

**Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2016
High School Library
6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Susan Filburn
Nancy Fodera
Tony Leva
Christine Richardson – Arrived at 6:39
Jeanne Obermayer - Absent
Dorothy Sellers
Kevin Schaefer

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

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Schaefer called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BSTA Scholarship Presentation

Kim Pusatere, the BSTA Scholarship Committee, and faculty announced and recognized Kathryn Ashworth, Molly Purcell and Hannah Serencsics, the recipients of the 2016 winners of the Ballston Spa Teachers' Association Scholarship.

Dr. Dragone thanked the BSTA for supporting students with the great scholarships. He stated it was wonderful to have the scholarships for students just starting their career paths awarded on the same evening as the tenure recognition. He announced the retiree recognition would take place at the next meeting. He stated that although the challenges in education were many the rewards were substantially greater. He congratulated all the scholarship recipients.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 4, 2016 – Public Hearing - Approved as submitted
May 4, 2016 – Regular Meeting – Approved as submitted

Tenure Recognition and Reception

Joseph Dragone recognized the individuals receiving tenure. He congratulated them on their hard work and for embracing the notions of academic value. He stated he was confident the recipients would continue to be an asset to the students and the district.

Denise Jones thanked the BSTA for offering the students the opportunity of winning a scholarship. She recognized their commitment to the profession of teaching.

Ms. Jones invited the principals of each school to recognize the 16 teachers and 3 teachers assistants receiving tenure.

Pam Motler recognized the tenure recipients from the Middle School, Kristi Jensen recognized the tenure recipients from the High School, Sharon D'Agostino recognized the tenure recipient from Malta Avenue, Kathleen Chaucher recognized the tenure recipients from Milton Terrace, Cara Talmadge recognized the tenure recipients from Wood Road and Celeste Keane recognized the tenure recipients from Gordon Creek.

Kevin Schaefer congratulated all of the recipients and invited everyone to share refreshments at the reception.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Dragone thanked everyone for the support in passing the budget. He stated the 76% approval rate was the highest in the past 18-19 years. He stated the tremendous support from the community was important in regard to the larger financial picture.

Dr. Dragone recognized Amber Mooney as being recognized as one of the 40 top up and coming business leaders.

Dr. Dragone invited everyone to participate in the Scottie Stampede this weekend. He went on to provide information on the district happenings including sports and the arts.

Dr. Dragone announced the district had a great spring season. He announced the spring athletes would be recognized at the 2nd meeting in June.

Dr. Dragone stated the Kid Wind team and the HS Odyssey of the Mind team were moving on to compete at the national level.

BTL Report

Pam Motler and staff from the Middle School reported on the BTL. The team revisited the goals of the year and gave an update on the progress and information regarding ongoing work.

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Dr. Dragone thanked everyone on the Middle School Team. He stated that Ms. Motler and her team were modest as they were doing tremendous work. He stated many districts looked to the middle school for guidance and leadership.

Dr. Dragone stated the NYS Middle School Conference would be in Saratoga Springs and the Ballston Spa Central School District was expected to present. He stated the team was doing incredible work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nancy Fodera reported Maureen Gemereck had won the trip to Italy through the BSEF. Ms. Fodera additionally reported the Facilities Committee was working on the parking and the storm water system at the BARC Field on Hyde Blvd.

Ms. Fodera reported the Safety Committee had reviewed the Emergency Drill. She stated there were many positives and some concerns. She reminded everyone the concerns allow for growth and improvement prior to an actual event.

Ms. Fodera thanked Dr. Dragone and Brian Sirianni for their time and hard work on the budget. She stated she wanted to make sure they knew it was appreciated.

Christine Richardson thanked the staff and faculty for their hard work on getting people out to vote.

Ms. Fodera stated she had given all board members a copy of the Capital District Data because she thought the information on all area schools would be of interest.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #446 - Field Trip-Odyssey of the Mind

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the High School Odyssey of the Mind Team to travel to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Championship in Ames, Iowa, May 25-29, 2016, be and is hereby granted.

