

Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting April 17, 2024

Location: High School Library

Time: 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Holly Barker-Flynn
Matthew Dreher - Absent
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.

RECOGNITION

Jason Fernau announced Malta Avenue and the and Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Teams had done well. He congratulated the teams and shared their accomplishments.

Matthew Robinson, High School Principal recognized the Robotics Team. He shared the Team's accomplishments.

The team shared their work and highlighted their accomplishments. Mr. Ackroyd shared information on the team's accomplishments, and thanked the board for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government shared District sports information, stated there would be a speak out in the library on 4/23 to discuss improvements, and shared information on when the Troupe would find out about high school musical awards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY, Timothy Turbiak seconded by Holly Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve the April 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

2024 – 2025 Budget Review

Brian Sirianni presented a review of projected revenues and the proposed budget for fiscal 2025.

Mr. Sirianni illustrated the State Aid possibilities, and explained the process in place with the uncertainty of the State Budget, shared the 2024 – 2025 budget information, and illustrated the State Aid as percent of total revenue from 2009 to 2025; and he shared the sources of revenue for 2025.

Mr. Sirianni shared information on the 2025 projected PILOT payments, tax levy cap calculation vs actual tax levy from 2017 to 2025, and reviewed the proposed budget for each of the budget’s components. He reminded every one of the large cost increase in electricity, natural gas and medical insurance costs.

Dr. Duca discussed the fiscal framework of the budget. He reviewed the budget drivers, and shared the necessary adjustments.

Dr. Duca thanked Hudson Valley for their partnership with Spa Academy. He announced the space for the program would not be available for the 2024-2025 school year, and Dr. Duca shared the plans for the program for the 2024-2025 school year.

Dr. Duca recommended the IB Middle Years Program not be continued based on feedback and progress. He shared the plan to have additional opportunities in the future.

Dr. Duca shared the positions that would be absorbed through retirements and resignations, reviewed information regarding additional reductions in force with a 3% Foundation Aid increase and with no additional Foundation Aid. The number of reduced staff was between 3 -16 positions.

Dr. Duca explained the call back process for any staff being reduced, and shared the timeline for the budget up to the day of the vote.

Mr. Sirianni gave a timeline for the budget information going out to District residents. He stated the information would be mailed and available on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Duca reported one correspondence with the District and shared the topic.

Mr. Fernau reported there had been no correspondence with the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stuart Williams announced Prevention Council workshop topics.

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Mr. Williams shared information on the Behavioral Supports presentation on April 30th, the International Night and Community Project Showcase information, and information on the upcoming Superintendent's Conference Day to be held on April 26th

Mr. Williams shared the Athletics Hall of Fame Ceremony information for April 27th, stated the District added a Test Drive a Bus Day for recruitment on May 4th, and shared information on the Arts in Community Program to be held on May 3rd as part of First Friday in the Village.

Mr. Williams shared information regarding the Color Run on June 1st. He stated the run would be held at the High School.

Ms. Whittemore stated the BSEF Annual Appeal was underway and she shared information on ways to donate.

Holly Barker-Flynn shared information on BARC's fundraisers. She stated information was available on BARC's website and on their Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #482 - Adoption of 2024-2025 School Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the annual budget for the 2024-2025 school year, in the amount of \$108,031,080 be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Holly that the Board of Education approve Resolution #482 – Adoption of 2024-2025 School Budget

Ayes all

Resolution #483 - Property Tax Report Card

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Property Tax Report Card for the 2024-2025 school year, be and is hereby accepted and approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #483 – Property Tax Report Card

Ayes all

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Resolution #484 - Award of Bid –Transportation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to award the bid for Transportation for the 2023-2024 school year to the following vendors, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
Upstate Transit of Saratoga	Amsterdam-Wood Road AM and PM	\$291

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #484 – Award of Bid - Transportation

Ayes all

Resolution #485 - Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Transfers, be and are hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #485 – Budget Transfers

Ayes all

Resolution #486 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 6123 – Workplace Violence Prevention

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 6123 Workplace Violence Prevention, having been tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #486 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 6123 – Workplace Violence Prevention

Ayes all

Resolution #487 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 8330 – Objection to Instructional and Library Materials

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 8330 Objection to Instructional and Library Materials, having been tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #487 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 8330 – Objection to Instructional and Library Materials

Ayes all

Resolution #488 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 8320 – Textbooks, Library Materials, and Other Instructional Materials

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 8320 Textbooks, Library Materials, and Other Instructional Materials, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #488 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 8320 – Textbooks, Library Materials and Other Instructional Materials

Ayes all

Resolution #489 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 7212– Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 7212 Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #489 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 7212 – Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

