

Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting October 2, 2024

Location: High School Library

Time: 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Holly Barker-Flynn
 Matthew Dreher
 Jason Fernau
 Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin
 Fabrizia Rodriguez - Absent
 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.

RECOGNITION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student government shared information about Homecoming events, and announced an upcoming Thanksgiving Food Drive. The Christ Episcopal Church will be the distribution site for the collected food. They promised more information would be coming at the next meeting.

Mr. Fernau thanked the church for partnering with the District.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY Dr. Holly Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin
that the Board of Education approve the September 18, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes.

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Malta Avenue Building Goals

Sarah Johnson, Malta Avenue Principal, shared the building's core values, and the process of building goals. Principal Johnson presented each of the building goals, time lines, accomplishments and action steps.

Wood Road Building Goals

Kelly Cataldo, Wood Road Principal, shared the building goals, timeframes and action steps.

Middle School Building Goals

Anders Rasmussen, Middle School Principal, shared statistical information, and 2023-2024 highlights. He shared the building's goals and focus areas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Fernau shared the schedule of upcoming committee meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Duca reported 9 correspondences with the District and shared the topics of each.

Mr. Fernau reported there had been 2 correspondences to the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly Delaney-Elliott announced Parents as Partners is returning with 10 live zoom webinars. She shared dates and times and asked interested individuals to register even if they would be attending by zoom. She stated additional information is available on the web site.

Ms. Delaney-Elliott stated all continuing education programs were up and running. She stated the ECHS would be hosting a table at Career Jam. She shared times and locations for all the events.

Ms. Delaney-Elliott reminded all there will be no school on October 14th, and announced that the next board meeting will be held on 10/16/24.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fernau stated there had been discussion around sending a voting delegate for the 2024 NYSSBA Meeting. He announced registration will be closing Friday at noon.

Lawrence Ryan stated he was not available, but wishes he was able to attend.

Mr. Fernau stated that he would not be the delegate, but he stated anyone wanting to be the delegate had until Friday at noon to step forward to register.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #202 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Access Therapy Group PLLC Services, Inc. and the District to provide Speech and Physical Therapy services to homebound students for the 2024-2025 school year, be and is hereby approved.

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MOTION BY, Ms. Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #202 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #203 - Field Trip- 8th Grade

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the 8th Grade Class to travel to Washington, DC, May 14-16, 2025, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY, Ms. Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #203 – Field Trip – 8th Grade

Discussion

Mr. Fernau stated he was happy to have this trip reinstated.

Ayes all

Resolution #204 - Obsolete Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the equipment identified by the Malta Ave 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 #204 – Obsolete Equipment

Ayes all

Resolution #205 - 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 October 2, 2024 be and are hereby approved:

Student #280081	Student #272997	Student #279340
Student #23037	Student #273883	Student #276701
Student #277002	Student #279890	Student #23918
Student #25449	Student #276973	Student #272098
Student #277750	Student #279581	Student #278037
Student #275370	Student #272855	Student #24681
Student #277911	Student #280709	Student #279690
Student #279527	Student #277493	Student #279349
Student #279990	Student #25348	Student #280205

MOTION BY, Ms. Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #205 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #206 - 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 October 2, 2024 be and are hereby approved:

Student #279929 Student #280442

MOTION BY, Ms. Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #206 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #207 - #220 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #207 - 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>
Patricia Fitzgerald	Head Lifeguard	1/11/25

Resolution #208 - 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>
Harold Bryant	Cleaner	9/27/24
William Gilston III	Maintenance Technician	10/01/24
Joseph Gromulat	School Aide	10/04/24
Rachel Petryna	Senior Account Clerk	10/08/24
William Stubblebine Jr.	Cleaner	9/25/24

Resolution #209 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of Matthew Lopez as Troupe Drama Club Tech Co-Director, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held August 7, 2024, in Resolution #120 is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #210 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of Jessica Porter, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held September 18, 2024, in Resolution #193 is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

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Resolution #211 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of Sarah Kinney Launching Pad Drama Club Choreographer and Director, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held August 7, 2024, in Resolution #120 is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #212 - 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>
Kevin Sheremeta, Teacher (0.4)	NYS Permanent, Special Education	\$103,850/yr. Step 24+9M (pro-rated)	10/03/24-6/30/25

