

Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting January 7, 2026

Location: High School Library

Time: 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Carrie Chapman
Matthew Dreher
Jason Fernau
Fabrizia Rodriguez
Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin
Timothy Turbiak - 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 7:01 p.m.

RECOGNITION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY, Matthew Dreher, seconded by Carrie Chapman that the Board of Education approve the December 17, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes all

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT

Student Government announced the annual Speak Out event scheduled for Jan 15th during lunch periods.

Student Government reported they would be meeting with Dr. Duca to go over November applicant information for next year's Ex Officio Student Board member.

Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin stated she would like feedback from the Speak Out event.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Katie Whittemore reported the Policy Committee will be meeting on January 21st.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Duca reported 2 correspondences with the District and shared the topics of each.

Mr. Fernau reported there had 1 correspondence to the Board since the last meeting, and shared the topic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly Delaney-Elliott shared the District’s upcoming events; and she announced the next board meeting on January 21st.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #340 - Bond Resolution

BOND RESOLUTION OF BALLSTON SPA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JANUARY 7, 2026, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND SITES; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$61,813,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, INCLUDING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$7,750,136 FROM THE DISTRICT’S CAPITAL RESERVE FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$54,062,864 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF SAID APPROPRIATION.

Recital

WHEREAS, at the Special District Meeting duly called and held on December 9, 2025, in Ballston Spa Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York (the “District”), a majority of the qualified voters present and voting approved a Bond Proposition authorizing the construction of additions, alterations and improvements to District buildings and sites, at the estimated cost of \$61,813,000; and such qualified voters then present and voting further authorized the Board of Education to expend \$7,750,136 from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund, approved by the voters of the District on May 21, 2019, and to levy and collect a tax to be collected in annual

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installments to pay the principal of and interest on the \$54,062,864 serial bonds authorized to be issued;

Now, therefore,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALLSTON SPA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SARATOGA, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Education) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ballston Spa Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York, is hereby authorized to construct additions, alterations and improvements to District buildings and sites (the "Project"), substantially as referred to and described in a Plan prepared by the District with the assistance of CSArch, such Project including roof reconstruction and/or replacements; improvements to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, hot water, electrical, lighting, sound system, drainage, storm water and other systems; interior reconstruction and space reconfiguration; ADA improvements; replacement of doors, fencing, folding partitions, flooring, stage curtains, auditorium seating, and library furnishings; site enhancements including fencing, drainage driveway, parking, sidewalk and irrigation improvements; new rec building at Eastern Ave; an addition to the maintenance building; and recreational and athletic improvements including field renovations, the construction of a building addition to provide for a fitness and wellness center, upgrading field to synthetic turf, the construction of a new track with synthetic turf field, sports lighting, the provision of a track storage building and a toilet facility trailer, playground improvements, visitor bleachers, new field entrance, relocation of tennis courts and the replacement of the press box; all of the foregoing to include original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related demolition, site and other work required in connection therewith. The estimated total cost of the foregoing, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$61,813,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor, including the expenditure of \$7,750,136 from the District's Capital Reserve Fund Capital Reserve Fund, approved by the voters of the District on May 21, 2019 (the "Reserve Fund"); such amount is hereby authorized to be expended to pay for a portion of the cost of the Project. The plan of financing includes the expenditure of said Reserve Fund moneys and the issuance of \$54,062,864 serial bonds of the District to finance the balance of said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Serial bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$54,062,864 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law"), to finance a portion of said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said \$54,062,864 serial bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 97 of the Law, is thirty (30) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose 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. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes, and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Education relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and any other bonds heretofore or hereafter authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law, in the District's official newspapers, such newspapers each having a general circulation in the District and hereby designated the official newspapers of said District for such publication.

