

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

PRESENT: Susan Filburn
Nancy Fodera
Tony Leva – Arrived at 7:08
Jeanne Obermayer – Arrived at 7:59
Michael O'Donnell
Dorothy Sellers
Kevin Schaefer

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Dragone, Superintendent of Schools

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Schaefer called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Kevin Schaefer thanked Dr. Dragone and Ed Martin and everyone involved for the work done in regard to the fire on Super Bowl Sunday.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Dragone thanked all the first responders, ATC, Utica National Insurance and Quick Response for the hard work that had been done to get the Middle School up and running again.

He went on to discuss the extent of the damage and thanked his Suburban Council partners and the members of his professional groups that reached out with support and offers of help.

Dr. Dragone thanked Ed Martin for his excellent coordination. Dr. Dragone stated the work on the High School library would be done by the next meeting.

Dr. Dragone highlighted the upcoming events and the events that had taken place since the last board meeting.

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2017 – 2018 Budget

Dr. Dragone reminded everyone of the district's mission and stated it was imperative to keep the focus on value.

He shared the 2017–2018 State Aid Proposals via a PowerPoint slide, and discussed the Governor's proposal, the Regents proposal and the ECB proposal. Dr. Dragone illustrated base aid broken down by the preceding proposals.

Dr. Dragone reviewed the historic operating aid increases from 2012-2013 through 2017-2018. He provided information on the district's Foundation Aid deficit since 2010.

Dr. Dragone stated the district was still waiting on approvals from SED regarding the facilities work that was submitted last May.

Dr. Dragone shared the political issues including the Governor's Free College Tuition Plan, the Assembly Minority Response, the Millionaire's Tax, the Dream Act and the Direct Care Workers.

He discussed the proposed changes in the school aid calculations. He outlined the current law and the Governor's proposal.

He shared the per pupil Foundation Aid increases vs needs index. He also shared the Foundation Aid per pupil combined wealth ratio (CWR) percentile.

Dr. Dragone illustrated the tax rates per \$1000 assessed value for seven years. He stated the homeowners in the district had received available tax rebates.

Dr. Dragone discussed GLOBALFOUNDRIES depreciation and the absence of mandated relief.

Dr. Dragone stated the district could not retreat from the mission of providing opportunities for all students. He stated the district must continue to focus on the value being delivered to the students, families and the community.

He outlined the next steps of the budget process including a draft and the draft allowable tax levy limit calculation.

Mr. Schaefer stated he has seen a lot of positive change in the twelve years he had been on the board. He stated he would hate to be in a position to have to start backing up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nancy Fodera reported the Safety Committee would not meet until March.

Ms. Fodera reported the BARC winter sports and enrichment had been very well attended. She stated the spring sign-ups would start soon.

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Ms. Fodera announced the tickets for Ireland were available and that she had some if anyone was looking to purchase them. She stated the drawing would be May 5th and the Taste of Ballston would be held on April 3rd.

Ms. Fodera reported the PTA Reflections Founders' Day was very nice. She stated many people had been honored. She stated pictures were available on Facebook and Twitter.

Mr. Schafer reported the Policy Committee was working on policies. He stated some updates were available for the board.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #336 - Middle School Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, the Ballston Spa Central School District discovered on Sunday, February 5, 2017 that a fire was under way in a confined area of the Middle School which, although brought under control and extinguished by fire responders in short time, caused damage to the utility room where it started, HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems and control systems located in that utility room, smoke damage throughout the building, and water damage throughout many areas of the building caused by the need for fire responders to extinguish the fire, all of which, created at that time an environment which endangered the safety and health of persons scheduled to be present at the building for school the following day (i.e. Monday), and which caused the Middle School to be unusable for required educational and other programming, until such time as emergency repairs and cleaning can occur over some several days; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above situation, the School District was forced to close the Middle School to students and staff effective February 6, 2017 until such time as emergency repairs and cleaning could occur; and,

WHEREAS, the School District has contacted its property insurance carrier and has been advised that insurance proceeds will likely fully pay for the repairs and cleaning required as a result of the above emergency situation; and

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WHEREAS, the School District requested its School Architect to review the situation and to recommend any emergency repairs that may be required to restore the building and its operational systems to a state suitable to restore and reopen the building to its educational purpose consistent with all applicable building codes; and

