

# Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting September 4, 2024

Location: High School Library

Time: 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Holly Barker-Flynn  
Matthew Dreher  
Jason Fernau  
Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin  
Fabrizia Rodriguez  
Lawrence Ryan  
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 welcomed everyone back.

## **RECOGNITION**

Dr. Duca thanked the staff that worked over the summer.

Dr. Duca recognized outside organizations and community partners who support the District. He shared each group's donations and listed their donations.

Mr. Fernau also thanked the partnerships.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Student Government reported that the incoming Freshman Class was welcomed today. Senior Sunrise is planned for tomorrow. Shared Homecoming plans on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION BY,** Holly Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Julia Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve the August 21, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes.

Ayes all

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**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Ballston Area Community Center (BACC)

Colleen Russo and Sarah McKinley, a UPK teacher at BACC shared the mission of BACC. They discussed the current programs, and shared some historical and statistical information. The upcoming Fall Programs were shared.

Board members thanked BACC for their programs.

2024 – 2025 District Priorities and Goals

Dr. Duca presented on the 2024 – 2025 District Priorities & Goals. He described each of the goals and provided action steps being utilized to obtain goals.

Dr. Duca shared the upcoming events for each school.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Fernau stated first committee meetings will start in October.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Dr. Duca reported 12 correspondences with the District and shared the topics of each.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kelly Delaney-Elliott announced the Adult Fitness Soccer Program starts on Tuesday, September 17.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution #152 - Award of Bid - Transportation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the bid award for transportation to the following locations, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
Upstate of Saratoga, LLC. 207 Geyser Rd. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	Wildwood School Schenectady, NY	\$476.46/day with Aide
	Langan School Albany, NY	\$476.46/day with Aide

MOTION BY, Ms. Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #152 – Award of Bid - Transportation

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Ayes all

Resolution #153 - Award of Bid – HVAC Treatment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to award the bid for HVAC Treatment for the 2024-2025 school year, as follows, be and is hereby approved:

Rochester Midland Corp  
155 Paragon Dr.  
Rochester, NY 14624

MOTION BY, Ms. Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #153 – Award of Bid HVAC Treatment

Ayes all

Resolution #154 - Award of Bid – Pest Control

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to award the bid for pest control, for the 2024 2025 school year, as follows, be and is hereby approved:

Attention Pest Solutions, LLC  
233 W Milton Road  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

MOTION BY, Ms. Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #154 – Award of Bid – Pest Control

Ayes all

Resolution #155 - Obsolete Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the equipment identified by the Instructional Technology department and Gordon Creek Elementary School be declared obsolete and disposed of accordingly, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Ms. Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #155 – Obsolete Equipment

Ayes all

Resolution #156 - Field Trip- Clean Tech ECHS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the Clean Tech ECHS program to travel to Des Moines, IA, October 29, 2024 – November 1, 2024, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY, Ms. Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #156 – Field Trip-Clean Tech ECHS

Discussion

Dr. Julia Routbort-Baskin asked the reason for travel.

Mr. Fernau explained.

Ayes all

Resolution #157 - 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 September 4, 2024 be and are hereby approved:

Student #277856	Student #277868	Student #278636
Student #279319	Student #278899	Student #275922
Student #280073	Student #278806	Student #278479
Student #278480	Student #280116	Student #276768
Student #278284	Student #280115	Student #279077
Student #271996	Student #280192	Student #279020
Student #279917	Student #279002	Student #280408
Student #278785	Student #274574	Student #280184
Student #279884	Student #277507	Student #277672
Student #280158	Student #279691	Student #279527
Student #277061	Student #277757	Student #277255
Student #279753	Student #278014	Student #277859

MOTION BY, Ms. Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #157 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #158 - 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 September 4, 2024 be and are hereby approved:

Student #280512                      Student #280544

MOTION BY, Ms. Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #158 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

**Resolutions #159 - #172 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.**

Resolution #159 - Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the resignation for the purpose of retirement 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>
Mary Jo Rohling	Bus Driver	12/21/24

Resolution #160 - 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>
Abigail Brice	Special Education Aide	8/19/24
Kimberly Capparella	Cleaner	9/02/24
Michael Gatzendorfer	Teaching Assistant	8/23/24
Michael Gatzendorfer	Webmaster	8/23/24
Elizabeth Newsom	School Aide	8/19/24
Erica Shaw	Special Education Aide	8/19/24
Shirley Steyer	Special Education Aide	8/26/24
Heather Thompson	Special Education Aide	8/19/24
Erin Waring	Teaching Assistant	8/19/24