Resolution #213 - Appointment – Teaching Assistant

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to position(s) indicated below, with salary and effective date(s) shown, 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>
Joseph Gromulat	Teaching Assistant	NYS Teaching Assistant Level 1	\$23,329/yr. Step 1 (pro-rated)	10/07/24-10/06/28

Resolution #214 - 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>
Melody LeVan	Special Education Aide	10/05/24
Cassandra Perkins	School Aide	10/05/24
Melissa Ward	School Aide	10/05/24

Resolution #215 - 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>
Patricia Cunniff	Senior Account Clerk	37.5	\$27.23/hr.	10/07/24-10/06/25
Laura Disorbo	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$19.81/hr.	10/03/24-10/02/25
Denise Nolette	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$19.81/hr.	10/03/24-10/02/25

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Mary Palso	School Aide	37.5	\$17.20/hr.	10/03/24-10/02/25
Amanda Seeley	School Aide	22.5	\$17.20/hr.	10/03/24-10/02/25
Tara Tucceri	School Aide	22.5	\$17.20/hr.	10/03/24-10/02/25

Resolution #216 - 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>
Lynn Baker	Substitute Bus Attendant	30	\$17.69/hr.
Krystel Brumagin	Substitute Bus Attendant	30	\$17.69/hr.
Lindsay Carlton	Substitute Athletic Trainer	40	\$50.00/hr.
Desiree Emerson	Driver in Training	40	\$22.00/hr.
Barbara Schermerhorn	Substitute Cleaner	40	\$19.74/hr.
Byron Turner	Driver in Training	40	\$22.00/hr.

Resolution #217 - Appointment – Increase in Hours – Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be granted an increase in hours to the position(s) indicated below with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max Hrs./Wk.</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Karen Almy	Bus Driver	28.75	10/03/24
Arthur Bemis	Bus Driver	28.75	10/03/24
Julie Meisner	Bus Attendant	30	10/03/24

Resolution #218 - 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>
Amy Munn	NYS Permanent, Reading Teacher	\$46.92/hr.

Resolution #219 - 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 2024-2025 school year, with stipend shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Kathrin Barone-Marcincuk	Knitting Club Advisor, HS	\$584
Peter DiStefano	Intramurals (fall), MT	\$654
Sarah Gunner-Moorfoot	Knitting Club Advisor, HS	\$584
Kristle Mathison	Odyssey of The Mind Advisor, WR	\$978
Marlene Michels	Freshman Class Advisor, HS	\$978

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Sarah McKay	Robotics Assistant Co-Advisor, HS	\$1060.50
Savannah Pasquariello	Junior Class Co-Advisor, HS	\$1060.50
Tyler Williamson	Intramurals (fall), MA	\$654
Jessica Yliniemi	Robotics Assistant Co-Advisor, HS	\$1060.50

Resolution #220 - 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>
Michael Gatzendorfer	Lunch Supervisor, MS	\$1,848 (pro-rated)
Patrick Grevelding	Lunch Supervisor, MT	\$1,848 (pro-rated)
Joelle Guerrero	Lunch Supervisor, WR	\$1,848 (pro-rated)
Catherine LaRosa-Roy	Lunch Supervisor, WR	\$1,848 (pro-rated)
Regina Murphy	Lunch Supervisor, MT	\$1,848 (pro-rated)
Maureen Rudolph	Webmaster, MA	\$4,260 (pro-rated)

MOTION BY, Holly Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Julia Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #207 - 220

Ayes all

MOTION BY, Dr. Routbort-Baskin seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education accept Walk-On Resolution #221 – Award of Bid - Transportation

Ayes all

Resolution #221 - 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 2024-2025 school year to the following vendors, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
Upstate Transit	Route 1 LaSalle School	\$464
Of Saratoga, LLC	Route 3 Mayfield Elementary School	\$384
Durrin, Inc.	Route 2 Wood Road Elementary School	\$368

MOTION BY, Dr. Routbort-Baskin seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Walk-On Resolution #221 – Award of Bid - Transportation

Ayes all

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

Mr. Fernau shared PTSA and PTA updates from the various buildings; and he thanked everyone for their support.

Mr. Ryan shared information on BACC's Costume Closet, and the Village of Ballston Spa's Literary Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Mr. Fernau announced that the next meeting will be on 10/16/24.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort-Baskin that the Board of Education adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board