

Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting March 18, 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 information about the Ballston Spa Education Foundation (BSEF).

Awards for each grant, and a description of those grants were announced for this current grant cycle. The total amount of the grants totaled \$6,092.22. All recipients were recognized and given certificates.

Matthew Lopez and the Troupe members shared information about the upcoming production of the Addams Family.

Matthew Griep, Athletic Director and coaches recognized Winter athletes. They shared academic and statistical information on the athletes and the teams.

MOTION BY, Timothy Turbiak, seconded by Matthew Dreher that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person, to return to regular session, at 7:32 p.m.

Ayes all

Mr. Fernau called the regular meeting back to order at 8:09 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr Timothy Walz, Eastern Avenue, requested an extension of this time to speak.

Mr Fenau asked if any Board members would make the motion.

Motion by Mr. Turbiak seconded by Mr. Dreher to allow for an increase from 2 to 5 minute time allotment for Timothy Walz to speak.

Ayes all

Mr. Walz spoke regarding the retirement of his wife from a 2nd grade teaching position. He requested his relief from a decision to not allow her to rescind her retirement.

Mr. Fernau read a statement regarding the District's actions and position in relation to Ms. Walz.

Dana Wormer, District parent, spoke in support of Ms. Walz.

Ms. Preston and her daughter, spoke in support of Ms. Walz.

Ms. Metamoras, District parent, spoke regarding communication, safety and parent involvement within the SPED Department.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT

Student Ex Officio Board members reported on ongoing and upcoming events, and plans of student leader groups.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve the March 4, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

WSWHE BOCES staff and students presented information on the BOCES programs and building updates.

Facility needs including instructional facilities planning and health and safety were discussed. Information on career and technical education expansion needs and challenges were shared. Exceptional Learners Division needs were discussed.

Information about the new BOCES building and end of lease options were shared. The sale of the current properties process and vote information was shared.

2027 Budget Development

Mr. Sirianni presented the continuing work on the budget. The functional area of instruction was discussed, including the early retirement incentive approved by the Board. He shared challenges and data on student enrollment.

Mr. Sirianni announced the next meeting, on April 1st, more expense details and revenue updates would be discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Fernau shared that the Audit and Finance Committee's internal audit next portion was for an in-depth analysis on Medicaid billing and payments that are reimbursable.

Mr. Fernau stated RFPs for future auditing services would be going out soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Duca reported 11 correspondences with the District and shared the topics of each.

Mr. Fernau reported there had six (6) correspondences to the Board since the last meeting, and shared the topics of each.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #411 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 5745 Opioid Overdose Prevention -DRAFT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 5745 - Opioid Overdose Prevention, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr.Turbiak, seconded by Mr.Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #411 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 5745 Opioid Overdose Prevention -DRAFT

Ayes all

Resolution #412 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 7661 Parentally-Placed Non-Public School Students with Disabilities -DRAFT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 7661 - Parentally-Placed Non-Public School Students with Disabilities, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr.Turbiak, seconded by Mr.Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #412 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 7661 Parentally Placed Non-Public School Students with Disabilities - DRAFT

Ayes all

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Resolution #413 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 7665 Free Appropriate Public Education Until Age 22 -DRAFT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 7665 - Free Appropriate Public Education Until Age 22, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr.Turbiak, seconded by Mr.Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #413 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 7665 – Free Appropriate Public Education Until Age 22 - DRAFT

Ayes all

Resolution #414 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 8475 Home-Schooled Students: CR 100.10 - DRAFT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 8475 - Home-Schooled Students: CR 100.10, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr.Turbiak, seconded by Mr.Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #414 Board of Education Policy Manual File 8475 Home-Schooled Students: CR100.10 - DRAFT

Ayes all

Resolution #415 - Adoption 2026-2027 District Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the District calendar for the 2026-2027 school year be adopted, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr.Turbiak, seconded by Mr.Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #415 Adoption 2026-2027 District Calendar

Ayes all

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 \$6,092.22 be and is hereby accepted.

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

Discussion

Mr. Fernau thanked BSEF.

Ayes all

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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 19, 2026 annual budget vote, are hereby approved:

Election Inspectors:

Marcy Melander Marian Pitsas

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

Ayes all

Resolution #418 - 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 12-14, 2026, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #418 – Field Trip – High School Robotics Team

Ayes all

Resolution #419 - Field Trip- Indoor Track

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the Indoor Track team to travel to Staten Island, NY, March 6-7, 2026, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #419 – Field Trip – Indoor Track

Ayes all

Resolution #420 - Field Trip- Varsity Swim

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the Varsity Swim team to travel to Ithaca College, March 5-7, 2026, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #420 – Field Trip – Varsity Swim

Ayes all

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Resolution #421 - 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 18, 2026, be and are hereby approved:

Student #281226	Student #279813	Student #276995	Student #274149
Student #279247	Student #273883	Student #277878	Student #273735
Student #280684	Student #281336	Student #280044	Student #278438
Student #280326	Student #279907	Student #273054	Student #280962
Student #278497	Student #281019	Student #278763	Student #280041
Student #279068	Student #281315	Student #279393	Student #279815
Student #279929	Student #276988	Student #275370	Student #274643
Student #278601	Student #280803	Student #278536	Student #279636
Student #281234	Student #279575	Student #24681	Student #278452
Student #280371	Student #276575	Student #281063	Student #278744
Student #277518	Student #277819	Student #279384	Student #278068
Student #275362	Student #273871		

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #421 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #422 - 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 18, 2026, be and are hereby approved:

Student #281332	Student #281363	Student #280779	Student #281331
Student #280949	Student #280378	Student #279294	Student #280743
Student #280510	Student #281233	Student #281295	Student #281331
Student #280992	Student #280674	Student #279477	Student #280509
Student #280757	Student #280374	Student #281287	

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolution #422 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #423 - #432 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #423 - 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 18, 2026, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #424 - 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 18, 2026, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #425 - 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>
Marieann Burnell	School Aide	2/27/26
Sheri Debiec	Special Education Aide	3/05/26
Sharon Richards	Custodian	3/20/26
Kindra Schott-Harrington	Special Education Aide	3/10/26

Resolution #426 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of Kathleen Fitzgerald, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held March 4, 2026, in Resolution #407, is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #427 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of Charles Racey, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held February 4, 2026, in Resolution #388, is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #428 - 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>
Alan James	Mechanic	40	\$31.83/hr.	3/19/26-3/18/27
Nataly Jara	Bus Driver	25	\$26.80/hr.	3/19/26-3/18/27
Dalton Shufelt	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$21.01/hr.	3/19/26-3/18/27

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Resolution #429 - 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>
Sharon Richards	Custodial Operations Supervisor	40	\$73,000/yr. (pro-rated)	3/23/26

Resolution #430 - 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 2025-2026 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>
Sean Daugherty	Substitute Bus Driver	30	\$26.00/hr.
Lucas Trujillo	Student Lifeguard	30	\$17.34/hr.

Resolution #431 - 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>
Sharon Richards	Custodial Operations Supervisor	3/23/26-3/22/27

Resolution #432 - 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>
Jason Walton	Teacher Mentor, HS	Per BSTA contract

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #423 - 432

Ayes all

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board