

Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting April 2, 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

Matt Robinson, High School Principal, recognized Mr. Lance Hamm for earning the TCT Credit Union Teacher of the Week.

The Odyssey Of The Mind Teams were recognized for their accomplishments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government reported on the Suburban Leadership Conference, and extended congratulations to the Troupe on their performance. Representatives also announced there will be an After Prom fund raiser tomorrow evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY, Holly Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve the March 19, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Brian Sirianni presented on the FY2026 Budget. He shared the draft budget with a 2.9% increase. He discussed and explained the functional area of benefits. Mr. Sirianni discussed medical insurance and retirement contributions.

Mr. Sirianni illustrated the Tax Cap information of the allowable levy vs the actual levy. He explained variables and compared other Districts. He stated the State had not approved its budget that was due on April 1st.

Dr. Duca shared the District's commitments to student success, and its priorities. He discussed the fiscal frameworks that shape decisions. Dr. Duca discussed the budget drivers, and program adjustments. He shared the positions that would be absorbed through retirement, and the ones that would be replaced. He stated there would be no layoffs. Dr. Duca shared the budget goals, and shared budget results.

Dr. Duca stated the next budget presentation would be on Tuesday, April 22nd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Mr. Fernau reported there had been 6 correspondences to the Board since the last meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly Delaney-Elliott announced upcoming events, including the next board meeting on April 22nd.

Dr. Duca gave information on the upcoming dedication game for Dave Sunkes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #438 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 8230 – Comprehensive Developmental School Counseling Program -DRAFT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 8230 – Comprehensive Developmental School Counseling Program, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Holly Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #438 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 8230 – Comprehensive Development School Counseling Program - DRAFT

Ayes all

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Resolution #439 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 8470 – Homebound Instruction -DRAFT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 8470 – Homebound Instruction, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #440 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 8471 – Home or Hospital Tutoring Policy - DRAFT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 8471 – Home or Hospital Tutoring 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 table Resolutions #439 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 8470 – Homebound Instruction – DRAFT and Resolution #440 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 8471 – Home or Hospital Tutoring Policy - DRAFT

Discussion

Dr. Duca made a recommendation to table both resolutions to allow time to combine the two policies based on attorney advice.

Ayes all

Resolution #441 - Adoption 2025-2026 District Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the District calendar for the 2025-2026 school year be adopted, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #441 – Adoption 2025-2026 District Calendar

Discussion

Lawrence Ryan suggested looking into the District’s population when determining holidays for the District’s calendar in future years.

Ayes all

Resolution #442 - Internal Audit

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby accepts the Internal Audit Report prepared by the firm of The Bonadio Group, and approves the associated corrective action plan, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #442 – Internal Audit

Discussion

Mr. Ryan stated he was happy with the corrective actions from last year's small findings.

Ayes all

Resolution #443 - Purchase of School Vehicles Bond Proposition

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York, as follows:

Section 1. At the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of Ballston Spa Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York (the "District"), to be held on May 20, 2025, two Bond Propositions in substantially the form as hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said District. Said Bond Propositions shall appear in the Notice of Annual District Meeting and Election to be held May 20, 2025, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include such Bond Propositions in said Notice by inserting therein substantially the following paragraphs:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that two Bond Propositions in substantially the following forms shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election:

SCHOOL VEHICLE BOND PROPOSITION

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized and directed to: (1) purchase various diesel powered school buses and vehicles, at a maximum cost of \$1,327,000 (2) expend such sum for such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,327,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest and principal on said obligations when due and payable.

ELECTRIC SCHOOL VEHICLE BOND PROPOSITION

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized and directed to: (1) purchase one electric powered school bus, at a maximum cost of \$273,000 (2) expend such sum for such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$273,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest and principal on said obligations when due and payable.

Section 2. Such Bond Propositions shall appear on the ballots used for voting at said Annual District Meeting and Election in substantially the foregoing forms.

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Section 3. The proceeds of the bonds authorized pursuant to the Bond Propositions set forth in Section 1 hereof, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #443 – Purchase of School Vehicles Bond Proposition

Discussion

Mr. Ryan discussed information received from a presentation provided on the topic. He discussed financial information pertaining to associated costs. He recommended everyone reach out to their legislative representative.

Mr. Fernau explained the propositions contained in the resolution.

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

Resolution #444 - Ballston Spa Public Library Proposition

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York, as follows:

Section 1. At the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of Ballston Spa Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York (the “District”), to be held on May 20, 2025, a Proposition in substantially the form as hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said District. Said Proposition shall appear in the Notice of Annual District Meeting and Election to be held May 20, 2025, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include such Proposition in said Notice by inserting therein substantially the following paragraphs:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election:

BALLSTON SPA PUBIC LIBRARY

RESOLVED:

SHALL an annual appropriation of \$64,610 separate and apart from the Ballston Spa Central School District annual school District budget, be approved to support and maintain the Ballston Spa Public Library, which sum shall be raised annually by a tax upon the taxable property of the school District,

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and which appropriation shall be the annual appropriation for the library until changed by further vote of the electors of the school District, and such tax shall be levied and collected yearly as are other general taxes and paid over to the Library Trustees?

