

# Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting December 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 - 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 reminded everyone Holiday Trivia Night is tomorrow evening. They announced that the Holiday Closet will be on 12/14 to provide a no cost shop, and announced that students would be driving donations and assisting shoppers.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Duca shared the 2025-2026 Budget development plans, District goals, and model. He shared timeframes and the action steps taken during the 2024-2025 school year. Dr. Duca then shared the key questions used to guide budget development, and discussed the District's fiscal framework, and shared the 2025-2026 development of budget goals

Mr. Fernau stated the Board takes their responsibilities very seriously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Dr. Duca reported 13 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 upcoming events, and stated the next board meeting will be on 12/18.

Katie Whitemore reminded everyone of the BSEF holiday auction. The auction is up and running until Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at noon. She reminded everyone the proceeds will support teacher grants, and she encouraged everyone to participate.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution #289 - Tax Collector's Report

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to accept the report of Amy Giaquinto, Tax Collector, and the town tax collector be credited with the sum of \$1,986,009.11 this being the sum of uncollected taxes, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Holly Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #289 – Tax Collector's Report

Ayes all

Resolution #290 - Amendment to Tax Warrant and Levy

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following amendments to the tax warrant and levy for the 2024-2025 school year, be and are hereby approved.

Assessor's correction of errors to final tax roll, approved: -\$935.32

Small claims approved: -\$1,096.08

Tax Warrant Rounding: \$-3.37

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #290 – Amendment to Tax Warrant and Levy

Ayes all

Resolution #291 - Payment In Lieu Of Taxes

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District to authorize the Town of Milton to act on its behalf in pursuing a payment in lieu of taxes program regarding the Kesselring Site located in the Town of Milton.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #291 – Payment In Lieu Of Taxes

Ayes all

Resolution #292 - Acceptance of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Hannaford Helps donation for the Middle School, in the amount of \$1,425.04 be and is hereby accepted.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #292 – Acceptance of Donation

Discussion

Thanks to Hannaford Helps.

Ayes all

Resolution #293 - Establish Award

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount/Recipient</u>
The Dave Sunkes “Turn the Page” Scholarship	This award is given to a graduating Senior athlete who is a member of a sports team and exudes passion for their sport. They should exhibit traits of perseverance and good sportsmanship; and they should represent the type of athlete who supports their team regardless of the team stats.	Varies/Varies

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #293 – Establish Award

Ayes all

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Resolution #294 - Field Trip

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the Varsity Baseball team to travel to Myrtle Beach, SC, March 25-30, 2025, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #294 – Field Trip

Ayes all

Resolution #295 - Award of Bid

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>
Durrin, Inc.	Route #1 AM and PM	\$298

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #295 – Award of Bid

Ayes all

Resolution #296 - Obsolete Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the equipment identified by the Malta Avenue 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 #296 – Obsolete Equipment

Ayes all

Resolution #297 - 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 December 4, 2024 be and are hereby approved:

Student #275270	Student #275780	Student #279595
Student #278000	Student #275470	Student #278899
Student #274605	Student #280595	Student #24537
Student #278858	Student #280344	Student #280640
Student #280774	Student #279529	Student #275569

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Student #280192	Student #279001	Student #273142
Student #272013	Student #277277	Student #276551
Student #274550	Student #279581	Student #272322
Student #280408	Student #272551	Student #274643
Student #25075	Student #280184	Student #277730
Student #274417	Student #278452	Student #278114
Student #279149	Student #279690	Student #279212
Student #277492	Student #279619	Student #277058
Student #280598	Student #274257	Student #278853
Student #274100	Student #275145	Student #274786
Student #279145		

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #297 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #298 - 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 December 4, 2024 be and are hereby approved:

Student #280229	Student #279786	Student #279847
Student #279673	Student #280743	Student #280477

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #298 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

**Resolutions #299 - #308 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.**

Resolution #299 - Memorandum of Agreement- Civil Service Employees Association

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 Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Saratoga County Educational Local 864, dated November 20, 2024, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #300 - 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>
Kathleen Corey	Special Education Teacher	12/20/24

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Resolution #301 - 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>
Brian Hof	School Aide	12/07/24
Lyle King	Bus Driver	12/07/24
Dustin Lair	Bus Driver	12/13/24
Stasya Mead	Cleaner	12/07/24
Alexa Senn	Bus Attendant	12/07/24

Resolution #302 - 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>
Taleisha Gardner	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$19.81/hr.	12/05/24-12/04/25
Sarah Herrick- Kaiser	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$19.81/hr.	12/05/24-12/04/25
Tessa McGinness	Bus Driver	25	\$25.52/hr.	12/05/24-12/04/25
Maria Rios	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$19.81/hr.	12/05/24-12/04/25
Miranda Sweet	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$19.81/hr.	12/05/24-12/04/25
Holly Varriale	School Aide	37.5	\$17.20/hr.	12/05/24-12/04/25
Frederick White	Bus Driver	25	\$25.52/hr.	12/09/24-12/08/25

Resolution #303 - 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>
Elaine Bush	Substitute Bus Attendant	40	\$17.69/hr.
Robert Loehle	Substitute Bus Driver	40	\$24.75/hr.
Carol Mulvihill	Substitute Cleaner	40	\$19.74/hr.
Ryan West	Driver In Training	40	\$22.00/hr.

Resolution #304 - 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>
Glenn Rowbotham	Bus Driver	28.75	11/25/24

Resolution #305 - 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>
Linda Rose	NYS Permanent, Chemistry & General Science 7-12, Biology 7-12	\$46.92/hr.

Resolution #306 - 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>
Andrew Bolling	Additional Section .2, MA	\$5,630 (pro-rated)

Resolution #307 - Appointment - Interscholastic Sports Coaches

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Branden Rasmussen	Assistant Indoor Track Coach	\$3,850(pro-rated)

Resolution #308 - 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 2024-2025 school year, with stipend shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Benjamin Guerin	Indoor Track	n/a
Andrew Reynolds	Wrestling	n/a

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MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #299 - #308

Ayes all

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

Mr. Fernau shared PTA and PTSA news, and reviewed past and upcoming events. He thanked all supporters.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Mr. Fernau announced the next meeting will be on 12/18/24.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY Ms. Flynn-Barker, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board