

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 6, 2023
High School Library
7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Holly Barker-Flynn
Matthew Dreher
Jason Fernau
Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin
Lawrence Ryan
Timothy Turbiak
Katie Whittemore

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

CALL TO ORDER

Jason Fernau called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Fernau welcomed WSWHE BOCES

Mr. Fernau acknowledged and addressed current bussing issues.

Dr. Duca addressed the bus driver shortages and the impact on the District. He discussed the District's communication efforts and the work being done to find resolutions to the ongoing issues.

RECOGNITION

Partnership Recognition

Dr. Duca recognized Ballston Spa National Bank (BSNB) for their partnership and consistent support of the Robotics Team.

The Robotics Team shared information on the program and the team's accomplishments. They thanked BSNB for their support.

BSNB representatives presented the District with a \$6,000 sponsor check and thanked everyone for their commitment to the program.

Fall Sports

David Sunkes recognized Fall season athletes. He shared statistical and historical information for all teams. He announced special recognitions and accomplishments. He closed his comments by thanking everyone for their support.

Coach Ben Eldridge – Suburban Council Coach of the Year shared statistical information and accomplishments of the Golf Team. He recognized individual athletes.

Coach Garry Preece and the Booster Club recognized the accomplishments of the girls undefeated JV Soccer Team.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government congratulated the student athletes.

Student Government stated everyone was excited about winter sports.

Student Government announced the upcoming Annual Holiday Trivia event that on December 13th at 6:30. Admission is free, all are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate

Student Government shared information on Holiday week and the Foreign Language Lip Sync results.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Gurtler, Ballston Spa, thanked the bus drivers for their work. He also voiced concern regarding the District 's efforts to solve the situation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY, Timothy Turbiak seconded by Matthew Dreher that the Board of Education approve the November 15, 2023 regular meeting minutes

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Turina Parker, District Superintendent, WHSHE BOCES highlighted their Programs.

Students spoke sharing information about their reasons for choosing their specific programs and the anticipated impact on their futures. Students shared the current benefits being provided by the program.

BOCES staff shared information on their strategic plans, goals and values.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Duca reported 7 correspondences with the District, and the topics of each.

Mr. Fernau reported there had been 0 correspondences with the Board.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stuart Williams shared information on the District’s Winter concerts. He encouraged all to come, and reminded everyone the schedules for the concerts are on the web site

Mr. Williams announced current 5th session of Partners as Parents offering.

Mr. Williams announced Financial Aid Night has been postponed until January 10, 2024 and stated information was available on the web site and school counseling newsletter.

Mr. Williams announced the Adult Fitness Programs are starting for winter, shared information on the Community Closet on December 9 at the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Williams shared information for the Holiday Trivia QR Code and how to participate.

Mr. Williams announced Community Band information, and the next meeting would be on December 20th.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #308 - Resolution #333 - Tax Collector’s Report

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District , to accept the report of Mary Schallehn, Tax Collector, and the tax collector be credited with the sum of \$1,721,974.72 this being the sum of uncollected taxes, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #308 – Tax Collector’s Report

Ayes all

Resolution #309 - Amendment to Tax Warrant and Levy

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following amendments to the tax warrant and levy for the 2023-2024 school year, be and are hereby approved.

Assessor’s corrections to final tax roll, approved: -\$2,317.74
Small claims, Article 7’s approved: -\$16,199.81
Tax Warrant Rounding: \$5.48

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #309 – Amendments to Tax Warrant and Levy

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Ayes all

Resolution #310 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 7513 – Administration of Medicine

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 7513 Administration of Medicine, having been tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #310 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 7513 – Administration of Medicine

Ayes all

Resolution #311 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 7521 – Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 7521 Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions, having been tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #311 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 7521 – Students with Life-Threatening Health-Conditions

Ayes all

Resolution #312 - Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District , that the Budget Transfers, be and are hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #312 – Budget Transfers

Ayes all

Resolution #313 - Field Trip- Varsity Wrestling

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District , to grant permission for the Varsity Wrestling team to travel to Beacon High School, NY, January 19-20, 2024, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #313 – Field Trip Varsity Wrestling

Ayes all

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Resolution #314 - Field Trip- Varsity Wrestling

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District , to grant permission for the Varsity Wrestling team to travel to Sullivan County Community College, NY, January 11-13, 2024, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #314 – Field Trip Varsity Wrestling

Ayes all

Resolution #315 - Acceptance of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District , that the donation by the Middle School PTA for the 7th Grade Field Trip to Wild Play at Thatcher Park, in the amount of \$467.18, be and is hereby accepted.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #315 – Acceptance of Donation

