

**Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2017
High School Library
7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Susan Filburn
Nancy Fodera
Tony Leva
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 7:05 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Riley, 34 Birchwood Lane, Milton, NY gave a statement regarding the plan for the Veterans' Exemption process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 15, 2017 – Regular Meeting – Approved as submitted

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Dragone congratulated Tyler Barnes and the other athletes and teams on their accomplishments during the winter season. He also reminded all that PARP would kick off tomorrow evening. He encouraged everyone to check with their PTA's regarding specific school information.

He announced the Health and Wellness Expo would be held on Saturday, March 4th in the Wood Road Elementary gym. He thanked everyone involved in the donations of bikes and helmets.

Additionally Dr. Dragone announce the Class of 2018 would be holding a Yard Sale in the high school cafeteria on Saturday, and there would be a Weight Lifting Tournament in the high school gym on Saturday.

Dr. Dragone reported that March is Music in the Schools Month and stated the Science & Engineering Fair would be held on March 11th. Dr. Dragone encouraged all to come. He directed everyone to the district calendar and the website for information on all events.

Dr. Dragone thanked Ed Martin for the work that had been completed in the library. He further thanked Mr. Martin and Kris Jensen for continuing to make the spaces for the students' better.

Student Recognition

Diane Irwin recognized the Wood Road Robotics Team for their hard work. She congratulated them on their accomplishments and their awards.

Dr. Dragone congratulated everyone on their hard work. He invited everyone to the National Robotics event being held at RPI.

Mr. Schaefer stated the program is excellent and it was his hope that the program would continue to expand.

Partner Recognition

Mr. Wright recognized Curtis Lumber and the Saratoga Center for their partnership in regard to work place learning sites. He thanked them for their support and recognized their importance.

Dr. Dragone thanked the partners for allowing another pathway to graduation for students. He thanked the partners for setting an example for other businesses.

2017-2018 Budget

Dr. Dragone stated the bulk of the work was finished until further revenue information was available. He stated the Tax Levy Limit Calculation had been submitted and went on to illustrate the calculation through PowerPoint presentation.

Dr. Dragone shared the Global Foundries depreciation and explained where the figure was placed in the formula for the Tax Levy Limit Calculation. He provided historical information regarding the Tax Levy increases and the tax rates per \$1000 assessed value.

Dr. Dragone shared the draft budget comparison summary for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 including general support, instruction, transportation and undistributed components. He discussed the budget drivers. He cited the increase in health insurance costs as the main driver. Dr. Dragone explained the revenue budget driver.

Dr. Dragone provided staffing recommendations for the next school year budget and explained the necessity of each position. He shared the total budget impact for the staffing recommendations.

Dr. Dragone shared class size information and anticipated enrollment. He stated the enrollments had been consistent with the projections.

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Dr. Dragone discussed the transportation component and the undistributed component of the proposed budget. He stated it was a good year to deal with health insurance increases because retirement costs will be decreasing this year.

Dr. Dragone discussed the Ballston Spa Central School District Foundation Aid deficit.

He reported the next steps of the budget process including meeting dates, a tentative budget adoption of April 12, 2017, May 3, 2017 for the budget hearing and the date of May 16, 2017 for the statewide school budget vote.

Mr. Schaefer stated it was important to support the district's programs.

Dr. Dragone and Nancy Fodera discussed components of the BSpa Connected initiative.

Dr. Dragone discussed the politics of upcoming issues surrounding education. He stated it was important for the district to stay focused on the work being done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nancy Fodera stated the PTA Jeopardy Committees had begun meeting

Dr. Dragone advised the Board members on the Policy Committee continue to review drafts.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dorothy Sellers announced BACC was having a craft fair this weekend.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #348 - Field Trip-Robotics Team

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the Robotics Team to travel to the Finger Lakes FIRST Robotics Regional Tournament in Rochester, NY, March 24-26, 2017, be and is hereby granted.

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MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education amend Resolution #348 – Field Trip – Robotics Team to show Rockland Community College as the venue for the travel.

Ayes All

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #348 – Field Trip – Robotics Team

Ayes All

Resolution #349 - Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Transfers for March 1, 2017, be and are hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #349 – Budget Transfers

Ayes All

Resolution #350 - 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 1, 2017 be and are hereby approved:

Student #273394	Student #16326	Student #275015
Student #18053	Student #17054	Student #273085
Student #23443	Student #23418	Student #23686
Student #24969	Student #273101	Student #273691
Student #274964	Student #275857	Student #275708
Student #24779	Student #16270	Student #272955
Student #23612	Student #275862	

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #350 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes All

Resolution #351 - 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 1, 2017 be and are hereby approved:

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Student #275575
Student #275264
Student #275310
Student #275637

Student #275300
Student #275664
Student #275352
Student #275617

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #351 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes All

Resolutions #352 - #358 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #352 - 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>
Christine Fort	Bus Attendant	6/30/17

Resolution #353 - 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>
Richard Hennessey	Bus Driver	6/24/17
Sharyn Roy	Special Education Aide	3/8/17

Resolution #354 - 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>
Amanda Michaels	NYS Provisional, School Psychologist	\$50,915/yr. Step 3 + 63 (pro-rated)	3/27/17-6/23/17

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Resolution #355 - 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 2016-2017 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Anastasia Welsh	Troupe, Spring Choreographer	\$895

Resolution #356 - 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 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>
Garry Preece	Assistant Varsity Outdoor Track	\$4,590

Resolution #357 - 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>
Laurie Horsch	Lifeguard/Learn to Swim Instructor	30	\$9.70/hr.	3/2/17-8/31/17
Samantha Pingelski	Bus Attendant	40	\$13.92/hr.	3/2/17-3/1/18

Resolution #358 - 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>
Cesar Garces	Substitute Bus Driver	30	\$19.26/hr.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #352 - 358

Ayes All

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, Student Council, and PTA

Kim Pusatere stated the BSTA would have a table at the Health and Wellness Expo. She shared the number of books that would be given away this month.

Dan Hornick stated eleven students participated in the College Board Lobby regarding AP opportunities. He shared information regarding what had happened and who the group had met with.

Ms. Fodera discussed the PARP schedule. She stated the BSEF was selling tickets for the Ireland trip.

PUBLIC COMMENT

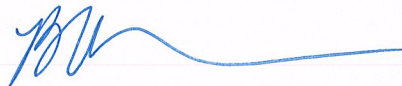
None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva to adjourn to at 8:06 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board