

Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting March 5, 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
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 complimented the Winter season Varsity teams. He stated athletic teams would be recognized at the next meeting.

Brian Retersdorf thanked everyone for their support and shared upcoming MIOSM Events. Mr. Retersdorf described each event. He announced the District had earned the Best Community for Music Education for the 8th year in a row.

Mr. Retersdorf discussed the benefits of music education and the way the program is implemented. He shared a list of all annual performances.

Mr. Retersdorf shared statistical information on the musicians. He introduced the Tri-M Music Honor Society Officers. He shared the honor ensembles and explained their significance. Student groups and accomplishments were shared, and students were recognized and presented with certificates.

Mr. Retersdorf announced Kelly Seymour had been the 2025 GRAMMY Music Educator of the Year Quarterfinalist. He shared information on the Conference All-State Mixed Chorus students, and thanked everyone for their generosity and support.

Mr. Fernau thanked Mr. Retersdorf and all staff members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government reported the selection process for members to attend a leadership conference was underway. Student Government is working to determine the best way to utilize homecoming funds. Information about the annual Dodgeball tournament was shared with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Fabrizia Rodriguez, seconded by Lawrence Ryan that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person and return to open session upon completion of the executive session at 7:25 p.m., to return to the regular meeting.

Ayes all

Mr. Fernau called the regular meeting back to order at 8:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY, Holly Barker-Flynn seconded by Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve the February 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Brian Sirianni presented on the General Support Functional area of the upcoming fiscal 2026 budget. Mr. Sirianni discussed Facilities, District Services, and the General Support challenges. He gave next steps for the budget. The annual budget vote and election is on May 20th.

Mr. Fernau stated the State's budget is due on April 1st,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin reported the Facilities Committee had a presentation from CSArch. She stated that priorities were under review.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Duca reported 19 correspondences with the District and shared the topics of each.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly Delaney-Elliott announced dates and times for upcoming events.

Ms. Delaney-Elliott announced the next Board Meeting will be held on March 19th.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #387 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 7110 – Comprehensive Attendance Policy

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, having been tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin, seconded by Ryan Lawrence that the Board of Education approve Resolution #387 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 7110 – Comprehensive Attendance Policy

Ayes all

Resolution #388 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 7132 – Elementary Attendance Areas

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

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #388 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 7132 – Elementary Attendance Areas

Ayes all

Resolution #389 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 8460 – Field Trips and Student Travel

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, having been tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #389 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 8460 – Field Trips and Student Travel

Ayes all

Resolution #390 - Establishment of Voter Registration Day

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that on May 13, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. be designated as Voter Registration Day and in connection with Election District No. 1, the Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of said Election District No. 1, on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Time), at the Administration Building, 70 Malta Avenue, Ballston Spa, New York and (b) in connection with Election District No. 2, the Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of said Election District No. 2, on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, between the

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hours of 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Time), at the Town of Malta Town Hall, 2540 Route 9, Malta, New York.

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #390 – Establishment of Voter Registration Day

Ayes all

Resolution #391 - Appointment of Voting Machine Custodian

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the person listed below be appointed as Voting Machine Custodian for the May 20, 2025 annual budget vote, is hereby approved:

Michael Iacolucci

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #391 – Appointment of Voting Machine Custodian

Ayes all

Resolution #392 - Appointment of Chairperson, Chief Inspectors and Election Inspectors

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the persons listed below be appointed as election officers for the May 20, 2025 annual budget vote, are hereby approved:

Election Chairperson: Kelly Delaney-Elliott

Chief Inspector, Malta Town Hall: Joanne Bosley

Chief Inspector, High School: Martha Iacolucci

Election Inspectors:

Patricia Davis	Eleanor Dillon
Kathy Eitzmann	Stephen Geene
Linda Grimaldi	Anthony Grimaldi
Debra Hodgson	Nicole Lichva
Eileen Lofthouse	Rita Logsdon
Ann Riccitelli	Kathlyn Rooney
Janet Verdon	Jamie Williams

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #392 – Appointment of Chairperson, Chief Inspectors and Election Inspectors

