

Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting March 19, 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.
He welcomed individuals from WSHWE BOCES.

RECOGNITION

Dr. Duca recognized Ben Skillings, a student representative of the United States Youth Senate Program in Washington DC.

Ballston Spa Education Foundation announced the recipients of the BSEF awards; shared the amounts of each award, and the work the award would be supporting.

Mr. Lopez and the Troupe shared information on the upcoming performance of Catch Me If You Can.

Mr. Fernau introduced Mr. Guardino, the Interim Athletic Director. The winter and fall athletes were recognized by the Mr. Guardino. He shared informational and statistical information on students in the program.

Coaches from each team recognized students and shared historical and statistical information on each team and students.

WSWHE BOCES representatives recognized CTE program students and presented on the BOCES 2027 vision related to instructional facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government reported they were looking forward to the upcoming Suburban Leadership Conference. They announced the next meeting would be next week, and shared the gift the senior class will be giving to the District.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY, Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin, seconded by Matthew Dreher that the Board of Education approve the March 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Brian Sirianni presented on the ongoing development of the fiscal 2026 budget. He reviewed the Instructional component of the budget. He shared the changes, challenges and plans in select categories within the component.

Mr. Sirianni then presented the propositions to be voted on, and explained each. He stated the propositions would be brought to the board for a vote at the next meeting. He shared student enrollment information, and also discussed Global Foundries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Holly Barker-Flynn shared the policies being reviewed by the Policy Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Mr. Fernau reported there had been two (2) correspondences to the Board since the last meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #416 - Acceptance of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Ballston Spa Education Foundation donation for various District departments, in the amount of \$6,679.97 be and is hereby accepted.

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #416 – Acceptance of Donation

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Discussion

Mr. Fernau thanked the BSEF.

Ayes all

Resolution #417 - 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 Inspectors:

Marcy Melander Marian Pitsas

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #417 – Appointment of Chairperson, Chief Inspectors and Election Inspectors

Ayes all

Resolution #418 - Award of Bid

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

Vendor

Canyon Engineering Solutions
7 Canyon Crossing Road
Greenfield Center, NY 12833

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #418 – Award of Bid

Ayes all

Resolution #419 - 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, Middle School, be declared obsolete and disposed of accordingly, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #419 – Obsolete Equipment

Ayes all

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Resolution #420 - Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Budget Transfers, be and are hereby approved.

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #420 – Budget Transfers

Ayes all

Resolution #421 - BOCES Software Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the agreement with BOCES for Data Privacy Agreement services, be and is hereby approved

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #421 – BOCES Software Agreement

Ayes all

Resolution #422 - 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.	Varies/Varies

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #422 – Establish Award

Discussion

Mr. Fernau thanked the donors.

Ayes all

Resolution #423 - 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 19, 2025, be and are hereby approved:

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Student #24318	Student #276571	Student #279550
Student #275780	Student #279612	Student #277222
Student #273883	Student #278777	Student #273490
Student #275810	Student #275151	Student #275859
Student #276201	Student #279459	Student #279248
Student #280715	Student #274939	Student #279393
Student #271996	Student #272790	Student #272292
Student #279917	Student #275202	Student #273460
Student #276777	Student #280830	Student #277308
Student #276089	Student #271761	Student #277220
Student #277196	Student #278697	Student #276018
Student #280621	Student #278853	Student #274100
Student #280151	Student #25541	Student #275929
Student #279145	Student #276692	Student #276201
Student #279750		

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #423 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #424 - 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 19, 2025, be and are hereby approved:

Student #280877	Student #279341	Student #280817
Student #280694	Student #280264	Student #280818
Student #280422	Student #280765	Student #279756
Student #279651		

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #424 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #425 - #437 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

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Resolution #425 - 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>
Barbara Wolf	Bus Driver	6/28/25

Resolution #426 - 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>
Kristen Gunning	Teacher	2/28/25
William Stubblebine, Jr.	Custodian	3/10/25
Ashlee Testo	School Aide	3/07/25

Resolution #427 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointments of Brannigan Bryant, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held December 18, 2024, in Resolution #330, is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #428 - 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>
Michael Gatzendorfer Teacher (0.8)	NYS Initial, Social Studies 7-12	\$53,440/yr. Step 1+60 (pro-rated)	3/20/25-6/30/25

Resolution #429 - Appointment – Instructional Long-Term Substitute

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to instructional position(s) as indicated below, with salary and effective dates shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name / Position</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary / Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Jacqueline Evola/Teacher	NYS Permanent, Special Education	\$103,419/yr. Step 25 + 60 (pro-rated)	3/20/25-6/30/25
Caroline Motler/Teacher	NYS Initial, 7-12 ELA	\$50,500/yr. Step 1 + 0 (pro-rated)	3/20/25-6/30/25

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Resolution #430 - 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>
Emma Eldridge	School Aide	4/07/25
Sarah Kinney	Administrative Aide	4/08/25
Julie Meisner	Bus Attendant	4/11/25
Amanda Mix	Special Education Aide	4/11/25

Resolution #431 - 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>
Cierra Fitzpatrick	School Aide	22.5	\$17.20/hr.	3/20/25-3/19/26
James Hahn	Bus Driver	25	\$25.52/hr.	3/13/25-3/12/26
Donald Johnson	Bus Driver	25	\$25.52/hr.	3/13/25-3/12/26
Derek Smith	School Aide	37.5	\$17.20/hr.	3/24/25-3/23/26
John Twomey	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$19.81/hr.	3/20/25-3/19/26

Resolution #432 - 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>
Hannah Nitchman	Substitute Bus Attendant	30	\$17.69/hr.

Resolution #433 - 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>
Krystel Brumigan	Bus Driver	28.75	3/11/25

Resolution #434 - 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:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Noelle Kloc	Teacher Mentor, WR	Per BSTA contract

Resolution #435 - 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>
Benjamin Guerin	Assistant Varsity Outdoor Track	\$3,800
Theresa Rousseau	Varsity Outdoor Track	\$6,050

Resolution #436 - Memorandum of Agreement - Ballston Spa Teachers' Association – Summer School

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 March 19, 2025, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #437 - Memorandum of Agreement – Ballston Spa Association of Teaching Assistants – Summer School

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 Association of Teaching Assistants, dated March 19, 2025, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin, seconded by Matthew Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #425 - 437

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 and donation opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Dr. Routbort Baskin, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

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Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BS', followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line extending to the right.

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board

