

**Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 16, 2016
High School Library
7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Susan Filburn
Nancy Fodera
Tony Leva
Christine Richardson - Absent
Jeanne Obermayer
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 7:01 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Schaefer reminded all of the rules for public comment regarding time limits.

Katie Thiminer, 145 Ruhle Rd. Ballston Spa, NY 12020, discussed the meeting she had with the district and the school district attorney. She expressed her concerns regarding classroom curriculum and district policies. She requested a meeting with the Board of Education.

Paul Snyder, 145 Ruhle Rd. Ballston Spa, NY 12020, requested a meeting with the Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 2, 2016-- Approved as submitted

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Dragone congratulated the Launching Pad students that participated in the Broadway Stars Acting Workshop. He stated the show was fabulous and a wonderful opportunity for students. He thanked everyone that had worked so hard. He also thanked Joe Shaver for putting everything together.

Dr. Dragone reminded everyone it was still Music in the Schools Month. He shared information regarding the district's musical activities.

Dr. Dragone went on to recognize and congratulate the students involved in the IB Visual Arts pop-Up Solo Art Shows.

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Dr. Dragone reminded everyone of the Fourth Annual Health and Wellness Fair. He thanked Janice McPhee, staff members and district partners for their hard work.

Dr. Dragone stated Wednesday, March 23rd was Social media Safety Night and announced that John Kelly would be the speaker. He stated Augie's would be providing a free dinner prior to the presentation, adding that it was important to RSVP so the dinner count would be correct. He thanked all responsible parties for their participation and hard work getting the Social Media Safety Night set.

Dr. Dragone wished the OM and Robotics Teams good luck in their upcoming competitions.

Gordon Creek Student Council

Members of the Student Council highlighted events and the work being done by Student Council at Gordon Creek School.

Dr. Dragone thanked and congratulated the Student Council.

Tony Leva stated the Student Council had a display table and encouraged everyone to stop by.

Student Presentations

Katie Calhoun and her students discussed the trip to Costa Rica.

Dr. Dragone announced the students on the French Exchange would be back on Sunday and would speak at a later meeting.

Budget

Dr. Dragone gave updates on the draft budget. He discussed the State Aid information that had changed or been obtained since the March 2nd meeting.

Dr. Dragone reminded everyone of the district's mission. He stated the mission was important because it was based on the budget principles and guidelines and the budget goals. He stated the framework allowed for clear prioritizations of decisions for budget building.

Dr. Dragone outlined the college opportunities available in the district. He stated there was more opportunities in the BSCSD than in any other area district. Dr. Dragone stated the district offered many different pathways to the future for students.

Dr. Dragone stated the increase in teacher certifications allowed the district to be innovative and advance the work being done in the district. He stated he was proud of the staff and considered them second to none.

Dr. Dragone gave a side by side view of State Aid proposals from the Executive, the Assembly and the Senate and discussed each. Dr. Dragone also discussed each group's position on additional educational items of interest.

Dr. Dragone highlighted and explained the comptroller's state aid analysis report.

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Dr. Dragone outlined the aggregate increase in State school aid per pupil (excluding building aid) by type of aid and need/resource capacity for the school years of 2011-2012 vs. 2015-2016.

Dr. Dragone gave an update on the figures for the 2016-2017 draft budget. He reminded everyone the budget is not balanced until final State Aid numbers are received. He stated that as of this evening there was 2.4% increase from the 2015-2016 school year.

Dr. Dragone gave a comparison summary for school years 2015-2016 to 2016-2017 regarding the four parts of the budget. The parts discussed were general support, instruction, transportation and undistributed.

Dr. Dragone explained the reduction in pension and health insurance costs and the new debt service. He discussed the specific costs associated with each of the four parts of the budget.

Dr. Dragone discussed each of the propositions that voters would have in addition to the budget.

Dr. Dragone gave the next steps in the budget process including the dates for the budget adoption, the budget hearing and the budget vote. He also included the budget meeting dates for the public. Dr. Dragone reminded everyone there would be a board meeting on May 19th.

Dr. Dragone reminded everyone the district was in a ten year situation of declining revenue related to Global Foundries.

Mr. Schaefer stated it was wonderful to have Student Council in the elementary schools to give students a chance to try-on leadership. He reiterated that the district offered many pathways for students.

Mr. Leva stated government students had also attended the board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nancy Fodera stated the Safety Committee had met and discussed the May emergency drill. Ms. Fodera went on to report that BARC was offering a new business sponsorship program.

Ms. Fodera reported the Facilities Pride Committee had met and reviewed ongoing efforts.

Ms. Fodera reminded everyone BSEF would be hosting the Taste of Ballston on April 11th at the High School. She stated there were still raffle tickets for the trip to Italy for sale. Ms. Fodera stated the BSEF had reviewed the grant applications at the last meeting.

She reminded all that this was PARP month and that there would be a joint PTA meeting for the budget presentation.

Ms. Fodera reported that the PTA had worked with the Health and Wellness Committee on the Cyber Safety Night.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeanne Obermayer announced two school art exhibits at Brookside Museum. She stated there was a rotation Visual Arts Pop-Up Solo Art show and a 6th grade art exhibit that was a 5th continuing project. She invited everyone to visit the exhibits.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #378 - Capital Improvement Plan 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 17, 2016:

Shall it be resolved, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District is hereby authorized and directed to: (1) renovate and reconstruct various District buildings, including site work, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used, at a maximum cost of \$1,100,000, (2) expend such sum for such purposes, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore taking into account state aid received, 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, as necessary, at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,100,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest 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 Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #378 –Capital Improvement Plan Proposition

Ayes all

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Resolution #379 - 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 17, 2016:

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 \$788,000 (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 \$788,000, 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 Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #379 – Purchase of School Vehicles Proposition

Ayes all

Resolution #380 - 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 17, 2016:

The Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$54,610 as and for its contribution toward the expense of maintaining and operating the Ballston Spa Public Library, and to levy the necessary taxes therefore.

