

**Board of Education Meeting  
Public Hearing  
Wednesday, January 3, 2024  
6:45 p.m.**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Jason Fernau called the meeting to order at 6:45

**PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION**

Brian Sirianni presented the Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Works Property Tax Exemption. He shared historical information on Tax Law Section 446-a, explained the reason for the tax exemption and eligibility requirements for the exemption, explained the District's choices and necessary steps for implementation of the exemption.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Bashore, Fire Chief for Ballston Spa, thanked the Board, and voiced support for the Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Works Property Tax Exemption. He passed along thanks from all the members and encouraged the Board to support the resolution.

Frank Rossi, Jr., Mayor voiced support for the Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Works Property Tax Exemption.

Peter Shaw, Chief of Malta Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, thanked everyone and encouraged the passage of the resolution for the Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Works Property Tax Exemption.

Shaun Flynn, Assistant Chief of Round Lake Fire Dept, voiced support for the Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Works Property Tax Exemption and mentioned the savings provided to the tax payers by volunteer firefighters. He stated due to the service area of his department, some firefighters were already benefiting as the Shenendehowa District had approved the exemption.

Rich Weisen, Captain at Rock City Falls Volunteer Fire Department, voiced approval for the exemption, he also highlighted the increased number of hours for required training and continuing education.

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Mr. Fernau explained the next steps for the proposal and the vote on the resolution.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fernau adjourned the meeting at 7:02

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board