Ayes all

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Resolution #393 - 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, Technology Department, High School, Malta Avenue and Milton Terrace Elementary Schools be declared obsolete and disposed of accordingly, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve
Resolution #393 – Obsolete Equipment

Ayes all

Resolution #394 - Field Trip- High School Robotics Team

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the High School Robotics Team to travel to Rochester, NY, March 13, - March 15, 2025, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve
Resolution #394 – Field Trip – High School Robotics Team

Ayes all

Resolution #395 - Field Trip- High School Robotics Team

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the High School Robotics Team to travel to Albany, NY, March 27 – March 29, 2025, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve
Resolution #395 – Field Trip – High School Robotics Team

Ayes all

Resolution #396 - Field Trip- High School Science Olympiad

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the High School Science Olympiad Team to travel to LeMoyne College, March 21 – March 22, 2025, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve
Resolution #396 – Field Trip – High School Science Olympiad

Ayes all

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Resolution #397 - 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>
Kristen George-Odell Varsity Girls Basketball Memorial Scholarship	The recipient(s) must be graduating High School Senior(s) girl and play Varsity Girls Basketball at BSHS their Senior Year. Recipient(s) must be attending an accredited college or university in the fall.	\$500/Varies

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #397 – Establish Award

Discussion

Mr. Fernau thanked the sponsors.

Ayes all

Resolution #398 - 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 March 5, 2025, be and are hereby approved:

Student #271562	Student #275270	Student #276574
Student #279743	Student #279595	Student #25435
Student #280788	Student #279247	Student #273883
Student #280580	Student #278777	Student #279200
Student #272885	Student #278480	Student #278412
Student #279604	Student #276165	Student #275948
Student #275541	Student #277477	Student #274184
Student #278317	Student #280180	Student #276562
Student #272085	Student #272854	Student #275569
Student #276004	Student #25449	Student #272098
Student #278514	Student #272013	Student #280068
Student #277616	Student #272548	Student #278366
Student #276317	Student #280821	Student #25075
Student #279374	Student #274789	Student #275457
Student #280833	Student #272751	Student #25239
Student #25240	Student #278817	Student #273348
Student #275224	Student #276651	Student #279575
Student #274417	Student #275637	Student #274923
Student #274827	Student #276878	Student #273746
Student #280710	Student #272976	Student #271908
Student #280417	Student #279619	Student #277424

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Student #276350	Student #272856	Student #271803
Student #279576	Student #279043	Student #276312
Student #278924	Student #277559	Student #280205
Student #21059	Student #279665	Student #25931
Student #274894	Student #279389	Student #275949
Student #23037	Student #276828	Student #278350
Student #278412	Student #279582	Student #274956
Student #276533	Student #23098	Student #274943
Student #277571	Student #280205	Student #276340
Student #274941		

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #398 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #399 - 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 March 5, 2025, be and are hereby approved:

Student #279856	Student #279786	Student #280779
Student #280792	Student #280810	Student #280780
Student #280445	Student #280198	Student #280803
Student #280384	Student #280661	Student #280222
Student #280500	Student #278704	

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #399 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #400 - #414 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #400 - 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>
Deborah Haber	Teacher	6/30/25
Jeanette Maruscsak	Teaching Assistant	6/30/25
Cynthia Walkanowski	Teacher	12/31/25

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Resolution #401 - 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>
Rahmot Fagbenro	Bus Attendant	2/28/25
Mahamoda Khanam	Bus Attendant	2/28/25
Carl Paplow	Cleaner	2/21/25
Cassandra Perkins	School Aide	2/27/25
MaryAnn Priest	Teaching Assistant	3/13/25
Theresa Stangle	Special Education Aide	2/27/25

Resolution #402 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of TaraMarie Crisafulli, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held December 18, 2024, in Resolution #333, is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #403 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of Theresa Rousseau, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held December 18, 2024, in Resolution #333, is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #404 - Amendment – Interscholastic Sports Coaches

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) previously appointed on February 5, 2025 in Resolution #386 be amended to the position(s) indicated below, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Emily Baker	Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse	\$3,420