Ayes all

Resolution #490 - American Rescue Plan Act (Capital Project)

WHEREAS, the District will be receiving funds pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) which can be used by the District for rehabilitation, reconstruction, and improvements in school buildings; and

WHEREAS, Section 1718 of the New York State Education Law provides that projects paid for by specific grants and with no District funds may occur without voter approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that as a result of the District receiving funds pursuant to ARPA the Board hereby authorizes the District to engage in the reconstruction, rehabilitation, and improvements in classrooms at the Middle School building, including mechanical system improvements and certain ventilation equipment replacement and the provision for air conditioning and exhaust systems, as well as all required electrical modifications and associated material abatement and replacement of flooring and ceiling systems at a cost not to exceed \$789,366, which cost shall be paid exclusively from funds received by the District pursuant to ARPA and without any District funds.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #490 – American Rescue Plan Act (Capital Project)

Ayes all

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that as a result of the District receiving funds pursuant to ARPA the Board hereby authorizes the District to engage in the reconstruction, rehabilitation, and improvements in music rooms at the Middle School building, including mechanical system improvements and certain ventilation equipment replacement and the provision for air conditioning and exhaust systems, as well as all required electrical modifications and associated material abatement and replacement of flooring and ceiling systems at a cost not to exceed \$301,500, which cost shall be paid exclusively from funds received by the District pursuant to ARPA and without any District funds.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #491 – American Rescue Plan Act (Capital Project)

Ayes all

Resolution #492 - 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 17, 2024, be and are hereby approved:

Student #273883	Student #277983	Student #277717
Student #279068	Student #276777	Student #279527
Student #277717	Student #277911	

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #492 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

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Resolution #493 - 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 17, 2024, be and are hereby approved:

Student #280303 Student #279927 Student #278507
Student #280066

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolution #493 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #494 - #504 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #494 - 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>
Cindy Robinson	Principal Clerk	4/17/24

Resolution #495 - 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 instructional 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>
Giuliana Pritchard	NYS Initial, Social Studies 7-12	\$50,864/yr. Step 1+18 (pro-rated)	4/22/24-6/30/24

Resolution #496 - 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>
Kelly Gitro	Senior Typist	5/04/24

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Resolution #497 - 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, 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 Date</u>
Cindy Robinson	Senior Clerk	37.5	\$23.44/hr.	4/18/24

Resolution #498 - 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>
Timothy Downey	Substitute Cleaner	40	\$18.98/hr.
Jack Sunkes	Student Lifeguard	30	\$16.00/hr.
Jade Wydra	Substitute Bus Attendant	30	\$16.85/hr.

Resolution #499 - 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>
Brian Burr	Teacher Mentor, MA	Per BSTA contract

Resolution #500 - 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>
Derrick Raeder	Boys Lacrosse Volunteer	n/a

Resolution #501 - Creation of Position

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the position of Payroll Clerk is hereby created as a twelve-month, competitive, civil service position working 7.5 hours per day with an initial wage rate of \$28.00 per hour, effective May 9, 2024.

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Resolution #502 - Memorandum of Agreement – Ballston Spa Teachers’ Association – Summer School

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 Teachers’ Association, dated April 17, 2024, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #503 - Memorandum of Agreement – Ballston Spa Teachers’ Association – Dental Plan

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 Teachers’ Association, dated April 17, 2024, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #504 - Memorandum of Agreement – Ballston Spa Administrative Council – Dental Plan

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 Administrative Council, dated April 17, 2024, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #494 - 504

Ayes all

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education accept Walk-On Resolution #505 – Memorandum of Agreement – Ballston Spa Association of Teaching Assistants– Dental Plan

Ayes all

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education approve Walk-On Resolution #505 – Memorandum of Agreement – Ballston Spa Association of Teaching Assistants– Dental Plan

Ayes all

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

Mr. Turbiak shared Gordon Creek’s Talent Show information, and discussed the upcoming available BeTa Community After School Programs. He stated more information was available from the link on the Facebook page

Mr. Turbiak shared Wood Road Dance-A Thon Fundraiser information and the Spring Fling Dance information.

Mr. Turbiak stated the May 10th Talent show sign ups were due on Friday and provided information on the next PTSA meeting. He stated After Prom had an Amazon wish list. He stated there was a volunteer sign-up sheet, and shared how monetary donations could be accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Avenarius, thanked the board for volunteering. She expressed concerns regarding her son's services.

Mr. Fernau stated April 23rd there would be a special meeting of the Board. He stated the agenda items and stated the next regular meeting would be held on May 8th.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Ms. Barker-Flynn that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session for collective negotiations with the Teaching Assistant Association at 8:05 p.m. not to return.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board