

Ballston Spa Central School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting September 2, 2026

Location: High School Library

Time: 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Carrie Chapman
Matthew Dreher
Jason Fernau
Fabrizia Rodriguez - Absent
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

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Ballet, Ballston Spa, spoke about the capital improvement project, specifically concerns regarding turf fields.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Upcoming events were shared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY Matthew Dreher, seconded by, Carrie Chapman that the Board of Education approve the August 19, 2026 Regular Meeting

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Duca shared the District goals and priorities and action steps for the 2026-27 school year.

Matthew Griep, Athletics Director gave a review of District athletics, and shared accomplishments and processes. He shared next steps for the 2026-27 school year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Mr. Fernau reported the Board had received one (1) correspondence and shared the topic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Duca reminded everyone students return to school on Tuesday.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #148 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 5676 – Data Security and Privacy -DRAFT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 5676 – Data Security and Privacy, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Timothy Turbiak, seconded by, Carrie Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #148 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 5676 – Data Security and Privacy - DRAFT

Ayes all

Resolution #149 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 7550 – Dignity for All Students -DRAFT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 7550 – Dignity for All Students, be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by, Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #149 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 7550 – Dignity for All Students - DRAFT

Ayes all

Resolution #150 - Extension of Bid – Special Transportation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the extension of bid for Special Transportation - Gloversville, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by, Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #150 – Extension of Bid – Special Transportation

Ayes all

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Resolution #151 - Obsolete Items

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 High School and Transportation Department, 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 #151 – Obsolete Items

Ayes all

Resolution #152 - Agreement- Special Education

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between The Autism Helper, Inc. and the District to provide curriculum materials during the 2026-2027 school year, be and is hereby approved

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by, Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #152 – Agreement – Special Education

Ayes all

Resolution #153 - Agreement for Cooperative Athletics- Ice Hockey

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Inter-Municipal Agreement between Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School District and the District, for a joint interscholastic Ice Hockey program for the 2026-2027 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by, Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #153 – Agreement for Cooperative Athletics – Ice Hockey

Ayes all

Resolution #154 - 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 September 2, 2026 be and are hereby approved:

Student #280192	Student #278816	Student #277730	Student #277767
Student #280821	Student #281412	Student #280348	Student #277204
Student #279393	Student #280962	Student #279211	Student #278617
Student #279944	Student #280615	Student #279187	Student #281183
Student #279601	Student #281138	Student #278479	Student #281182
Student #278480	Student #281213	Student #279100	Student #277477

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Student #279614	Student #278358	Student #280616	Student #280041
Student #280115	Student #278338	Student #279631	Student #278614
Student #277058	Student #28071	Student #280787	Student #280187
Student #279890	Student #279111	Student #280294	Student #280829
Student #281056	Student #281282	Student #280017	Student #275403
Student #278958	Student #274650	Student #280029	Student #281530
Student #278446	Student #279786	Student #278101	Student #279541
Student #279668	Student #281533	Student #279347	Student #280621
Student #277935	Student #279991	Student #277055	Student #279990
Student #278835	Student #274071	Student #278573	Student #277518
Student #280336	Student #278404	Student #281214	Student #277002
Student #281181	Student #278343	Student #281273	Student #277073
Student #274514	Student #280433	Student #281323	Student #278502
Student #280053	Student #278945	Student #281435	Student #278903
Student #280326	Student #280681		

MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by, Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #154 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #155 - 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 September 2, 2026 be and are hereby approved:

Student #281527	Student #281522	Student #281511
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MOTION BY Mr. Turbiak, seconded by, Ms. Chapman that the Board of Education approve Resolution #155 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #156 - #166 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #156 - 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>
Arthur Bemis	Bus Driver	8/18/26
Kimberly Capparella	Special Education Aide	8/17/26
Rachael Osinski	Teacher	8/18/26
Cynthia Schroeder	Special Education Aide	8/18/26

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Resolution #157 - Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of the employee listed below and/or in the alternative discontinues the probationary appointment, with effective date shown, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kerry Wintsch	Head Lifeguard	8/14/26

Resolution #158 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of Courtney Hassett, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held August 19, 2026, in Resolution #133, is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #159 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of Samantha Bodenstab, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held July 21, 2026, in Resolution #76, is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #160 - 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>
Daniel Carter	Business and Marketing	NYS Professional; Business and Marketing	\$66,868/yr. Step 10 + 42	9/01/26-8/31/30
Samantha Cavagnolo	Social Studies	NYS Initial; Social Studies 7-12	\$53,561/yr. Step 1 + 36	9/01/26-8/31/30

Resolution #161 - 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>
Augusta Cetnar	Teaching Assistant	NYS Teaching Assistant Level 1	\$25,784/yr. Step 5	9/01/26-8/31/30
Jordyn Falisi	Teaching Assistant	NYS Initial, Physical Education	\$26,649/yr. Step 2	9/01/26-8/31/30

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Resolution #162 - 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>
Cindy Desourdy	Cleaner	40	\$22.01/hr.	9/03/26-9/02/27
Karlene Kelly	School Aide	22.5	\$18.98/hr.	9/03/26-9/02/27
Mason Lang	Cleaner	20	\$22.01/hr.	9/03/26-9/02/27
Mary Madden	Special Education Aide	33.75	\$21.85/hr.	9/03/26-9/02/27
Connor McClernan	School Aide	37.5	\$18.98/hr.	9/03/26-9/02/27
Melissa Pondillo	Cleaner	40	\$22.01/hr.	9/03/26-9/02/27
Kerrie Schott	Bus Attendant	25	\$20.11/hr.	9/03/26-9/02/27

Resolution #163 - 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 2026-2027 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>
Arthur Bemis	Substitute Bus Driver	30	\$27.30/hr.
Patricia Palmer	Deputy Tax Collector	40	\$23.00/hr.

Resolution #164 - 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 2026-2027 school year, with rate shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Sara Parkes	CSE Chairperson, DW	\$2,850/yr.
Laurie Struffolino	Lunch Supervisor, MS	\$1,923/yr.
Megan Zito	Teacher Mentor, DW	Per BSTA Contract

Resolution #165 - 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 2026-2027 school year, with stipend shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Chellae Brooks	Launching Pad Drama Club Costume Designer, MS	\$1,018

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Resolution #166 - Appointment – Summer Curriculum Work

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to conduct summer curriculum work, for summer of 2026, with rate shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Christina Bisceglia	1	\$277.13/day
Augusta Cetnar	3	\$162.24/day
Stephanie Church	1	\$277.13/day
Colleen Ferlo	1	\$277.13/day
Anastasia Gouvitsas	1	\$277.13/day
Stephanie MacDonald	1	\$277.13/day
Brian Retersdorf	1	\$277.13/day

MOTION BY mr. Turbiak, seconded by, Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #156 - 166

Discussion

Mr. Fernau welcomed an attending new staff member to the District.

Ayes all

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fernau announced the next meeting would be held on September 16th.

MOTION BY, Mr. Turbiak, seconded by Mr. Dreher that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person, not to return to regular session at 7:58 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board