Resolution #405 - 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>
Elizabeth Maloney	Special Education Aide	3/25/25

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Resolution #406 - 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>
Lourdes Bautista	Bus Attendant	25	\$18.24/hr.	3/06/25-3/05/26
Erin Cunningham	School Aide	22.5	\$17.20/hr.	3/06/25-3/05/26
Danielle Fendrick	Bus Attendant	25	\$18.24/hr.	3/10/25-3/09/26
Shannon Forrest	School Aide	22.5	\$17.20/hr.	3/06/25-3/05/26
Aayla Mohr	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$19.81/hr.	3/06/25-3/05/26

Resolution #407 - Appointment – Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person be appointed to the provisional position indicated below, with effective date, hours and rate shown, and hereby approves the agreement, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max. Hrs./ Wk.</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
William Stubblebine Jr.	Custodian	40	\$22.18/hr.	3/06/25-3/05/26

Resolution #408 - 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>
John Falco	Substitute Cleaner	40	\$19.74/hr.
Nickolas Tesmacher	Substitute Cleaner	40	\$19.74/hr.

Resolution #409 - 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>
James Brann	Bus Driver	27.5	2/05/25
Everett Doten Jr.	Bus Driver	28.75	2/05/25
Janice Lewis-Morrow	Bus Attendant	30	2/05/25
James Touhey	Bus Attendant	28.75	2/05/25
Tara Tucceri	School Aide	30	3/06/25
Mary Williams	Bus Driver	30	2/05/25

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Resolution #410 - 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>
Heather Ferlo	Drama Club Advisor, MA	\$978
Joseph Shaver	Drama Club Advisor, MA	\$978

Resolution #411 - 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>
Christine LaPorta	Additional Section (.2), HS	\$5,630/yr. (pro-rated)
Chelsea Quezada	Additional Section (.2), HS	\$5,630/yr. (pro-rated)
Chelsea Reeves	Pit Musician, HS	\$37.00/hr.
Kelly Seymour	Pit Musician, HS	\$37.00/hr.
Walter Thiem	Pit Musician, HS	\$37.00/hr.
Samuel Veglia	Pit Musician, HS	\$37.00/hr.
Amy Wert	Additional Section (.2), HS	\$5,630/yr. (pro-rated)

Resolution #412 - 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>
James Gordon	Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	\$6,050
Ethan Waters	Junior Varsity Boys Tennis	\$3,420

Resolution #414 - 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>
TaraMarie Crisafulli	Outdoor Track	n/a
Joseph Hayes	Boys Lacrosse	n/a
Jason Nichols	Flag Football	n/a

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MOTION BY Fabrizia Rodriguez, seconded by Lawrence Ryan that the Board of Education remove Resolution #413 from the consent agenda

Lawrence Ryan - Aye
Fabrizia Rodriguez - Aye
Matthew Dreher - Aye
Holly Barker-Flynn - Nay
Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin - Aye
Katie Whittemore - Aye
Jason Fernau - Aye

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #400 – 414, absent of Resolution #413

Ayes all

Resolution #413 - 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>
Brannigan Bryant	Assistant Varsity Flag Football	\$5,500
Donald Nowc	Varsity Flag Football	\$6,050

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #413

Lawrence Ryan - Nay
Fabrizia Rodriguez - Nay
Matthew Dreher - Aye
Holly Barker-Flynn - Aye
Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin - Aye
Katie Whittemore - Nay
Jason Fernau - Aye

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education accept Walk-On Resolutions #415

Ayes all

Resolution #415 - Field Trip- Varsity Cheerleading

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the Varsity Cheerleading Team to travel to Binghamton, NY, March 7 – 8, 2025, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve Walk-On Resolution #415

Ayes all

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

Mr. Fernau shared updates and upcoming PTSA and PTA events. He shared contact information for volunteer, officer position and donation opportunities. He passed along thanks from the PTAs.

Mr. Fernau announced the next Board meeting will be on March 19th.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education adjourn at 9:06 p.m..

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board