Ayes all

Resolution #316 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District , hereby approves the agreement between Anderson Center for Autism and the District to provide residential Special Education services, for the 2023-2024 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #316 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #317 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District , hereby approves the agreement between Benetech, Inc. and the District to provide IRS Section 125 plan

administrative services for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #317 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

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Resolution #318 - 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 December 6, 2023 be and are hereby approved:

Student #276313	Student #274519	Student #280081
Student #275694	Student #277868	Student #279813
Student #275361	Student #278624	Student #278680
Student #273883	Student #279181	Student #277746
Student #275922	Student #278068	Student #278350
Student #276768	Student #276165	Student #273876
Student #279930	Student #279248	Student #278772
Student #275570	Student #276973	Student #276551
Student #280130	Student #280099	Student #278321
Student #276317	Student #274690	Student #276452
Student #279637	Student #279636	Student #277672
Student #275224	Student #276821	Student #279274
Student #277075	Student #279973	Student #277492
Student #279772	Student #279047	Student #274257
Student #280026	Student #272243	Student #277417
Student #276312	Student #274100	Student #276799
Student #277859	Student #279109	Student #273537
Student #278706	Student #273914	Student #274165

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #318 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #319 - 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 December 6, 2023 be and are hereby approved:

Student #279388	Student #280171	Student #279051
Student #279799	Student #278171	Student #279358
Student #280200	Student #279286	Student #278745

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #319 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #320-#331 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

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Resolution #320 - 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>
Joan Burns	Senior Typist	1/26/24
Brian Hof	Cleaner	12/06/23
Charlene Pink	Cleaner	11/24/23
Margo Sheridan	Special Education Aide	11/21/23
Rachel Terry	School Counselor	12/21/23

Resolution #321 - Amendment – Leave of Absence

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the leave of absence previously approved for Mr. Jason Ohnsman on August 25, 2023 in Resolution #157 be amended to extend through June 30, 2024, be and is (are) hereby approved.

Resolution #322 - Addendum – Employment Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District , that the addendum to the contract agreement(s) for the following person(s), be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Samantha Hill	Athletic Trainer	12/07/23-6/30/24

Resolution #323 - Permanent Appointment

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>
Maria Bravo	Bus Driver	9/06/23
Anastasia Brooks	Special Education Aide	12/08/23
Cassandra Curry	Special Education Aide	10/07/22
Christine Heflin	Bus Attendant	2/07/23
Marie Mercier	Special Education Aide	12/08/23
Hannah Miller	Special Education Aide	9/08/22

Resolution #324 - 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, rate and effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max. Hrs./Wk.</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
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Christine Bush	School Aide	22.5	\$16.54/hr.	12/07/23-12/06/24
Brian Hof	School Aide	37.5	\$16.54/hr.	12/07/23-12/06/24
Lyle King	Bus Driver	25	\$24.30/hr.	12/07/23-12/06/24
Stasya Mead	Cleaner	24	\$19.57/hr.	12/07/23-12/06/24
Alexa Senn	Bus Attendant	25	\$17.37/hr.	12/07/23-12/06/24

Resolution #325 - 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 2023-2024 school year, with hours and rate shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max Hrs./Wk.</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Vito Colella	Driver In Training	40	\$20.60/hr.
Charlene Pink	Substitute Cleaner	40	\$18.98/hr.
Danial Quinn II	Substitute Bus Attendant	30	\$16.85/hr.
Olivia Smith	Student Lifeguard	30	\$16.00/hr.
Brandy Taylor	Substitute Cleaner	40	\$18.98/hr.

Resolution #326 - Appointment – Increase in Hours – Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be granted an increase in hours to the position(s) indicated below with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max Hrs./Wk.</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Susan Cremo	Bus Driver	31.25	12/07/23
Rahmot Fagbenro	Bus Attendant	28.75	12/07/23
Anthony Scaffidi-Fonti	Cleaner	40	12/07/23
Elizabeth Shultes	Bus Driver	28.75	12/07/23
Olivia Spain	Bus Attendant	28.75	12/07/23

Resolution #327 - 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 2023-2024 school year, with rate shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Paul Gronau	NYS Permanent, Pre-K-6	\$44.22/hr.
Megan Haessig	NYS Permanent, Pre-K-6	\$44.22/hr.

