

# Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting April 10, 2024

Location: High School Library

Time: 7:00 PM

**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 shared some District events. He stated the new District website was up and running.

## **RECOGNITION**

Dr. Duca recognized Stuart Williams, Kelly Delaney-Elliot and Melissa Glastetter for their work on the new District website. He stated the new site was easier to access and use. He stated there would be tweaks along the way, and thanked everyone again for their great work.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Student Government stated the Troupe's performance had been wonderful and thanked everyone that attended.

Student Government shared District sports news, stated the High School Robotics team had a fundraiser, thanked everyone that supported the event, and shared information on the upcoming Applebee's fundraiser.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION BY, Timothy Turbiak seconded by Mathew Dreher that the Board of Education approve the March 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes all

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

### 2024 – 2025 Budget Review

Brian Sirianni and Dr. Duca made a presentation on next year’s budget.

Mr. Sirianni shared the NYS Budget has not yet been approved. He stated he did not think the NYS Budget would be passed before the District’s Budget was due.

Mr. Sirianni shared the draft budget, and discussed some functional areas of the budget.

Mr. Sirianni revisited the functional area of General Support, and shared an update regarding the facilities and then new utilities information that had been received, and reviewed the changes to the budget.

Mr. Sirianni outlined some budget drivers. He data on the electricity, natural gas and medical insurance increases to the budget and how they compared to the total budget.

Mr. Sirianni discussed the Benefit budget section, discussed retirement, medical insurance and the other items. He highlighted each of the areas and discussed specific changes. He then discussed the Instruction budget section, and explained items in the area and the change in the structure.

Dr. Duca reminded everyone of the District’s mission and the goals of the district. He shared the fiscal framework of the instructional area of the budget.

Dr. Duca highlighted budget goals and shared how the proposed budget meets those goals. He discussed the main focal points for the budgets, and shared current uncertainty with the NYS Foundation Aid and how that will result in reductions in staffing.

Dr. Duca stated the next presentation would be on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Duca stated building principals have had discussions with those staff members that could be impacted by budget reductions.

Brian Sirianni explained plans for fluctuations in budget scenarios based on budgeted cost vs. actual costs during the school year.

Board members thanked everyone for their work on the budget.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Holly Barker-Flynn reported that the Policy Committee discussed the revisions and shared information regarding availability, and reported on the policies that had been reviewed.

Mr. Fernau clarified and asked board members to review the revised policy revision.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Dr. Duca reported 10 correspondences with the District and shared the topics of each.

Mr. Fernau reported there had been 2 correspondences with the Board, and he shared the topics of each.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stuart Williams announced the BSEF was organizing their annual appeal, announced the “Touch a Truck” Event being held on May 11<sup>th</sup>. He stated if individuals with unusual trucks would like to be included, spots were still available.

Mr. Williams announced School Pride Day will be on May 21<sup>st</sup>, announced the Family Color Run will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>. He encouraged everyone to register by May 17<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for a free t-shirt.

Mr. Williams announced the next meeting would be on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution #466 - Appointment of Chairperson, Chief Inspectors and Election Inspectors

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the persons listed below be appointed as election officers for the May 21, 2024 annual budget vote, are hereby approved:

Election Inspector:

David Zdunczyk

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #466 – Appointment of Chairperson, Chief Inspector and Election Inspectors

Ayes all

Resolution #467 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the agreement between LaSalle School and the District, to provide education and/or related services for certain students with disabilities 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 #467 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #468 - Award of Bid – Roofing Projects

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the bid for Roofing Projects for the 2023-2024 school year be awarded as follows, be and is hereby approved:

Vendor  
Mid State Roofing  
1105 Catalyn Street  
Schenectady, NY 12303

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #468 – Award of Bid - Roofing Projects

Ayes all

Resolution #469 - Award of Bid – Tennis Court Resurfacing

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the bid for Tennis Court Resurfacing for the 2023-2024 school year be awarded as follows, be and is hereby approved:

Vendor  
Crafco, Inc.  
3600 US Route 20  
Nassau, NY 12123

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #469 – Award of Bid – Tennis Court Resurfacing

Discussion

Mr. Fernau asked what the color would be.