WHEREAS, the School District fully expects its immediate response to repair and clean the building to fully return the building to a healthy and safe educational and work environment; and,

WHEREAS, the condition caused by the fire presented a risk at that time which affected the safety of the staff, students, and public and which caused this area to be then unusable for the District's required educational and other programs and required repair and cleaning on an emergency basis for the protection of the public and the protection of School District property; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of the students, staff, and public and the integrity of School District property was impacted by this situation; and,

WHEREAS, the affected areas of the Middle School required immediate repair and cleaning to preserve the property and to assure the health and safety of students and staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby determines that the Middle School Fire as described above created a need for immediate repair of existing operational systems and cleaning of most of the Middle School and replacement of such items as ceiling tiles that have been impacted by the fire and any and all involved work associated with such "Middle School Emergency Fire Project" ("Project") is an ordinary contingent expense that is necessary to preserve property and to assure the health and safety of students, staff, and the public. The Board of Education further determines that the condition is a condition that affected the health and safety of students, staff, and public and that the Project required emergency and immediate action to preserve the property of the School District.

Section 2. The School District is hereby authorized to undertake the necessary Project and to undertake associated work as required to remedy the situation and render it safe as further may be recommended by the District Architect. The Board approves the action of the Superintendent of Schools in obtaining the services of Quick Response Restoration on February 5, 2017, and any other contractors who were necessary, to immediately engage in required emergency repair and restoration of the Middle School so that it may could be re-opened as soon as possible as a safe and healthy school and work environment.

Section 3. While the District anticipates insurance proceeds to cover, most but perhaps not all of such work related to the Project, to the extent insurance proceeds to do not cover all expenses, the Board authorizes the expenditure from the General Fund amounts for such purpose. The Superintendent of Schools is directed to return to the Board as soon as practicable with any estimate or actual cost expected to be incurred from the General Fund as a result of such work.

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Section 4. The Superintendent of Schools and District Architect are hereby authorized to file any necessary and proper paperwork with the State Education Department to proceed with the above emergency work.

Section 5. The Superintendent of Schools and District Architect are hereby authorized to immediately proceed with the emergency Project and, to the extent necessary if any District funds are expended, proceed as an emergency exception to the bidding requirements of General Municipal Law Section 103 and secure appropriate services.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #336 – Middle School Emergency Declaration

Ayes all

Resolution #337 - Establish Scholarships

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the following scholarships are hereby accepted and approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ballston Spa Girls Lacrosse Scholarship	Awarded to a senior player who has shown leadership and good sportsmanship in the sport of girls' lacrosse.	\$300.00
Ballston Spa Cross Country – Track and Field Scholarship	Awarded to two (1 male, 1 female) senior scholar athletes who best exemplify initiative, leadership, dedication, commitment and team spirit regardless of ranking on the team.	

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #337 – Establish Scholarship

Discussion

Kevin Schaefer stated it was always great to have scholarships added.

Ayes all

Resolution #338 - Authorization – Petty Cash

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Petty Cash Funds and custodian as listed below be authorized effective February 15, 2017 through June 30, 2017, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Custodian</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wood Road Elementary	Kimberli Michael	\$ 75.00

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #338 – Authorization – Petty Cash

Ayes all

Resolution #339 - 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 February 15, 2017 be and are hereby approved:

Student #23010	Student #272340	Student #275396
Student #274832	Student #24020	Student #275599
Student #24546	Student #275327	Student #274043
Student #274915	Student #272305	Student #275747
Student #23804	Student #16408	Student #272360
Student #24506	Student #274789	Student #272441
Student #25129	Student #272751	Student #25138
Student #275053	Student #273756	Student #24990
Student #273228	Student #274704	Student #24989
Student #20237	Student #272200	Student #25541
Student #25122	Student #25429	Student #275051
Student #275446	Student #272345	Student #272340
Student #272155	Student #274126	Student #272305
Student #273031	Student #19279	Student #274445
Student #275293	Student #274516	
Student #272935	Student #275425	

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #339 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #340 - 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 February 15, 2017 be and are hereby approved:

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Student #275713
Student #273136
Student #274178
Student #274840
Student #273229
Student #275223
Student #274984

Student #275009
Student #274736
Student #275837
Student #274540
Student #275863
Student #274943
Student #274585

Student #275280
Student #275684
Student #274634
Student #275714
Student #275671

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #340 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #341 - #347 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #341 - 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>
Sandra Catricala	Teacher	6/30/17
Janine Lasker	Teacher	6/30/17