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MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #446 – Field Trip – Odyssey of the Mind

Ayes all

Resolution #447 - Field Trip-Clean Technologies ECHS Wind Turbine Team #1

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the Clean Technologies ECHS Wind Turbine Team #1 to travel to the Kid Wind National Competition at the AWEA WINDPOWER 2016 Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, May 22-29, 2016, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #447 – Field Trip – Clean Technologies – ECHS Wind Turbine Team #1

Ayes all

Resolution #448 - Award of Bid – Paper

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to award the bid for duplicating paper supplies for the 2015-2016 school year to WB Mason, in the amount of \$66,221.99, be and is hereby approved,

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #448 – Award of Bid - Paper

Ayes all

Resolution #449 - 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 May 19, 2016 be and are hereby approved:

Student #25000	Student #25000	Student #271856	Student #25329
Student #272820	Student #273736	Student #273142	Student #21059
Student #273142	Student #273053	Student #274134	Student #273844
Student #272995	Student #23738	Student #272305	Student #273843
Student #272305	Student #275096	Student #23086	Student #273102
Student #16516	Student #273672	Student #274354	Student #23111
Student #25891	Student #272295	Student #23094	
Student #25730	Student #275163	Student #274287	

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #449 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

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Ayes all

Resolution #450 - 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 May 19, 2016 be and are hereby approved:

Student #275200	Student #275069	Student #274562
Student #274509	Student #275111	Student #275200
Student #274105	Student #274267	
Student #275016	Student #274577	
Student #273490	Student #275129	

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #450 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #451 - #457 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #451 - 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>
Carol O'Brien	School Aide	06/30/16

Resolution #452 - Tenure Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following persons be awarded tenure, be and are hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Commencement Date</u>
Kaitlin Ahl	Speech	09/01/16
Michelle Brandt	Mathematics	09/01/16
Christine Darmofal	Elementary Education	07/01/16
Andrew Ferrone	Elementary Education	09/01/16
Amy Heim	Teaching Assistant	09/01/16
Jamie Ivers	Health	07/01/16
Aimee LaMountain	Elementary Education	09/01/16

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Karin Marcotullio	Science	07/01/16
Ank Meuwissen	Science	07/01/16
Hilary Northrop	Science	09/01/16
Kristin O'Connor	Elementary Education	09/01/16
Rachael Osinski	Elementary Education	09/01/16
Monica Parmenter	School Media Specialist (Library)	09/01/16
Tia Pelneau	Elementary Education	09/01/16
Bridget Vesic	Teaching Assistant	09/01/16
Jason Walton	Industrial Arts	09/01/16
Melinda Whisenhunt	Foreign Language	10/03/16

Discussion

Nancy Fodera congratulated all the appointees.

Resolution #453 - Reappointment – Instructional

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby re-appoints Lynne Blake from the seniority/recall list, pursuant to Education Law §3013, to a position in the Business & Distributive Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2016.

Resolution #454 - 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>
Katherine Forrence Special Education Teacher	NYS Professional, Students with Disabilities Generalist (7-12)	\$52,091/yr. (pro- rated) Step 2M	5/05/16-6/30/16

Resolution #455 - 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) for the 2015-2016 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Anna Nickson	Penny Harvest Advisor, GC	\$524.00

Resolution #456 - 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>
Susan Cremo	Bus Driver	40	\$19.33/hr.	5/02/16-5/01/17

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Resolution #457 - 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 2015-2016 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>
Laura Kohler	Substitute Transportation Routing Specialist	30	\$18.43/hr.

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #451 - 457

Ayes all

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education accept Walk-On Resolution #458 – Canvass – Results of May 17, 2016 Budget Vote and Board Election

Ayes all

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Walk-On Resolution #458 – Canvass – Results of may 17, 2016 Budget Vote and Board Election

Ayes all

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, Student Council, and PTA

Student Council reported class elections for next year had been held.

Student Council reported the Memorial Day ceremony was all set.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Christine Richardson to adjourn to executive session for purpose of collective negotiations with the BSTA and CSEA at 8:07 p.m. not to return to public session.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board