

Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Budget Hearing May 8, 2024

Location: High School Library

Time: 6:15 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 6:15 p.m.

PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET

Brian Sirianni, Assistant Superintendent for Business presented the financial information for proposed 2024-2025 Budget. He discussed the total budget and various specific expenditure areas. He reviewed revenues and taxes.

Dr. Gianleo Duca, Superintendent discussed programming and staffing. He discussed in detail the staffing reductions. He then reviewed the District Goals and how the budget will help achieve the goals.

Discussion

Holly Barker-Flynn asked about the reduction in force process. Dr. Duca outlined the Preferred Eligibility list.

Julia Routbort Baskin stated she was appreciative of the presentation, and asked to discuss the impact on class size due to RIF. Dr. Duca noted that there will be no significant class size increases

Lawrence Ryan added that he calculated 19.5 students per teachers elementary, 24 students per teacher secondary

Katie Whittemore asked if the numbers are based on current enrollment and if there is a downward trend. Dr. Duca confirmed.

Dr. Routbort Baskin asked how long has the downward enrollment trend been going on. Dr. Duca noted that since about 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cassandra Sacci, Ballston Spa, remarked about the reductions in force, and asked about other Districts adding staff. She shared thoughts on class sizes.

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Vicki Savini 1st grade Teacher at Gordon Creek discussed class sizes and the very important skills students are learning at that level.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education adjourn at 7:09 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BS', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board