

**Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
High School Library
7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Matthew Dreher
Wayne Evans, Jr - Absent
Jason Fernau
Lawrence Ryan
Dorothy Sellers
Katie Whittemore
Timothy Turbiak

STAFF PRESENT: Kenneth Slentz, Superintendent of Schools
Brian Sirianni, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Fernau called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

RECOGNITION

Mr. Slentz recognized Launching Pad. He complimented the students and the community for the excellence events.

Launching Pad members introduced themselves and shared what Launching Pad brought to their lives. A brief synopsis of the show was given, and members encouraged everyone to attend. Dates, times and price of tickets were shared.

Mr. Slentz recognized Sherry Demers and Brian Merchant and announced their retirement. He shared the District's appreciation for the work they have done over many years, and emphasized how much they and their talents would be missed.

Mr. Slentz recognized employees that had been recommended for tenure.

Mr. Fernau thanked the retirees and the candidates for tenure.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Fernau highlighted the Scotties Scoop and recommended the community use the resource.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

COVID Management Update

Mr. Slentz shared an updated draft of the reopening plan framework. He stated the District was committed to providing students with opportunities and staying open. He shared the work being done by Districts and authorities. Mr. Slentz highlighted the current changes in the 9th revision of the reopening plan framework. He gave a summary of the changes since November 21st. Mr. Slentz discussed staffing shortages and the current decline in District and area COVID cases.

Mr. Slentz discussed quarantining time, testing and contact tracing. He discussed Test-to-Stay and COVID screening tests. He shared the current vaccination status of the community and the student body.

Mr. Slentz reminded everyone of the reopening planning measures and the processes in place for decision making regarding disruption. He reminded everyone the reopening goal continues to be in person learning for all students, 5 days per week with minimal disruption. He discussed the eligibility for remote learning under certain circumstances.

Mr. Slentz discussed the next steps for the receipt of continued guidance. He stated the District had worked on streamlining information. He reminded everyone of the fluid nature of the situation and ever changing guidelines. He stated the resources portion of the document had been updated.

Matthew Dreher asked about spectator limits at sports events.

Mr. Slentz stated it was a case by case decision and gave examples.

Timothy Turbiak discussed the availability of vaccines for students, and asked if parents had requested clinics from the District.

Mr. Slentz stated parents had not asked if the District would be holding further clinics.

Mr. Fernau thanked parents and caregivers for their flexibility in arranging transportation for students during the transportation shortages. He stated attendance has been very good in spite of the challenges.

Mr. Fernau stated the District was working within the framework commitment of having as many opportunities for students as possible in the least constrictive environment. He stated the District would work within the guidelines of safety to have as many events as possible. He stated the District would continue to monitor situations.

Katie Whittemore asked about notification to parents and caregivers regarding transportation shortages.

Mr. Slentz explained the process and reminded everyone that all information was available on the website each day.

Mr. Fernau stated the District always sends out late bus announcements.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Policy Committee Meeting was reported as postponed until 2/9/22.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Slentz shared the topics of the correspondence received.

Mr. Fernau shared the topics of the correspondence received by the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stuart Williams announced the Clean Tech ECHS Program Information Night would be held tomorrow evening. He shared times and opportunities along with a description of the target audience.

Mr. Williams reminded everyone the midterm exams would be given on two days next week, as opposed to the traditional Regents week exams.

Mr. Williams stated the next BOE meeting would be on February 9th.

Mr. Fernau explained the typical dates for the Board meetings vs the single February meeting date.

Dorothy Sellers shared the information for BACC's Universal Preschool event Thursday, January 20th evening between 6:30 – 8:00.

Mr. Slentz stated parents would be given tests to take home from BACC's event.

Mr. Fernau shared information regarding the Saratoga County School Boards Association Meeting and encouraged all board members to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fernau shared information regarding the search for the new BOCES Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #358 - Cooperative Purchasing

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 103(16) permits public school Districts, upon the adoption of a resolution, to use to use cooperative purchasing programs administered by the United States Government (or any agency thereof) or any State (or any political subdivision thereof) to award contracts other than through its own competitive bidding for the purchase or services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies if such contract was awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or on the basis of best value by the other governmental entity; and,

WHEREAS, the Keystone Purchasing Network is a cooperative purchasing program administered by the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit, an educational service agency and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, located in Milton, Pennsylvania, which

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provides nationally bid contracts with many national vendors and allows other public entities to become members to use various publicly bid contracts; and,

WHEREAS, based on the above, and a determination that Keystone Purchasing Network satisfies the conditions of General Municipal Law Section 103(16), the School District desires to become a member of the Keystone Purchasing Network and desires to use various contracts to acquire products, equipment or other services.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, the Ballston Spa Central School District shall become a member of the Keystone Purchasing Network and hereby authorizes staff to complete all necessary paperwork to become a member to utilize the contracts available through the Keystone Purchasing Network.

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Matthew Dreher that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #358 – Cooperative Purchase

Discussion

Lawrence Ryan asked about the selection process for these types of cooperatives.

Mr. Sirianni explained the searching process available to the District, and stated the District would not necessarily use the group but was an option.

Mr. Fernau asked about the costs associated.

Mr. Sirianni stated the fee was a couple hundred dollars.