Resolution #161 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of Michael Gatzendorfer, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held August 7, 2024, in Resolution #120 as Yearbook Advisor, Malta Ave, is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #162 - Amendment – Appointment Instructional

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) previously approved appointment on August 7, 2024 in Resolution #112 be amended and appointed to the probationary position(s) indicated below, with salary and effective dates shown contingent upon meeting all of the requirements of Education Law Sections 3012, 3012-c or 3012-d, be and is (are) hereby approved:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary/Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Devon Schwartz	Special Education	NYS Professional, SWD 1-6, Childhood Ed. 1-6	\$61,786/yr. Step 8+42	9/01/24-8/31/28

Resolution #163 - Appointment – Instructional

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the probationary position(s) indicated below, with salary and effective dates shown contingent upon meeting all of the requirements of Education Law Sections 3012, 3012-c or 3012-d, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary/Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Carrie Wattie	Special Education	NYS Permanent, Special Education	\$63,004/yr. Step 10+30 (pro-rated)	9/23/24-9/22/27

Resolution #164 - Appointment- Instructional – Part-time

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the part-time position(s) indicated below, with salary and effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name/Position</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary/Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Michael Gatzendorfer Teacher (0.6)	NYS Initial, Social Studies 7-12	\$53,440/yr. Step 1+60 (pro-rated)	9/01/24-6/30/25

Resolution #165 - 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>
Andrew Fink	Landscape and Turf Specialist	8/19/24
Andrea Nielsen	School Nurse	9/19/24

Resolution #166 - 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>
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Tiffany Barber	School Aide	37.5	\$17.20/hr.	9/05/24-9/04/25
Lourdes Bautista	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$19.81/hr.	9/01/24-8/31/25
Vikki Bradt	Bus Driver	25	\$25.52/hr.	9/05/24-9/04/25
Kimberly Capparella	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$19.81/hr.	9/03/24-9/02/25
Keirstein Downey	School Aide	22.5	\$17.20/hr.	9/05/24-9/04/25
Miguel Garcia	Cleaner	22.5	\$20.35/hr.	9/05/24-9/04/25
Sarah Halbfinger	School Aide	22.5	\$17.20/hr.	9/05/24-9/04/25
Cassandra McFarland	School Aide	22.5	\$17.20/hr.	9/05/24-9/04/25
Melissa Tucceri	School Aide	22.5	\$17.20/hr.	9/01/24-8/31/25
Elizabeth Wasmund- Paplow	Senior Typist	37.5	\$23.24/hr.	8/19/24-1/28/25

Resolution #167 - 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 2024-2025 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>
Luis Cruz	Driver In Training	40	\$22.00/hr.
John Ellis	Substitute Cleaner	40	\$19.74/hr.

Resolution #168 - 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 2024-2025 school year, with rate shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Tristina Torreggiani	NYS Permanent, School Counselor	\$46.92/hr.

Resolution #169 - 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 2024-2025 school year, with rate shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Laura Henault	Teacher Mentor, MT	Per BSTA contract

Resolution #170 - Appointment Summer School Instructional

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 pending sufficient enrollment to conduct courses, with rate and effective dates shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Michael Gatzendorfer	Teaching Assistant	\$25.00/hr.	8/21/24

Resolution #171 - Appointment – Instructional Summer Work

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 summer of 2024, with rate shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position, Location</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Colleen Ferlo	District Health Leader, DW	4	\$51.86/hr.

Resolution #172 - Appointment - Summer Curriculum Work

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to conduct summer curriculum work, for summer of 2024, with rate shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Susan Bernd	1	\$267.96/day
Lisa Bullock	2	\$267.96/day
Jessica Decker	1	\$267.96/day
Leslie Hurst	1	\$267.96/day
Tracy Larocque	1	\$267.96/day
Mark McBride	1	\$267.96/day
Chelsea Quezada	1	\$267.96/day
Carrie Wattie	3	\$267.96/day

MOTION BY, Ms. Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #159 - 172

Ayes all

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Lawrence Ryan discussed the upcoming NYSSBA meeting and the resolutions. He asked for someone to be a delegate and to have the resolutions reviewed by the District.

Mr. Fernau explained the type of meeting, and suggested a review of the resolutions. Mr. Fernau gave information on how the Board would move forward.

Mr. Ryan shared information regarding expectations for the meeting.



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

BSATA President Stacy DeStefano introduced herself and stated she was looking forward to working with the Board. She stated everyone was ready to go.

Mr. Fernau shared PTA events and upcoming meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Mr. Fernau stated the next meeting will be on 9/18/2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY, Ms. Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of particular persons at 7:50 p.m., not to return to the regular meeting.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board

