

Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting April 1, 2026

Location: High School Library

Time: 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Carrie Chapman
Matthew Dreher- Absent
Jason Fernau
Dr. Julia Routbort Baskin- Absent
Fabrizia Rodriguez
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

The Ballston Spa Elks Lodge #2619 was recognized for their annual contribution to the School Back Pack Program. Dr. Duca shared the Elks had donated \$6,000, that would support 200 Elementary school children.

Students and staff shared information about their trip to Costa Rica.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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, Timothy Turbiak, seconded by Fabrizia Rodriguez that the Board of Education approve the March 18, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

2027 Budget Development

Brian Sirianni shared information regarding the employee benefits, including budget data for the retirement systems and health insurance.

Mr. Sirianni compared the 2026 and 2027 budgets and noted changes. He shared Tax Cap information from 2017 through 2027. He discussed each of the Board’s propositions.

Dr. Duca discussed the District’s commitment to maximizing the success of students. He discussed the District priorities, fiscal framework and budget priorities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Duca reported 10 correspondences with the District and shared the topics of each.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Duca, the next board meeting is being changed to April 15th.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #433 - 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 19, 2026, 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 19, 2026, 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/EQUIPMENT 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/gas powered school buses, vehicles and equipment, at a maximum cost of \$1,620,100 (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 \$1,620,100, 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 \$295,000 (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 \$295,000, 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.

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 Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez that the Board of Education approve Resolution #433 – Purchase of school vehicles proposition

Ayes all

Resolution #434 - 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 19, 2026, 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 19, 2026 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 \$65,902 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, 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 Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez that the Board of Education approve Resolution #434 – Ballston Spa Public Library Proposition

Ayes all

Resolution #435 - Award of Bids – Various General Construction, Electrical, Excavation, HVAC and Plumbing Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to award the bid for various General Construction, Electrical, Excavation, HVAC, and Plumbing Services as follows, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Delta Construction	25% above NYS Prevailing Wage
3 Queen Anne Road	15% markup on materials
Amsterdam, NY 12010	

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CKM Electrical Services, Inc
216 Elk Street
Albany NY 12210

34% above NYS Prevailing Wage
10% markup on materials

M&J Construction
40 Gilbert Road
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

40% above NYS prevailing Wage
15% markup on materials

BPI Mechanical Services
PO Box 336
Latham, NY 12110

45% above NYS Prevailing Wage
15% markup on materials

Postler & Jaeckle Corp
615 South Ave
Rochester, NY 14620

34% above NYS Prevailing Wage
18% markup on materials

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez that the Board of Education approve Resolution #435 – Award of Bids, Various General Construction, Electrical, Excavation, HVAC and Plumbing Services

Ayes all

Resolution #436 - 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 be declared obsolete and disposed of accordingly, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez that the Board of Education approve Resolution #436 – Obsolete Equipment

Ayes all

Resolution #437 - 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 Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez that the Board of Education approve Resolution #437 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #438 - 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 1, 2026, be and are hereby approved:

Student #274514	Student #276571	Student #277805	Student #279041
Student #275867	Student #276689	Student #278349	Student #280595
Student #280478	Student #274184	Student #272790	Student #281382
Student #280699	Student #272548	Student #272551	Student #278587
Student #280711	Student #276211	Student #276345	Student #280158
Student #279518	Student #277570	Student #280900	Student #274100
Student #273871	Student #277030	Student #276571	Student #278376
Student #275752	Student #274104	Student #275867	Student #271714
Student #276195	Student #278767	Student #277045	Student #280595
Student #273686	Student #275948	Student #273229	Student #280478
Student #272439	Student #274184	Student #280052	Student #276536
Student #281274	Student #274463	Student #277039	Student #280699
Student #272548	Student #275370	Student #274643	Student #278536
Student #276319	Student #276211	Student #279673	Student #279575
Student #276172	Student #280158	Student #279518	Student #279274
Student #276070	Student #277492	Student #271803	Student #277570
Student #275396	Student #280900	Student #274100	Student #276798
Student #281180	Student #276925	Student #273871	Student #277518
Student #277030			

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez that the Board of Education approve Resolution #438 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #439 - 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 1, 2026, be and are hereby approved:

Student #281293	Student #281276	Student #281267	Student #280467
Student #280897	Student #280780	Student #280674	Student #280694
Student #281058	Student #280853	Student #279946	Student #279947
Student #280733			

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez that the Board of Education approve Resolution #439 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #440 - #450 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #440 - 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>
Katherine LaCross	Cleaner	4/03/26
Jonathan Roche	Custodian	4/24/26
Rebecca Stark	Teaching Assistant	4/02/26

Resolution #441 - Hourly Rate Adjustment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby sets the hourly rate(s) of pay effective September 1, 2025, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Announcer	\$40.00/game

Resolution #442 - 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, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary/Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Erica Winslow	Registered Nurse (.8571)	NYS Registered Professional Nurse	\$35.00/hr.	4/13/26-4/12/27

Resolution #443 - 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>
Carol Connelly/ Teacher	NYS Professional, SWD All Grades	\$77,308/yr. Step 15 + 120 (pro-rated)	4/02/26-6/30/26

Resolution #444 - 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:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary/Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Jacob Simon	Teaching Assistant	NYS Teaching Assistant, Initial	\$24,896/yr. Step 4 (pro-rated)	4/02/26-4/01/30

Resolution #445 - 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>
Corlene Brackett	School Aide	4/23/26
Shannon Forrest	School Aide	4/06/26
Susan Leslie	Lead Driver	4/23/26
Cassandra McFarland	School Aide	4/03/26

Resolution #446 - 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>
Sean Daugherty	Bus Driver	25	\$26.80/hr.	4/02/26-4/01/27

Resolution #447 - 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>
Katherine LaCross	Substitute Cleaner	40	\$20.53/hr.

Resolution #448 - 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>
Susan Leslie	Lead Driver	4/23/26-6/30/29

Resolution #449 - 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>
Robert Roy	Bus Driver	30	4/02/26

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Christopher Unger

Bus Driver

28.75

4/02/26

Resolution #450 - 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>
Mackenzie Dahl	Modified Girls Lacrosse	\$2,695 (pro-rated)
Thomas Docherty	Varsity Assistant Track	\$5,600 (pro-rated)

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #440 - 450

Ayes all

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fernau announced the next board meeting would be on April 15th.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of particular persons, not to return to regular session at 7:44 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board