the annual Budget Vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Dorothy Sellers that the Board of Education approve Resolution #359 – Purchase of School Vehicles Proposition

Ayes all

Resolution #360 - Ballston Spa Public Library Proposition

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BALLSTON SPA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, that the following proposition be presented to the voters of the District at the annual Budget Vote to be held on May 16, 2017:

The Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$55,650 as and for its contribution toward the expense of maintaining and operating the Ballston Spa Public Library, and to levy the necessary taxes therefore.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include notice of the vote on the proposition in the notice of the annual Budget Vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Dorothy Sellers that the Board of Education approve Resolution #360 – Ballston Spa Public Library Propositions.

Ayes all

Resolution #361 - Ballston Spa Area Recreation Commission Proposition

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BALLSTON SPA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, that the following proposition be presented to the voters of the District at the annual Budget Vote to be held on May 16, 2017:

The Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$30,000 as and for its contribution towards the expense of maintaining and operating the Ballston Spa Area Recreation Commission and to continue funding the Saturday School and summer program, formerly funded through the District budget, and to levy the necessary taxes therefore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include the notice of the vote on the proposition in the notice of the annual Budget Vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Dorothy Sellers that the Board of Education approve Resolution #361 – Ballston Spa Area Recreation Commission Proposition

Discussion

Nancy Fodera stated BARC was very happy to be included in the vote.

Ayes all

Resolution #362 - Adoption-2017-2018 School Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year be adopted, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Dorothy Sellers that the Board of Education approve Resolution #362 – Adoption – 2017 -2018 School Calendar

Ayes all



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Resolution #363 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between the YMCA and the District to provide swimming instruction services, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Dorothy Sellers that the Board of Education approve Resolution #363 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #364 - 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 March 15, 2017 be and are hereby approved:

Student #25667	Student #273142	Student #273843	Student #274678
Student #272885	Student #272322	Student #25931	Student #274910
Student #272736	Student #274732	Student #274495	Student #274257
Student #23805	Student #25803	Student #23696	Student #25829
Student #24419	Student #273923	Student #24689	Student #273844
Student #273245	Student #25240	Student #273054	Student #273843
Student #273054	Student #273254	Student #273464	Student #25931
Student #272965	Student #275547	Student #272501	Student #274495
Student #273584	Student #19192	Student #272988	Student #274496
Student #272501	Student #274954	Student #272322	Student #24790
Student #273526	Student #274257	Student #271761	Student #274165
Student #25302	Student #272627	Student #272299	
Student #24651	Student #273844	Student #274924	

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Dorothy Sellers that the Board of Education approve Resolution #364 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #365 - 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 March 15, 2017 be and are hereby approved:

Student #275752	Student #274538
Student #275009	Student #275610
Student #275228	



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MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Dorothy Sellers that the Board of Education approve Resolution #365 Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

**Resolutions #366 - #372 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.**

Resolution #366 - 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. The Board of Education and administration extend their appreciation to the employee(s) for their dedication to the students of the Ballston Spa Central School District:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Susan Andi	Principal Clerk	12/16/17

Resolution #367 - 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>
Shonna Hunter	Special Education Aide	4/14/17
Sandra LeVee	Bus Driver	3/16/17
Nichole Wilmoth	Special Education Aide	3/16/17

Resolution #368 - Appointment – Instructional – Long-Term Substitute

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

<u>Name / Position</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary / Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Tricia Fronk	NYS Initial, English Language Arts 7-12	\$48,036/yr. Step 1 + 36 (pro-rated)	3/27/17-6/21/17

Resolution #369 - Appointment – Instructional – Part-time

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the part-time position(s) indicated below, with salary and effective date(s) 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>
Tammy Anderson Registered Nurse (.5)	NYS Registered Professional Nurse	\$33.54/hr. Step 5	3/16/17-3/15/18
Nancy Cicciu Registered Nurse (.5)	NYS Registered Professional Nurse	\$29.80/hr. Step 1	3/16/17-3/15/18

Resolution #370 - 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, salary and effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max Hrs/Wk</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Karsen Hallas	Lifeguard/Learn to Swim Instructor	30	\$9.70/hr.	3/16/17-8/31/17
Samantha Paley	Lifeguard/Learn to Swim Instructor	30	\$9.70/hr.	3/16/17-8/31/17

Resolution #371 - 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 2016-2017 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>
Keyla Fernandez	Driver in Training	30	\$10.20/hr.
Sandra LeVee	Substitute Bus Attendant	30	\$13.50/hr.
Kristle Mathison	Substitute Clerical	30	\$16.07/hr.

Resolution #372 - 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 2016-2017 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Crispin Catricala	Pit Musician / Accompanist	\$30.60/hr.
Theresa DeRagon	Pit Musician / Accompanist	\$30.60/hr.
Chelsea Reeves	Pit Musician / Accompanist	\$30.60/hr.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Dorothy Sellers that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #366 - 372

Ayes all



**BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, Student Council, and PTA**

Kim Pusatere reminded everyone of the deadline for the BSTA scholarship.

Kim Pusatere stated 250 families had been given over 500 books at the Health and Wellness Fair.

Student Council stated they were working on Memorial Day activities.

Nancy Fodera stated PARP was in full swing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn, seconded by Dorothy Sellers to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of the employment of a particular person at 8:22 p.m., not to return to regular session.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board