

Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting January 8, 2025

Location: High School Library

Time: 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Holly Barker-Flynn - Absent
Matthew Dreher
Jason Fernau
Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin
Fabrizia Rodriguez – Arrived at 7:01
Lawrence Ryan - Absent
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

Katie Lance, Ballston Spa High School student, voiced her concerns regarding her Physical Education Class.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin, seconded by Matthew Dreher that the Board of Education approve the December 18, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes all

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Duca gave a K-12 Assessment update. He provided information from 2018 to the present. He reminded everyone of the District's commitments. He shared a review of the 2024 Data on assessments. He discussed proficiency trends by grade and assessments. He shared statistical and historical information and comparative figures. Dr. Duca addressed areas of improvement, and discussed progress monitoring to identify additional areas for improvement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Katie Whittemore reported on the Policy Committee meeting. She shared the policies under review and discussed the progress of each.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Duca reported 4 correspondences with the District and shared the topics of each.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Delaney-Elliott announced the dates and topics of upcoming events. She reminded everyone schools would be closed on January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day. Ms. Delaney-Elliott shared the Regents testing dates.

Ms. Delaney-Elliott stated the next Board Meeting would be held on January 22nd.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #335 - 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 High School PTSA Senior Award	Awarded to senior who is on track to graduate.	\$250/One

MOTION BY Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin, seconded by Matthew Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #335 – Scholarship Changes

Ayes all

Resolution #336 - Award of Bid

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to award the bid for Rubbish Removal for the 2024-2025 school year to the following vendor, be and is hereby approved:

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Vendor
Casella Waste System
411 Route 146
Clifton Park, NY 12065

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve
Resolution #336 – Award of Bid

Ayes all

Resolution #337 - 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 January 8, 2025 be and are hereby approved:

Student #271562	Student #275780	Student #280132
Student #279181	Student #276898	Student #273735
Student #278767	Student #273686	Student #278962
Student #278438	Student #24527	Student #278381
Student #275111	Student #278080	Student #23895
Student #279863	Student #277880	Student #279393
Student #277974	Student #280408	Student #275370
Student #271990	Student #276777	Student #279637
Student #25240	Student #279518	Student #278945
Student #280434	Student #279703	Student #278094
Student #279823	Student #280333	Student #277766
Student #272441	Student #25829	Student #278836

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve
Resolution #337 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #338 - 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 January 8, 2025 be and are hereby approved:

Student #280554	Student #280513	Student #280509
Student #280441	Student #280705	Student #279981
Student #279825	Student #280662	

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve
Resolution #338 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #339 - #348 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #339 - 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>
Kimberly Kelsey	Receptionist	1/31/25
Heather Shackelton	School Aide	12/20/24

Resolution #340 - Termination

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby approves the termination 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>
John Fitzpatrick	Teacher - LTS	12/20/24
Miranda Sweet	Special Education Aide	12/13/24

Resolution #341 - Tenure Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following persons be awarded tenure, be and are hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Commencement Date</u>
Eric Bersch	Science	1/21/25
Dana Keeler	Teaching Assistant	1/20/25
Kayla Norris	Family & Consumer Sciences	1/25/25

Resolution #342 - 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>
Lauren Connors	Special Education	NYS Professional, SWD 1-6	\$57,964/yr. Step 6+34 (pro-rated)	1/13/25-1/12/29

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Resolution #343 - 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>
Jessica Meaker	Special Education Aide	1/18/25
Ethan Phillips	Special Education Aide	1/18/25

Resolution #344 - 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>
Kimberly Kelsey	Typist	37.5	\$21.09/hr.	2/03/25-2/02/26
Tarana Mou	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$19.81/hr.	1/09/25-1/08/26
Renee Nicks	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$19.81/hr.	1/09/25-1/08/26
Jasmine Wilson	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$19.81/hr.	1/09/25-1/08/26

Resolution #345 - 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>
Wayne Culora	Substitute Bus Driver	30	\$24.75/hr.
Patricia Fitzgerald	Substitute Head Lifeguard	40	\$19.69/hr.
Donald Johnson	Driver In Training	40	\$22.00/hr.
Elizabeth Ryan	Student Lifeguard	30	\$16.75/hr.

Resolution #346 - 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>
Melissa Glastetter	Community Services and Public Relations	40	1/09/25
Frederick Hance	Bus Driver	27.5	12/13/24

Resolution #347 - 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>
Melissa Birch	Unified Basketball (intramurals), HS	\$654

Resolution #348 - 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>
Anthony Devizzio	Modified Baseball	\$3,850
Peter DiStefano	Varsity Assistant Boys Tennis	\$5,500
Gary Older Jr.	Varsity Assistant Outdoor Track	\$5,500
Matthew Richardson	Junior Varsity Baseball	\$4,950

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #339 - 338

Ayes all

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

Mr. Fernau shared the upcoming PTSA and PTA events. He shared contact information for volunteer opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Fernau stated the next meeting would be on 1/22/25.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person and ongoing litigation at 7:52 p.m., not to return.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board