Resolution #328 - 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 2023-2024 school year, with stipend shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Brian Bailey	Troupe Drama Club Tech Co-Director (spring), HS	\$1039.50
Brannigan Bryant	Intramurals (spring), GC	\$641
Brannigan Bryant	Intramurals (spring), MA	\$641
Laura Chamberlain	Troupe Drama Club Music Co-Director (spring), HS	\$1039.50
Anne Cornell	Intramurals (spring), MS	\$641
Angelo D'Annibale	Intramurals (spring), GC	\$641
Brad Fersh	Intramurals (spring), WR	\$641
Brad Fersh	Intramurals (Archery), WR	\$641
Michael Gatzendorfer	Troupe Drama Club Producer (spring), HS	\$2,079
Matthew Germann	Intramurals (spring), MS	\$641
Patrick Grevelding	Intramurals (spring), MT	\$641
Paul Gronau	Intramurals (spring), WR	\$641
Paul Gronau	Intramurals (Archery), WR	\$641
Sarah Kinney	Troupe Drama Club Choreographer (spring), HS	\$959
Stacie Livingston	Troupe Drama Club Tech Co-Director (spring), HS	\$1039.50
Matthew Lopez	Troupe Drama Club Director (spring), HS	\$2,079
Marlene Michels	Unified basketball (intramurals), HS	\$641
Kelly Morgan	Intramurals (spring), WR	\$641
Kristin O'Connor	Intramurals (spring), WR	\$641
Carolyn Peck	Intramurals (spring), MS	\$641
Mark Rabideau	Intramurals (spring), MT	\$641
Brian Retersdorf	Troupe Drama Club Music Co-Director (spring), HS	\$1039.50
Perriane Rule	Unified basketball (intramurals), HS	\$641
Melinda Whisenhunt	Intramurals (spring), MS	\$641
Tyler Williamson	Intramurals (spring), MA	\$641

Resolution #329 - 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 2023-2024 school year, with rate shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Stephanie Gellatly	Aquatics Facilitator (spring)	\$2,164
Chelsea Morse	Instructional Teacher Leader – K-12 Health, DW	\$3,191 (pro-rated)
Valerie Talbot	Lunch Supervision, WR	\$1,812 (pro-rated)

Resolution #330 - 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 coaching position(s) indicated below for the 2023-2024 school year, with stipend shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Jeffrey Armer	Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse	\$4,860
Gerald Costello	Freshman Baseball	\$4,320
TaraMarie Crisafulli	Varsity Track	\$5,940
Emily Devizzio	Varsity Assistant Girls Lacrosse	\$3,700

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Peter DiStefano	Junior Varsity Boys Tennis	\$4,095
Thomas Dufort	Varsity Assistant Baseball	\$5,400
Benjamin Eldridge	Unified Basketball	\$3,780
Amanda Fifield	Varsity Softball	\$5,940
Patricia Fitzgerald	Modified Track	\$3,780
Stephanie Gellatly	Modified Girls Lacrosse	\$3,780
Matthew Germann	Varsity Assistant Track	\$4,860
Jennifer Groat	Junior Varsity Softball	\$4,860
Robert Immel	Modified Track	\$3,780
Christopher McNulty	Modified Boys Lacrosse	\$3,780
Emily Micheller	Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse	\$4,860
David Morse	Varsity Assistant Boys Tennis	\$5,400
Timothy Moseman	Varsity Assistant Track	\$4,860
Jessica Nevins	Modified Softball	\$3,780
Curtis Nobles	Varsity Baseball	\$5,940
Donald Nowc	Strength and Conditioning (spring)	\$4,320
Donald Nowc	Varsity Girls Lacrosse	\$5,940
Jason Ohnsman	Varsity Assistant Boys Lacrosse	\$5,400
Gary Older Jr.	Varsity Assistant Track	\$4,860
Christopher Perrone	Modified 9 Softball	\$3,780
Garry Preece	Varsity Track	\$5,940
Mark Rabideau	Varsity Boys Tennis	\$5,940
Theresa Rousseau	Varsity Assistant Track	\$4,860
Lucas Snow	Varsity Boys Lacrosse	\$5,940
Theodore Snyder	Junior Varsity Baseball	\$4,860
Lawrence Youngblood	Varsity Assistant Softball Coach	\$5,400

Resolution #331 - Appointment Interscholastic Sports Coach Volunteers

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the coaching position(s) indicated below for the 2023-2024 school year, with stipend shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Nicholas Brennan	Baseball	n/a
Kevin Dayton	Boys Lacrosse	n/a
Sean Ohnsman	Boys Lacrosse	n/a
Peter Vadney	Boys Lacrosse	n/a

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #320 - 331

Ayes all

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

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BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

Mr. Turbiak offered thanks for the HS PTSA Breakfast of Champions event. He thanked individuals and the District's partners, and stated Freshman with a GPA of 90 and higher would be a recognized.

Mr. Turbiak stated there would be a meeting on the Holiday Shop, and stated the Gordon Creek PTA staff appreciation breakfast sign ups were available for 12/19. He stated donations of money and food were being accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Timothy Turbiak seconded by Holly Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board