

**Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, March 2, 2016  
High School Library  
7:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Susan Filburn – Arrived at 7:03  
Nancy Fodera  
Tony Leva  
Christine Richardson  
Jeanne Obermayer  
Kevin Schaefer

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Dragone, Superintendent of Schools  
Brian Sirianni, Clerk of the Board

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kevin Schaefer called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Kevin Schaefer asked that everyone remain standing after the pledge for a moment of silence for Reese Meadow Johnson and Beverly Staulters.

**Resolution #357 - Appointment of Board of Education Member**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby appoints Dorothy Sellers to be a member of the Board of Education, effective March 2, 2016, to fill the position left vacant due to the resignation of Daniel Cramer. Ms. Sellers shall hold this position until the annual meeting on May 17, 2016, at which time a person will be elected to fill the remainder of Mr. Cramer's unexpired term.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #357 – Appointment of Board of Education Member

Ayes all

Brian Sirianni administered the Board of Education Member Oath of Office to Dorothy Sellers, and the Vice President of the Board of Education Oath of Office to Susan Filburn.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 10, 2016– Approved as submitted

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Dragone announced there were significant recognitions for students this evening.

Dr. Dragone stated the district's thoughts and prayers with the families of Beverly Staulters and Reese Meadow Johnson.

He thanked the staff for the support they had provided for the grieving students. He thanked them for their professionalism and dedication and stated he appreciated the work being done. He praised the staff for being the best in the business.

He went on to recognize the Electrify BSpa Music event saying the show was excellent. Dr. Dragone reported the Broadway Stars Bring Action Workshop was happening this weekend. He stated it was a great experience for the students.

Dr. Dragone reminded everyone PARP was beginning this weekend and invited everyone to check the website for a full list of events and times.

Dr. Dragone also reported it was Music in the Schools Month. He gave historical information on the event and a list of the district's events.

### Student Recognition

Tracy DeRagon recognized the students that participate above and beyond. Students that participate in All County Band, All County Orchestra and All County Chorus were recognized.

Ms. DeRagon highlighted many students and their accomplishments and additional involvements. She praised the music students for being well rounded.

Ms. DeRagon proudly shared information on Electrify BSpa and other events including All State Events. All attending students were given certificates and all participating students were recognized.

Ms. DeRagon highlighted all the work the students had done and the support the parents had provided. She offered special thanks to the staff members she works with.

Mr. Schaefer stated it was a great program and congratulated parents, staff and students. He expressed pleasure with the logo on the Electrify BSpa tee shirts.

Dr. Dragone thanked and congratulated everyone

### Budget

Dr. Dragone reported on the tax levy limit calculation that was submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Dragone reminded everyone of the District's mission. He discussed the outcomes and the core values as well as the budget principles and guidelines.

He then discussed the Tax Levy Limit calculation and reiterated there was no such thing as a 2% tax cap. He stated the district could add 1.6 million additional dollars or 3.4% to the levy without needing a supermajority vote for budget approval, but that would not be needed.

Dr. Dragone discussed the Global Foundries depreciation and the effect on the budget. He provided a historical perspective of the allowable and actual tax levy increases. Dr. Dragone discussed the tax rates per \$1000 assessed value over the past 5 years.

Dr. Dragone compared the components of the ECB and the Governor's proposal. He stated the EBC had \$2.2 billion dollars budgeted opposed to the Governor's \$991 million. He discussed the historical change over time of the GAP elimination and Foundation aid formula.

Dr. Dragone stated he believed ending the GEA was necessary, but would not provide enough funding alone. Dr. Dragone discussed his desires regarding the foundation aid and the commitment to increasing and restarting the formula.

Dr. Dragone shared the 2016-2017 draft budget and stated the budget would not be balanced until the State Aid numbers were received. He stated currently there was a 2.7% increase to the budget.

Dr. Dragone discussed the budget drivers as being the district operations, special education, and debt service. He stated that without the drivers there would only be a 2.1% increase to the budget.

Dr. Dragone shared a budget comparison summary of the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 budgets in the areas of general support, instruction, transportation and undistributed. He stated the retirement contributions had gone down. Dr. Dragone explained the inclusion of each portion.

Dr. Dragone discussed Proposition #2 - Facilities Renovations. He stated the savings from the current projects to do additional infrastructure renovations.

Dr. Dragone gave the next steps of the budget process including the recommended budget date of April 6<sup>th</sup>, the adoption date of April 20<sup>th</sup>, the budget hearing on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the budget vote on May 17<sup>th</sup>. He announced the second board meeting in May would be held on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nancy Fodera reported the BSEF bowling event had gone well. She stated it may become an annual event.