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 Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #380 – Ballston Spa Public Library Proposition

Ayes all

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Resolution #381 - 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 17, 2016:

The Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$28,000 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 Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #381 – Ballston Spa Area Recreation Commission Proposition

Ayes all

Resolution #382 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Education for Everyone – Sharon Poole and the District to provide education services for the 2015-2016 school year, be and is hereby approved

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #382 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #383 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Hawkins, Delafield & Woods, LLP, and the District to provide bond counsel services, be and is hereby approved

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #383 – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #384 - Establish Scholarship

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

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Malta Sunrise Rotary Scholarship	Awarded to resident of the Town of Malta, based on academic excellence and community service.	\$1,000.00

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #384 – Establish Scholarship

Discussion

Kevin Schaefer thanked the Malta Sunrise Rotary.

Ayes all

Resolution #385 - 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 16, 2016 be and are hereby approved:

Student #23272	Student #19119	Student #23621
Student #24779	Student #16087	Student #25129
Student #274754	Student #271460	Student #274797
Student #273437	Student #273659	Student #271689
Student #274306	Student #274669	Student #273994
Student #271763	Student #25272	Student #273140
Student #274797	Student #18166	Student #272152
Student #275104	Student #275085	Student #17275
Student #274172	Student #16291	Student #25138
Student #25886	Student #273844	Student #24055

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #385 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #386 - 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 16, 2016 be and are hereby approved:

Student #273167	Student #274290
Student #275016	Student #274643
Student #271439	Student #273726
Student #275071	

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MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #386 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #387 - #396 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #387 - 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>
Patrick McGann	Lunch Supervisor	1/20/16
Jennifer Oliver-Goodwin	Guidance Counselor	4/08/16

Resolution #388 - Appointment – Instructional

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby appoints and employs Eleanor Poling to a term position as a teacher of Spanish, for the period March 9, 2016 to June 30, 2016. This is a term appointment, in effect until June 30, 2016, only, unless terminated earlier or extended, and is not a probationary appointment.

<u>Name / Position</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary / Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Eleanor Poling	NYS Initial,	\$49,121/yr. (pro-rated)	3/09/16-6/30/16
Spanish Teacher	Spanish 7-12	Step 3+24	

Resolution #389 - 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>
Heather Hojnicky	NYS Level I,	\$20,504/yr. (pro-rated)	2/25/16-4/22/16
Teaching Assistant	Teaching Assistant	Step 3	

Resolution #390 - Appointment – Instructional Work

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to conduct instructional work, for the 2015-2016 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Maximum Number of Days</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jessica Skillings	12	\$298.30/day

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Resolution #391 - Appointment – 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 2015-2016 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Amanda Welge	Girls' JV Lacrosse	\$3,060

Resolution #392 - 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>
Danielle Suits	International Club Advisor, MS	\$524 (pro-rated)

Resolution #393 - 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 2015-2016 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Rebecca Farrell	Lunch Supervisor, MS	\$1,658 (pro-rated)
Marc McBride	Additional Section, MS	\$4,886 (pro-rated)

Resolution #394 - Permanent 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 permanent appointment to the position(s) indicated below with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kendra Glastetter	Special Education Aide	3/30/16

Resolution #395 - 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>
Elizabeth Sikoryak	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$14.39/hr.	2/22/16-2/21/17
Erin Waring	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$14.39/hr.	3/02/16-3/01/17

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Resolution #396 - 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 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 Date</u>
Tanner Damico	Lifeguard/Learn to Swim Instructor	30	\$ 9.00/hr.	3/17/16-8/31/16
Denise Farnan	Driver in Training	30	\$10.00/hr.	3/17/16
Henry Koch	Lifeguard/Learn to Swim Instructor	30	\$ 9.00/hr.	3/17/16-8/31/16
Eric Slocum	Lifeguard/Learn to Swim Instructor	30	\$ 9.00/hr.	3/17/16-8/31/16
Joseph Vesic	Lifeguard/Learn to Swim Instructor	30	\$ 9.00/hr.	3/17/16-8/31/16

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #387-396

Ayes all

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education accept Walk-On Resolutions #397 and #398

Ayes all

Resolution #397 - 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 the probationary position(s) indicated below, with salary and effective dates shown contingent upon meeting all of the requirements of Education Law Sections 3012, 3012-c or 3012-d, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary/Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Andrea Tabor	Art	NYS Initial, Visual Arts	\$47,651/yr. (pro-rated) Step 2+10	4/11/16-4/10/20

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #397 – Appointment - Instructional

Ayes all

Discussion

Kevin Schaefer welcomed Andrea Tabor

Dr. Dragone congratulated Andrea Tabor

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Resolution #398 - Appointment – 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 2015-2016 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Benjamin Eldridge	Modified Softball	\$2,380

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #398 – Appointment – Interscholastic Sports Coaches

Ayes all

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, Student Council, and PTA

BSTA announced they had donated 2 bikes for the Health and Wellness Fair

BSTA reminded everyone the deadline for their scholarship was next Thursday.

Student Council stated they were in the process of organizing a Memorial Day ceremony and an after-school field day.

Ms. Fodera announced Milton Terrace was having a sports equipment collection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

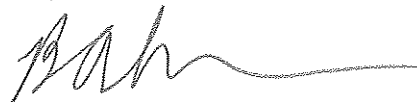
None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Leva to adjourn to executive session for purposed of collective bargaining negotiations with the BSTA at 8:08 p.m., not to return to public session.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board