

# Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting May 8, 2024

Location: High School Library

Time: Immediately Following Budget Hearing

**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 7:09 p.m.

## **RECOGNITION**

Dr Duca noted that the High School Troupe was nominated for 5 awards, 2 wins – Best Production and best Supporting Actor. He also noted that the 150-member troupe has a tremendous season.

Mr. Fernau thanked parents, students, and community partners and volunteers

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Neha Jenson, Ballston Spa spoke about proposed layoffs. She suggested that specific communication be sent to parents affected before public meeting, in hopes of encouraging parents to attend budget presentations.

## **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Student Government congratulated Troupe on their Musical Theater awards, noted successful sports team's efforts, and announced IB testing.

They announced that Prom Tickets are available for \$50 each. The prom will be held on June 7, 2024 at the Dru Sanders Mansion in Scotia.

Announced that The Touch-A-Truck event at the Elementary School Complex is scheduled for May 11, 2024.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION BY,** Timothy Turbiak seconded by Matthew Dreher that the Board of Education approve the April 17, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes all

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MOTION BY, Timothy Turbiak seconded by Matthew Dreher that the Board of Education approve the April 23, 2024 special meeting minutes.

Ayes all

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Program Updates

Dr. Duca discussed High School Physical Education programming updates.

Dr. Duca discussed High School IB Diploma Programme.

Discussion

Katie Whitemore expressed her disappointment that this program is going away and asked about alternative ideas.

Dr. Duca remarked that students haven’t been notified yet, and those discussions can happen.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Dr. Duca reported six (6) correspondences with the District and shared the topics.

Mr. Fernau reported there had been five (5) emails and shared the topics.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stuart Williams announced the Spring Concert Series in Our Schools. Schedules can be found on the District website, that Budget Presentations in the Community run May 12-May 15, 2024, and the Touch A Truck event will take place on May 11 at 10:00 am the Gordon Creek/Wood Road complex.

He stated the annual Budget Vote, BOE Elections and School Pride Day are taking place on May 21, 2024 from 7 am-9pm., and that High School Varsity Spring Concert and senior recognition Night are also on May 21, 2024 in the High School auditorium starting at 7:30 pm

He shared that Early College High School 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Project Exhibition is at 9 am on May 22, 2024 at TEC-SMART, the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony and Junior Awards is at 6 pm on May 22, 2024 at the High School auditorium, and that the next BOE meeting is on May 22, 2024 at 7:30 pm at the High School Library.

Holly Barker-Flynn announced that the BARC online fundraiser, ends on Friday, May 10, 2024.

Lawrence Ryan announced that tickets for the BACC Hoffman’s Car Wash fundraiser, can be purchased on BACC Facebook to support the UPK program, and that there will be open gym this Friday.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution #510 - 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 inspection officers for the May 21, 2024 annual budget vote, are hereby approved:

Melody Babcock  
Eileen Lofthouse

Debra Hodgson  
Rita Logsdon

MOTION BY, Timothy Turbiak seconded by Matthew Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #510 – Appointment of Chairperson, Chief Inspectors and Election Inspectors

Ayes all

Resolution #511 - Reorganization Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the reorganization meeting of the Ballston Spa Central School District for the 2024-2025 school year shall be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #511 – Reorganization Meeting

Jason Fernau reiterated the Reorganization meeting date and time

Ayes all

Resolution #512 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Edgewater Consulting, LLC. and the District, to provide consulting services related to STAC forms and transportation claims effective July 1, 2024- June 30, 2027, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #512 – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #513 - Agreement – Shared Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Green Island School District. and the District to provide special education services during the 2024-2025 school year, be and is hereby approved.

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MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #513 – Shared Services

Ayes all

Resolution #514 - 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, LLC	LaSalle AM and PM	\$382

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #514 – Award of Bid - Transportation

Ayes all

Resolution #515 - 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>
Durrin Inc.	Milton Terrace-Rotterdam AM and PM	\$348

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #515 – Award of Bid - Transportation

Ayes all

Resolution #516 - Award of Bid – General, Electrical, & Mechanical Construction

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to award the bid for Middle School Capital Projects for general construction, electrical, and mechanical project, as follows, be and is hereby approved:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Item 1 General Construction	Mid-State Industries, Ltd. 1105 Catalyn Street Schenectady, NY 12303	\$187,227
Item 2 Electrical	J. McBain Inc. 2742 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave	\$76,639

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Construction Troy, NY 12180

Item 3 John W. Danforth Company \$627,000

Mechanical 5 Liebich Lane

Construction Halfmoon, NY 12065

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #516 – Award of Bid – General, Electrical, and Mechanical Construction.

Ayes all

Resolution #517 - Obsolete Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the equipment identified by the Business Office be declared obsolete and disposed of accordingly, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #517 – Obsolete Equipment

Ayes all

Resolution #518 - Scholarship Changes

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the following award amounts/terms are hereby accepted and approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount/Recipients</u>
Ballston Spa Middle School PTA	Awarded to graduating senior(s) who through his or her essay best describes how an experience or person(s) from Ballston Spa Middle School has impacted his or her life.	\$150/Varies
Spirit of World Languages Award	Awarded to students who show the most interest and enthusiasm in language study. These students are interested and active in class and enjoy learning a second language.	Varies/Varies
World Languages Higher Education Award	Awarded to students that demonstrate a passion for language studies, positively contribute to the classroom environment, and work hard to better their language skills and understandings. This award recognizes students who plan to continue World Language studies at a college or university and who may pursue a career in World Language Education.	Varies/Varies
Miss Scotties Softball, Inc	Awarded to selected students who submitted an essay expressing the	\$500/up to Four (4)

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positive impact that playing with Miss  
Scotties Softball has had on their life.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve  
Resolution #518 – Scholarship Changes  
Ayes all

Resolution #519 - Acceptance of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Box  
Tops donation for the Middle School, in the amount of \$35.20 be and is hereby accepted.