Ayes all

Resolution #359 - 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 19, 2022 be and are hereby approved:

Student #273352	Student #25268	Student #276400
Student #278991	Student #272091	Student #273584
Student #23951	Student #277092	Student #279068
Student #277131	Student #272292	Student #278447
Student #274827	Student #274370	Student #274146
Student #276574	Student #273686	Student #273527
Student #24455	Student #273725	Student #274540
Student #274146	Student #274941	

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Matthew Dreher that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #359 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

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Resolution #360 - 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 19, 2022 be and are hereby approved:

Student #279041	Student #279012	Student #278479	Student #278974
Student #278480	Student #278505	Student #278504	Student #278837

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Matthew Dreher that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #360 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #361 - #372 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #361 - 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>
Colleen Dunleavy	Teaching Assistant	2/04/22
Holly Fitzgerald	Bus Driver	1/04/22
Lawrence Moultrie	Assistant Principal	2/06/22
Keith Reilly	Teacher	2/25/22
Allison Sliper	School Aide	1/19/22
Lynn Tomlinson	Special Education Aide	1/20/22

Resolution #362 - Rescission of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the appointment of Katherine Smith, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held October 6, 2021, in Resolution #236, is hereby rescinded, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #363 - Approval – Addendum

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Justin Yerdon	Building and Grounds Supervisor	1/20/22

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Resolution #364 - Tenure Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be awarded tenure, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Commencement Date</u>
Heather Hackett	Special Education	1/18/22
Kathryn Mion	Social Studies	3/21/22
Laurie Pascucci	School Media Specialist	2/21/22
Daina Sisk	Assistant Principal	1/29/22
Donna Marie Thomas	Teaching Assistant	2/01/22

Resolution #365 - 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>
Amy Jo Decoteau	Bus Driver	2/11/22
Sean Kenneally	Lead Driver	2/11/22
Marie Mercier	School Aide	2/11/22

Resolution #366 - 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>
Ellen Kenna Speech Pathologist	NYS Permanent, Speech and Hearing Handicapped	\$61,444/yr. Step 10+92	1/21/22-3/30/22
Jennifer Rodrigue Teacher	NYS Emergency COVID-19, Childhood Education 1-6	\$50,836/yr. Step 4+43	1/20/22-6/30/22

Resolution #367 - Administrative

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint the following person(s) to the position(s) indicated below, with effective date(s) and salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Inge Jacobs Carmola	Interim Administrator of Special Education	NYS Permanent, School District Administrator	\$400/day	1/20/22-6/30/22

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Thomas Nicholson	Interim Assistant Principal	NYS Permanent, School Administrator and Supervisor	\$450/day	1/31/22-6/30/22
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Resolution #368 - 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>
Inge Jacobs Carmola	Interim Special Education Administrator	1/20/22-6/30/22
Thomas Nicholson	Interim Assistant Principal	1/31/22-6/30/22

Resolution #369 - 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 the probationary 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>
Dana Keeler	Teaching Assistant	Teaching Assistant Level 3	\$30,754/yr. Step 12 (pro-rated)	1/20/22-1/19/25

Resolution #370 - 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>
Keirstein Downey	School Aide	22.5	\$15.59/hr.	1/20/22-1/19/23
Shonna Hunter	School Aide	32.5	\$15.59/hr.	1/20/22-1/19/23
Keith Murphy	Bus Driver	25	\$22.91/hr.	1/05/22-1/04/23
Allison Sliper	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$17.96/hr.	1/20/22-1/19/23
James Tino	Bus Driver	25	\$22.91/hr.	12/24/21-12/23/22

Resolution #371 - 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 2021-2022 school year, with hours shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max Hrs./Wk.</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Christine Heflin	Driver in Training	40	\$17.00/hr.
Cynthia Plante	Substitute Clerical	40	\$18.55/hr.
Alexis Rogers	Substitute Bus Driver	40	\$22.22/hr.

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Resolution #372 - 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>
Sharlene Collins	Bus Driver	28.75	1/10/22
Dennis Jourdanais, Jr.	Bus Driver	30	1/17/22
Odilia Shaw	Bus Attendant	28.75	1/10/22
Tammie White	Bus Attendant	27.5	1/17/22
James Wilson	Cleaner	24	1/04/22
Barbara Wolf	Bus Driver	28.75	1/09/22
Michelle Zichelli	School Aide	24.75	1/18/22

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Timothy Turbiak that the Board of Education to approve Resolutions #361 - 372

Discussion

Mr. Fernau recognized and congratulated individuals receiving tenure and retiring.

Ayes all

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Bush, Church Ave Ballston Spa, thanked the Board for their work. He voiced his concern about testing for only unvaccinated individuals when both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals can be positive and spread the virus.

Kristofer DuBuque, Kaleen Dr., Ballston Spa, acknowledged the continual changes to guidelines. He shared information regarding emergency rulings and mask mandates.

Jason Gurtler, voiced concern regarding mask breaks for students. He voiced concerns about the time allowed for lunches.

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, and PTA

Timothy Turbiak reported the High School PTSA had reported plans of moving forward with the After Prom party. He stated they were looking for donations and shared where individuals could go for donation information.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Matthew Dreher that the Board of Education adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BS', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board