Resolution #342 - 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>
Deborah Smarro	Modified Girls Lacrosse Coach	1/25/17

Resolution #343 - Extension of Probationary Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby approves the extension of the probationary appointment(s) of the following person(s), in the tenure area(s) indicated below, with end date(s) shown.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>End Date</u>
Cherie Dowling	Teaching Assistant	10/21/19

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Katherine Forrence	Teaching Assistant	11/01/18
Mary Hauert	Teaching Assistant	9/09/19
Heather Higgins	Teaching Assistant	9/07/19
Cari Lawrence	Teaching Assistant	9/07/19
Karyn Lefco	Teaching Assistant	12/02/19
Rhonda Mascardi	Teaching Assistant	8/31/19
Jennifer Miller	Teaching Assistant	8/31/19
Regina Murphy	Teaching Assistant	8/31/20
Ryan O'Reilly	Teaching Assistant	8/31/19
Courtney Rocque	Teaching Assistant	8/31/19
Elizabeth Stanziola	Teaching Assistant	9/02/19
Kristi Stringer	Teaching Assistant	10/07/19
Melissa Taylor	Teaching Assistant	8/31/19
Emily Young	Teaching Assistant	2/07/20

Resolution #344 - Appointment – Tutor

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the Tutor position for the 2016-2017 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Keith Reilly	NYS Initial, Social Studies 7-12	\$30.60/hr.

Resolution #345 - 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>
Nicollette Andrews	Senior Clerk	37.5	\$19.16/hr.	2/20/17-2/19/18
Jeremy Rubitsky	Transportation Routing Specialist	40	\$19.52/hr.	1/27/17-4/29/17

Resolution #346 - 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	Driver in Training	30	\$10.20/hr.

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Resolution #347 - Appointment – Adult Education Instructors

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the following person(s) be appointed as Adult Education Instructor(s) with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Instructor Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kimberly Anatriello	\$20.40/hr.	2/16/17-6/30/17
Carron Blanchet	\$20.40/hr.	2/16/17-6/30/17
Caroline O'Connor	\$20.40/hr.	2/16/17-6/30/17
Georgena Tallman	\$20.40/hr.	2/16/17-6/30/17

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Dorothy Sellers that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #341 - 347

Ayes All

Mr. Schaefer opened a discussion on the Veteran's Tax exemption. He said he was looking for a decision by fall. He then discussed the major areas that needed focus.

Ms. Fodera asked if the timeline would allow for individuals to apply for the exemption.

Dr. Dragone stated it would be for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Ms. Fodera stated it was important for people to have time to apply at their towns.

Mr. Schaefer stated it was important for the district to have all the information and to disseminate the information in an understandable fashion. He suggested a tentative timeline.

The board discussed and gave suggestions to the timeline.

Mr. Schaefer stated the target date for the public hearing was September 6th with a decision on September 20th. He also suggested the information go out to the public around June 1st.

Dr. Dragone stated the information would be disseminated in a variety of ways using the mechanisms the district currently had in place.

Mr. Schaefer suggested April 1st as a date to have a solid plan on how the information would be disseminated.

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, Student Council, and PTA

Ms. Pusatere thanked everyone for the hard work to get the middle school open. She also stated the BSTA scholarship information was available in the guidance office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

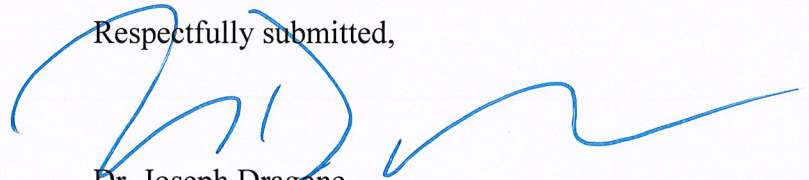
Thomas Riley, 34 Birchwood Lane, Town of Milton spoke regarding the importance of veteran involvement in community. He stated he had information he would like to share with the district. Mr. Riley reported that according to his information, the preferred exemption level in Saratoga County was level K. He stated the Shen School District Board had voted in favor of the exemption. Mr. Riley reminded all that the budget would not be reduced by granting the exemption.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Dorothy Sellers to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person, not to return to regular session at 8:19 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Joseph Dragone
Clerk Pro-tem