Ayes all

Resolution #470 - 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 April 10, 2024, be and are hereby approved:

Student #277868	Student #274104	Student #277222
Student #275949	Student #278680	Student #273883
Student #278777	Student #272885	Student #278099
Student #277656	Student #278592	Student #280157
Student #277048	Student #275053	Student #279930
Student #277002	Student #279410	Student #273505
Student #274402	Student #272651	Student #278126
Student #23918	Student #274134	Student #277277
Student #276987	Student #274550	Student #272322

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Student #271818	Student #278567	Student #274643
Student #280380	Student #279637	Student #277439
Student #272931	Student #273667	Student #274282
Student #278502	Student #279619	Student #277061
Student #277424	Student #277822	Student #272986
Student #280026	Student #277766	Student #278443
Student #277255	Student #276340	Student #280151
Student #277053	Student #274509	Student #273700
Student #279550	Student #276781	Student #276574
Student #274149	Student #23037	Student #273883
Student #274964	Student #278767	Student #278991
Student #280157	Student #24537	Student #273437
Student #275053	Student #275111	Student #23738
Student #275998	Student #278805	Student #278772
Student #276549	Student #275548	Student #276987
Student #277616	Student #278567	Student #274643
Student #276693	Student #272931	Student #273504
Student #25573	Student #273726	Student #278945
Student #23098	Student #274282	Student #275525
Student #277075	Student #274150	Student #279772
Student #279349	Student #272986	Student #278673
Student #275396	Student #274583	Student #276798
Student #276925	Student #277571	Student #273283
Student #21059	Student #278706	Student #274509

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #470 – Placement of Student with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #471 - 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 April 10, 2024, be and are hereby approved:

Student #280350	Student #279277	Student #279952
Student #279960	Student #279051	Student #279182
Student #280264	Student #280366	Student #280374
Student #279943	Student #278701	Student #279281
Student #279960	Student #280264	Student #279323
Student #279309		

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #471 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

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**Resolutions #472 - #481 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.**

Resolution #472 - Memorandum of Agreement Ballston Spa Association of Teaching Assistants

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Memorandum of Agreement between the Ballston Spa Central School District and the Ballston Spa Association of Teaching Assistants, dated April 10, 2024, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #473 - 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>
Sophie Arsenault	School Aide	4/12/24
Amy Jo Decoteau	Bus Driver	4/19/24
Amanda Mix	School Aide	4/10/24
Scott Seligman	Assistant Principal	6/30/24
Emily Townsend	Teaching Assistant	6/26/24
Karen Weinheimer	Teaching Assistant	4/11/24

Resolution #474 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of Anne Cornell, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held December 6, 2023, in Resolution #328, is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #475 - 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>
Maureen Rudolph	Librarian	6/02/24
Kimberly Stivers	Special Education	4/18/24

Resolution #476 - 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>
Eileen Gilbert	Cleaner	24	\$19.57/hr.	4/11/24-4/10/25
Julie Meisner	Bus Attendant	25	\$17.37/hr.	4/11/24-4/10/25

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Amanda Mix	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$19.05/hr.	4/11/24-4/10/25
Shirley Steyer	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$19.05/hr.	4/11/24-4/10/25
Heather Thompson	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$19.05/hr.	4/18/24-4/17/25

Resolution #477 - 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>
David Penesso	Substitute Courier	40	\$15.69/hr.

Resolution #478 - 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Ryan O'Reilly	Intramurals (spring), MS	\$641

Resolution #479 - 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>
Joelle Guerrero	Lunch Supervision, WR	\$1,812 (pro-rated)
Chelsea Morse	Teacher Mentor, HS	Per BSTA contract

Resolution #480 - 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>
Stuart Brochu-Ward	NYS Initial, Physical Education, Health Education	\$44.22/hr.
Joseph Gromulat	NYS Teaching Assistant, Level 1	\$44.22/hr.
Megan Marshall-Sala	NYS Professional, ELA 7-12	\$44.22/hr.
Garry Preece	NYS Permanent, Mathematics 7-12	\$44.22/hr.

Resolution #481 - 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>
Jess Curiale	\$24.45/hr.	1/08/24-3/27/24
Vincent Rodriguez	\$24.45/hr.	1/08/24-3/27/24

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #472 - 481

Ayes all

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Fernau asked the Superintendent to be provided with statistics regarding absenteeism and formally documented disciplinary procedures in a year-to-year profile at a future meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA**

Mr. Turbiak shared Gordon Creek’s PTA Book Fair information, shared information about the Middle School PTA’s International Event and Spring Book Fair, and stated there would be openings on the Middle School PTA Board next year. He stated interested individuals should reach out to the current Board. He stated the High School PTA was working on After Prom planning.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fernau stated the next meeting would be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board