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

Ayes all

Resolution #520 - Acceptance of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the  
Foundation for Engineering Education, Inc. donation for the High School, in the amount of \$400 be and  
is hereby accepted.

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

Ayes all

Mr. Fernau thanked the Foundation for Engineering Education

Resolution #521 - 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 Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution  
#521 – Transfers

Ayes all

Resolution #522 - 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 May 8, 2024, be and are hereby approved:

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| Student #278195 | Student #273490 | Student #24325  |
| Student #276471 | Student #275111 | Student #280180 |
| Student #274997 | Student #275689 | Student #277796 |
| Student #276536 | Student #272229 | Student #277277 |
| Student #273047 | Student #276251 | Student #276777 |
| Student #278423 | Student #279751 | Student #278219 |

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Student #272149	Student #274943	Student #276492
Student #278443	Student #279111	Student #277313
Student #279665	Student #276340	Student #274786
Student #276313	Student #280081	Student #275361
Student #276964	Student #278231	Student #276828
Student #273490	Student #276233	Student #278350
Student #277508	Student #277045	Student #276471
Student #279176	Student #278765	Student #277475
Student #275111	Student #275223	Student #279582
Student #280180	Student #274997	Student #279248
Student #277796	Student #276720	Student #275254
Student #276536	Student #276973	Student #272229
Student #277006	Student #277277	Student #276550
Student #280311	Student #277234	Student #276343
Student #278321	Student #276251	Student #275753
Student #277661	Student #277471	Student #278423
Student #277439	Student #276342	Student #273483
Student #277999	Student #279751	Student #276878
Student #278219	Student #272149	Student #275292
Student #277512	Student #275164	Student #274943
Student #273872	Student #278146	Student #276340
Student #275929	Student #276425	Student #274941

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #522 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #523 - 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 May 8, 2024, be and are hereby approved:

Student #279677	Student #279001	Student #279816
Student #280382	Student #279673	Student #279028
Student #279991	Student #279277	Student #277805
Student #279786	Student #279756	Student #279866
Student #279815	Student #279816	Student #279849
Student #280382	Student #279673	Student #279028
Student #279298	Student #279943	

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #523 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

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**Resolutions #524 - #531 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.**

Resolution #524 - 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>
Kieran DeLisle	Teaching Assistant	5/03/24
Heather Elie	School Aide	5/03/24
Susan Leslie	Bus Driver	5/08/24

Resolution #525 - Appointment – Administrative

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, with salary and effective dates shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Anders Rasmussen	Principal	NYS Professional, School Building Leader	\$139,000/yr.	7/01/24

Mr. Fernau recognized Anders Rasmussen in the audience and congratulated him.

Resolution #526 - 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>
Shannon Gizzi, Social Worker	NYS Provisional, School Social Worker	\$52,976/yr. Step 1+62 (pro-rated)	5/13/24-6/30/24
Megan McMahon, Teacher (.3)	NYS Initial, Early Childhood B-2, Childhood Ed. 1-6	\$50,000/yr. Step 1+0 (pro-rated)	2/01/24-5/07/24

Resolution #527 - 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:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jennifer Bailey	Bus Driver	5/04/24
Heather Kozlowski	School Aide	5/04/24
Stacey Rorick	Cleaner	5/04/24

Resolution #528 - 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./</u> <u>Wk.</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Yony Jimenez Preza	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$19.05/hr.	5/09/24-5/08/25
Susan Leslie	Bus Dispatcher	40	\$22.41/hr.	5/09/24-5/08/25

Resolution #529 - 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>
Mahamoda Khanam	Substitute Bus Attendant	30	\$16.85/hr.

Resolution #530 - 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>
Amy Fealey	NYS Professional, Childhood Ed. 1-6, SWD 1-6	\$44.22/hr.
Tracy Larocque	NYS Professional, Social Studies 7-12	\$44.22/hr.

Resolution #531 - Memorandum of Agreement – Ballston Spa Association of Teaching Assistants – 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 Association of Teaching Assistants, dated May 8, 2024, be and is hereby approved.

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 #524 – #531.

Ayes all

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

Mr. Turbiak shared PTA news, including the Milton Terrace Book Fair was successful, every student went home with book, this is the last week of fitness fundraiser, there is a teacher luncheon on Friday, and shared thanks to all for donations. There will be a Talent show in June.

Mr. Turbiak stated the Malta Avenue Elementary school is in need volunteers for their moving up ceremony, Gordon Creek Elementary School is holding their teacher and volunteer luncheon tomorrow, and Spring Fling is scheduled for May 17, 2024 and there will be a Reptile Exhibit.

Mr Turbiak shared that the High School after prom planning continues. Volunteers are needed for shopping, setting up, and chaperoning. Officers are needed at Wood Road, Gordon Creek, and the Middle School.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session for collective negotiations with the Association of Teaching Assistants, CSEA, and employment of a particular person at 7:39 p.m. not to return.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board