

Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting February 4, 2026

Location: High School Library

Time: 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Carrie Chapman
Matthew Dreher
Jason Fernau
Fabrizia Rodriguez
Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin
Timothy Turbiak
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 shared Scottie Bars with board members, and shared the purpose and information associated with the bars.

Joe Shaver and Launching Pad presented a song and information on the upcoming production of Something is Rotten, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY, Timothy Turbiak, seconded by Carrie Chapman that the Board of Education approve the January 21, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes.

Ayes all

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT

Student Government reported back on the Speak Out suggestions.

New student ex officio school board members were introduced.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Brian Sirianni discussed the upcoming FY2027 budget. He shared the Governor’s State Aid Proposal, and data on revenue, student enrollment, inflation and the Tax Cap Growth Factor. The Tax Cap versus Actual Levy figures were shared from 2017-2026. The tax base growth, new construction figures were shared from FY2021 – FY 2027. Mr. Sirianni discussed the Global PILOT Assessment Schedule.

Mr. Sirianni discussed the functional areas of debt service and transportation; and he shared the items of discussion for the next meeting on March 4th

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Fernau reported that the Audit Committed had met. He reported on the most recent results of an internal audit. He stated there were no findings, and that some recommendations were made. He stated a particular work item would be chosen for completion for the next internal audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Duca reported five (5) correspondences with the District and shared the topics of each.

Mr. Fernau reported one (1) correspondence with the Board since the last meeting, and shared the topic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly Delaney-Elliott shared the District’s upcoming events. She announced the next board meeting would be on March 4th.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #368 - Field Trip- Varsity Baseball

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the Varsity Baseball team to travel to Myrtle Beach, SC March 25-30, 2026, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #368 – Field Trip – Varsity Baseball

Ayes all

Resolution #369 - 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:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount/Recipient</u>
The Cindy Hoetzer Memorial Scholarship	This award is given to a student who has a passion for the Spanish language and plans to integrate the language in future studies and career.	\$1,000/One
The Roundabout Runners Club Scholarship	This award is given to assist a High School runner with college expenses; to encourage and support young runners in the efforts to make running a lifelong part of a healthy lifestyle.	\$500/One Male \$500/One Female

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #369 – Establish Awards

Discussion

Jason Fernau thanked the individuals responsible.

Ayes all

Resolution #370 - 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 \$109.60 be and is hereby accepted.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #370 – Acceptance of Donation

Ayes all

Resolution #371 - Obsolete Equipment

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

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #371 – Obsolete Equipment

Ayes all

Resolution #372 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the agreements between the Anderson Center Consulting & Training and the District, to provide consulting and/or related services for the 2025-2026 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #372 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #373 - 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 February 4, 2026 be and are hereby approved:

Student #272641	Student #275796	Student #275014	Student #278349
Student #279176	Student #281152	Student #278497	Student #279548
Student #25173	Student #280508	Student #25075	Student #278573
Student #279575	Student #274445	Student #280683	Student #280336
Student #280371	Student #277832	Student #272441	Student #274894
Student #24318			

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #373 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #374 - 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 February 4, 2026 be and are hereby approved:

Student #280963	Student #281303	Student #281132	Student #281299
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MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #374 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #375 - #388 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

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Resolution #375 - Memorandum of Agreement – Civil Service Employees 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 Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Saratoga County Educational Local 864, dated February 4, 2026, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #376 - 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>
Patricia Gallo	Receptionist	6/27/26

Resolution #377 - 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>
Gina Clark	Special Education Aide	1/30/26
Brittany Harrington	Special Education Aide	2/06/26
Dermot O'Connor	Special Education Aide	2/04/26
Carole Schebora	Bus Driver	1/30/26
Daniel Zappolo	Custodial Operations Supervisor	1/30/26

Resolution #378 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of Brannigan Bryant, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held January 21, 2026, in Resolution #364, is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #379 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of Peter DiStefano and Lindsay Madigan, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held January 21, 2026, in Resolution #366, is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #380 - 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 21, 2026 in Resolution #363 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>Max Hrs./Wk.</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Julie Dennin	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$20.60/hr.	1/22/26-1/21/27

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Resolution #381 - 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 January 21, 2026 in Resolution #366 be amended to the position(s) indicated below, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Tia Pelneau	Varsity Assistant Girls Lacrosse	\$5,600

Resolution #382 - Appointment – Administrative

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, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Giovanna Picciocca	Assistant Director of Secondary Special Education	NYS Professional, School District Leader	\$110,000/yr. (pro-rated)	3/09/26-3/08/30

Resolution #383 - 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>
Jamie Blake	School Aide	22.5	\$18.25/hr.	2/05/26-2/04/27
John Ellis	Cleaner	22.5	\$21.16/hr.	2/05/26-2/04/27
Megan Zeh	School Aide	22.5	\$18.25/hr.	2/05/26-2/04/27

Resolution #384 - Approval – Individual Employment Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the individual employment agreement(s) for the following person(s), be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Giovanna Picciocca	Assistant Director of Secondary Special Education	3/09/26-6/30/26

Resolution #385 - 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>
Angelo D'Annibale	Intramurals (spring), GC	\$667
Tyler Williamson	Intramurals (spring), MA	\$667

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Resolution #386 - Appointment – Co-Curricular Clubs and Activities Volunteer

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>
Katelyn Cittadino	Drama Club, MT	n/a
Mollie Kavanagh	Drama Club, MT	n/a

Resolution #387 - 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 2025-2026 school year, with rate shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Terri Fountain	Secondary Mentor Coordinator	\$3,756
Amy Sheft	Elementary Mentor Coordinator	\$3,756

Resolution #388 - 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 2025-2026 school year, with stipend shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Kevin Dayton	Modified Boys Lacrosse	\$3,920
Peter DiStefano	Varsity Boys Tennis	\$6,160
Benjamin Guerin	Varsity Track	\$5,170
Lindsay Madigan	Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse	\$4,230
Timothy Moseman	Varsity Assistant Track	\$5,600
Garry Preece	Varsity Track	\$6,160
Charles Racey	Varsity Assistant Track	\$5,600
Peter Vadney	Varsity Assistant Boys Lacrosse	\$5,600
Halle Wright	Junior Varsity Softball	\$3,465

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #375 - 388

Discussion

Mr. Fernau welcome Ms. Picciocca, a new employee.

Ayes all

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christen Iacolucci, Ballston Spa., spoke regarding safety protocols for immigration students, staff and community members. She asked some questions regarding ICE, and asked the Board to consider programs to support students and community members impacted.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board