Section 2. Such Proposition shall appear on the ballots used for voting at said Annual District Meeting and Election in substantially the foregoing forms.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #444 – Ballston Spa Public Library Proposition

Ayes all

Resolution #445 - Extension of Bid – Safety and Security Film

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the extension of bid BS1801C for Safety and Security Film with Installation, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #445 – Extension of Bid – Safety and Security Film

Ayes all

Resolution #446 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the agreement between Upstate Applied Behavior Analysis Services, PLLC and the District, to provide support and/or related services for certain students with disabilities, March 1 – June 30, 2025, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #446 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #447 - 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, Milton Terrace 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 #447 – Obsolete Equipment

Ayes all

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Resolution #448 - Establish Awards

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>
Paul Perrault Memorial Scholarship	To award a student who is interested in History and planning to attend a two- or four-year college.	\$1,000/One

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #448 – Establish Awards

Discussion

Mr. Fernau thanked the individuals in both scholarship resolutions for supporting students.

Resolution #449 - 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>
The William R. Scott Memorial Scholarship	Awarded to one or two seniors graduating with a B+ average or higher, who also participated in a sport showing dedication, drive, and exceptional sportsmanship.	\$800/One or two

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #449 – Scholarship Changes

Ayes all

Resolution #450 - 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 April 2, 2025, be and are hereby approved:

Student #277777	Student #277868	Student #280784
Student #273883	Student #277983	Student #277271
Student #25910	Student #277705	Student #279424
Student #278189	Student #278438	Student #278080
Student #279930	Student #277339	Student #277637
Student #278126	Student #279383	Student #280408
Student #275370	Student #276251	Student #278601
Student #278338	Student #277672	Student #276345
Student #275224	Student #273667	Student #279518
Student #279619	Student #277823	Student #280787

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Student #277073	Student #25829	Student #278701
Student #271562	Student #272641	Student #277777
Student #277868	Student #278194	Student #278376
Student #274067	Student #275752	Student #274105
Student #274149	Student #275602	Student #275275
Student #277998	Student #273883	Student #277983
Student #279952	Student #279181	Student #278231
Student #273581	Student #278898	Student #280164
Student #276195	Student #275014	Student #278767
Student #277705	Student #277045	Student #279604
Student #273686	Student #277078	Student #278438
Student #275948	Student #24537	Student #273437
Student #276236	Student #275053	Student #273054
Student #272439	Student #278080	Student #279930
Student #276989	Student #275764	Student #279279
Student #278805	Student #274956	Student #274939
Student #272651	Student #277934	Student #273142
Student #277006	Student #276549	Student #277047
Student #276987	Student #277039	Student #272322
Student #277974	Student #271818	Student #271825
Student #275370	Student #274643	Student #280376
Student #275753	Student #276693	Student #276777
Student #276342	Student #272931	Student #275224
Student #279575	Student #279751	Student #24681
Student #279518	Student #275292	Student #272975
Student #277075	Student #278965	Student #279619
Student #277424	Student #279182	Student #23800
Student #277570	Student #275396	Student #275048
Student #276798	Student #25891	Student #273872
Student #273871	Student #273283	Student #276507
Student #278146	Student #278745	Student #276425
Student #278701		

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #450 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #451 - 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 April 2, 2025, be and are hereby approved:

Student #280767	Student #278095	Student #278884
Student #280534	Student #280271	Student #279294
Student #280426	Student #280843	Student #280418
Student #278095	Student #278603	Student #280317

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Student #278884
Student #279866
Student #279851
Student #280374
Student #280477

Student #279972
Student #280508
Student #280426
Student #279286

Student #279847
Student #280666
Student #279028
Student #279943

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolution #451 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #452 - #457 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #452 - 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>
Elizabeth Butchino	Bus Attendant	3/28/25
Ronald Shultes Jr.	Lead Driver	4/04/25

Resolution #453 - Amendment – Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following resignation previously approved on March 19, 2025 in Resolution #426 of the employee(s) listed below, be amended with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
William Stubblebine, Jr.	Custodian	3/07/25

Resolution #454 - 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 March 19, 2025 in Resolution #431 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>
Derek Smith	School Aide	\$17.20/hr.	3/31/25-3/30/26

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Resolution #455 - 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>
Cassandra McFarland	School Aide	37.5	\$17.20/hr.	4/03/25-4/02/26

Resolution #456 - 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>
Michael Cole	Substitute Cleaner	40	\$19.74/hr.
Gavin LaPlante	Student Lifeguard	30	\$16.75/hr.
Evelyn Molnar	Student Lifeguard	30	\$16.75/hr.
Alexa Senn	Substitute Cleaner	40	\$19.74/hr.

Resolution #457 - 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>
Lourdes Bautista	Bus Attendant	28.75	3/27/25

MOTION BY Ms. Barker-Flynn, seconded by Dr. Routbort Baskin that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #452 - 457

Ayes all

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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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 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 and negotiations with the Administrative Council at 8:03 p.m. Not to return to the regular meeting

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board