

Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting January 22, 2025

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 - 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

Dr. Duca recognized TCT FCU for their community partnership, for their continued involvement, and noted the programs being supported. He thanked them for the \$2,500 donation to the Scotties Backpack Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY, Holly Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve the January 8, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes all

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government shared requests from the student body and asked the board to consider student feedback.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Matthew Robinson, High School Principal shared proposed courses for next year and discussed High School programming. He shared the process for determining the new courses. He described new courses and shared the courses that would no longer be offered. Principal Robinson discussed courses to be kept, and explained the reasons for the changes. He discussed action plans moving forward and explained course alignment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin reported the Facilities Committee had met with Rich Peckham from CSArch and stated the committee had reviewed a preliminary prioritized list with pricing. She stated there would be a more in-depth conversation, and board discussion in March.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Duca reported 6 correspondences with the District and shared the topics of each.

Mr. Fernau reported there had been 4 correspondences to the Board since the last meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Delaney-Elliott shared dates and times for upcoming events, and reminded everyone there would be no school on January 29th. Ms. Delaney-Elliott announced that the next Board Meeting will be held on February 5th.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #349 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 7110 – Comprehensive Attendance Policy - DRAFT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 7110 – Comprehensive Attendance Policy, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #349 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 7110 – Comprehensive Attendance Policy.

Ayes all

Resolution #350 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 7132 – Early Attendance Areas -DRAFT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 7132 - Early Attendance Areas, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #350 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 7132 – Early Attendance Areas - DRAFT

Ayes all

Resolution #351 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 8460 – Field Trips and Student Travel - DRAFT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 8460 – Field Trips and Student Travel, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #351 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 8460 – Field Trips and Student Travel - DRAFT

Ayes all

Resolution #352 - Obsolete Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the equipment identified by the Ballston Spa Central School District Libraries 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 #352 – Obsolete Equipment

Ayes all

Resolution #353 - 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 Friends of Music	Awarded to graduating senior(s) who are actively involved in the Ballston Spa Music Department and Community	\$100/Varies

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #353 – Scholarship Changes

Discussion

Mr. Fernau thanked the Ballston Spa Friends of Music for their support.

Ayes all

Resolution #354 - 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 \$44.60 be and is hereby accepted.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #354 – Acceptance of Donation

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Discussion

Mr. Fernau thanked everyone that had donated.

Ayes all

Resolution #337 - Field Trip- Varsity Indoor Track

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the Varsity Indoor Track team to travel to Staten Island, NY, January 24-25, 2025, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #337 – Field Trip – Varsity Indoor Track

Ayes all

Resolution #338 - Field Trip- Varsity Wrestling

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the Varsity Wrestling team to travel to Fishkill, NY, January 24-25, 2025, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #338 – Field Trip – Varsity Wrestling

Ayes all

Resolution #339 - 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 22, 2025 be and are hereby approved:

Student #275694	Student #23858	Student #279419
Student #278781	Student #271953	Student #276702
Student #273437	Student #279197	Student #279549
Student #278845	Student #276973	Student #271952
Student #274134	Student #275548	Student #24334
Student #277326	Student #279631	Student #273087
Student #276251	Student #276777	Student #278817
Student #24681	Student #24882	Student #271878
Student #279274	Student #279453	Student #278974
Student #280026	Student #272351	Student #275395
Student #275048	Student #276798	Student #273200
Student #276425	Student #273914	

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MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #339 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #340 - 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 22, 2025 be and are hereby approved:

Student #280751	Student #279264	Student #280845
Student #279143	Student #280277	Student #279399
Student #279179		

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #340 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #359 - #368 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #359 - Memorandum of Agreement – Ballston Spa Teacher’s 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 Ballston Spa Teachers’ Association, dated January 22, 2025, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #360 - 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>
Sandra Balet	Teacher	6/28/25
Lynne Blake	Teacher	6/28/25
Richard Hengsterman	Teacher	6/28/25
Lisa Judd	Teacher	6/28/25
Catherine LaRosa-Roy	School Counselor	6/28/25
Barbara Lewis	Teacher	6/30/25
Timothy Moseman	Teacher	6/28/25
Laurie Pascucci	School Media Specialist	6/30/25
Erin Poole	Teacher	6/28/25
Kimberly Pusatere	Teacher	6/28/25
Theresa Rousseau	Teacher	6/28/25
Katrinka Scarff	Teacher	6/28/25

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Resolution #361 - 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>
Kristina Delorenzo	Special Education Aide	1/14/25
Desiree Emerson	Bus Driver	12/20/24
Stephen Hammond	Cleaner	1/22/25
Carl Paplow	Mechanic	1/13/25

Resolution #362 - Amendment – 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, previously approved on October 2, 2024 in Resolution #207 be amended 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	6/07/25

Resolution #363 - Amendment – Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) previously appointed on January 8, 2025 in Resolution #344 be amended to the probationary position(s) indicated below, with rate and effective dates shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Renee Nicks	Special Education Aide	\$19.81/hr.	1/21/25-1/20/26

Resolution #364 - Amendment – Extra Duties

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) previously appointed to the extra duty below on August 7, 2024 in Resolution #121 be amended to the rate shown below for the 2024-2025 school year, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Colin Klepetar	Lunch Supervisor, MS	\$1,848/yr.

Resolution #365 - 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>
Thomas Cleland II	Bus Driver	2/05/25
Elizabeth Wasmund-Paplow	Senior Typist	1/29/25

Resolution #366 - 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>
Stephen Hammond	Maintenance Worker	40	\$23.82/hr.	1/23/25-1/22/26
Stefanie Joseph	Bus Driver	25	\$25.52/hr.	1/23/25-1/22/26
Carl Paplow	Cleaner	22.5	\$20.35/hr.	1/23/25-1/22/26

Resolution #367 - 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>
Catherine Sokolewicz	Student Lifeguard	30	\$16.75/hr.

Resolution #368 - 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>
Miguel Garcia	Cleaner	24	1/23/25

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #359 - #368

Ayes all

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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Mr. Fernau announced that the next meeting will be on February 5th

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 a particular person at 7:36 p.m., not to return.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board