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MOTION BY Matthew Dreher, seconded by Carrie Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #340 – Bond Resolution

Carrie Chapman - Aye
Matthew Dreher - Aye
Jason Fernau - Aye
Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin - Aye
Fabrizia Rodriguez - Aye
Katie Whittemore - Aye

Resolution #341 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 5321- Use of District Credit Cards

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 5321- Use of District Credit Cards, having been tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Dreher, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution # 341 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 5321 – Use of District Credit Cards

Ayes all

Resolution #342 - Acceptance of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) donation for the Ballston Spa High School PLTW, in the amount of \$1,300, be and is hereby accepted.

MOTION BY Mr. Dreher, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution # 342 – Acceptance of Donation

Ayes all

Mr. Fernau thanked RIT for the donation.

Resolution #343 - Obsolete Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the equipment identified by the Facilities department and District libraries be declared obsolete and disposed of accordingly, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Dreher, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution # 343 – Obsolete Equipment

Ayes all

Resolution #344 - 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 7, 2026 be and are hereby approved:

Student #273700	Student #275270	Student #279813	Student #277082
Student #278173	Student #279247	Student #23037	Student #278680
Student #280554	Student #280057	Student #273686	Student #279058
Student #24537	Student #277457	Student #272950	Student #279930
Student #281097	Student #276562	Student #280988	Student #275534
Student #281211	Student #278101	Student #278772	Student #277880
Student #272935	Student #281294	Student #277974	Student #277820
Student #277489	Student #278601	Student #276452	Student #279884
Student #281205	Student #273667	Student #278452	Student #272149
Student #281056	Student #279690	Student #23098	Student #281270
Student #279527	Student #276688	Student #279619	Student #281217
Student #278958	Student #277559	Student #276799	Student #276925
Student #25931	Student #274786	Student #276547	Student #278701

MOTION BY Mr. Dreher, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution # 344 -Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #345 - 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 7, 2026 be and are hereby approved:

Student #281276	Student #279294	Student #281278	Student #280510
Student #280467	Student #280468	Student #281281	Student #281284

MOTION BY Mr. Dreher, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution # 345 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

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Resolutions #346 - #353 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #346 - 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>
Sharlene Collins	Bus Driver	1/09/26
Alyssa Frament	Special Education Aide	12/12/25
Alisa Mazon	Bus Attendant	1/07/26
Megan McMahon	LTS Teacher	1/07/26
Tarana Mou	Special Education Aide	1/09/26

Resolution #347 - 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>
Megan McMahon	Special Education	NYS Initial, Early Childhood Ed B-2, Childhood Ed 1-6	\$54,558/yr. Step 3+30 (pro-rated)	1/08/26-1/07/30

Resolution #348 - Appointment – Teaching Assistant

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to position(s) indicated below, with salary and effective date(s) shown, 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>
Daniel Sanchez	Teaching Assistant	NYS Initial,	\$25,483/yr.	1/09/26-1/08/30
Dania		Physical Education	Step 1 (pro-rated)	

Resolution #349 - 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>
Stephen Hammond	Maintenance Worker	1/23/26
Lori Natale	Office Manager for Human Resources	1/16/26

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Resolution #350 - 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>
Steffani Constantino	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$20.60/hr.	1/08/26-1/07/27
Caitlyn Donnelly	School Aide	30	\$17.89/hr.	1/08/26-1/07/27
Alisa Mazon	Typist	40	\$21.93/hr.	1/08/26-1/07/27

Resolution #351 - 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 position(s) indicated below, with hours, rate and effective date shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max. Hrs./Wk.</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kindra Schott-Harrington	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$20.60/hr.	1/08/26

Resolution #352 - Appointment – Adult Education Instructors- Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the following person(s) be appointed as Adult Education Instructor(s) with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Instructor Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Melina Bain	\$100/class	1/10/26-4/04/26
Karen Stern	\$100/class	1/08/26-3/26/26

Resolution #353 - 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 2025-2026 school year, with stipend shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Emma Rask	Drama Club Advisor, GC	\$998

MOTION BY Mr. Dreher, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #346 - 353

Ayes all

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

Mr. Fernau shared PTA and PTSA events information and needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Mr. Dreher, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board