Ms. Fodera reported Italy tickets were still for sale. She stated about half the tickets had been sold. She went on to report that BARC had undergone an audit. She stated they were working on procedural language and policy.

Ms. Fodera also announced the District Facility Committee would be meeting tomorrow and that the District Safety Committee would be meeting next Thursday.

Ms. Fodera stated the Wellness Committee and PTA's Cyber Dinner would be at the high school with John Kelly as the speaker. She stated RSVPs were required.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Schaefer stated Dottie Sellers would be abstaining from all resolution votes this meeting due to having just been appointed.

### Resolution #358 - SEQRA

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District ("Board") is considering to undertake a project involving (1) various interior improvements, mechanical system improvements, and electrical system improvements at the Old Bus Garage building located at 210 Ballston Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY, none of which involves the construction of additions or new space and all of which solely affects existing space and (2) various improvements to the Ballston Spa Middle School Building and facilities at 210 Ballston Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY, involving renovation of an existing fitness room, modification of existing traffic and parking facilities, modifications to the existing buildings and grounds site storage area, construction of dugouts at existing athletic fields and related existing site improvements, all of which is in existing space and involves no construction of additions or expansion of existing site facilities ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has consulted with its Architects and Engineers with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action and reviewed the completed Short Environmental Assessment Form showing no significant adverse environmental impacts from this Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in the SEQRA Regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 and has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1), (2) and/or (8) of the SEQRA Regulations;

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves (1) various interior improvements, mechanical system improvements, and electrical system improvements at the Old Bus Garage building located at 210 Ballston Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY, none of which involves the construction of additions or new space and all of which solely affects existing space; and, (2) various improvements to the Ballston Spa Middle School Building and facilities at 210 Ballston Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY, involving renovation of an existing fitness room, modification of existing traffic and parking facilities, modifications to the existing buildings and grounds site storage area, construction of dugouts at existing athletic fields and related existing site improvements, all of which is in existing space and involves no construction of additions or expansion of existing site facilities ("the Project") ("the Project").

2. The proposed Project represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1); and/or alternatively the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2); and/or alternatively a routine activity of an educational institution, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(8).

3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact based on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.

4. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolution # 358 – SEQRA

Susan Filburn – Aye  
Jeanne Obermayer – Aye  
Nancy Fodera – Aye  
Christine Richardson - Aye  
Tony Leva - Aye  
Kevin Schaefer – Aye  
Dorothy Sellers - Abstain

Resolution #359 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Anderson Center for Autism and the District to provide education services for the 2015-2016 school year, be and is hereby approved

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolution #359 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all with the exception of Ms. Sellers' abstention

Resolution #360 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between EDWorks and the District to provide professional development services for the 2015-2016 school year, be and is hereby approved

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolution #360 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all with the exception of Ms. Sellers' abstention

Resolution #361 - Adoption-2016-2017 School Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year be adopted, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolution #361 – Adoption – 2016–2017 School Calendar

Discussion

Nancy Fodera stated school would be starting right after Labor Day this year.

Ayes all with the exception of Ms. Sellers' abstention

Resolution #362 - Establish Scholarship

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the following scholarship is hereby accepted and approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sunset Café Hospitality Award	Awarded to a graduating senior who worked in a restaurant during the school year and earned passing grades.	\$100.00

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolution #362 – Establish Scholarship

Discussion

Christine Richardson, Nancy Fodera and Kevin Schaefer stated it was wonderful for the Sunset Café to have offered this scholarship.

Ayes all with the exception of Ms. Sellers' abstention

Resolution #363 - Acceptance of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the donation to Malta Avenue Elementary School, in the amount of \$293.08, Target Take Charge of Education, be and is hereby accepted.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolution #363 – Acceptance of Donation

Discussion

Kevin Schaefer stated the donation was very much appreciated

Ayes all with the exception of Ms. Sellers' abstention

Resolution #364 - Field Trip-Robotics Team

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the Robotics Team to travel to the Finger Lakes FIRST Robotics Regional Tournament in Rochester, NY, March 24-26, 2016, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolution #364 – Field Trip – robotics Team

Discussion

Kevin Schaefer gave encouraging words to the team and asked to be informed of the outcomes.

Ayes all with the exception of Ms. Sellers' abstention

Resolution #365 - Appointment of Bond Counsel

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Hawkins, Delafield & Woods, LLP, 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY, be appointed as Bond Counsel effective March 2, 2016 through June 30, 2016, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolution #365 – Appointment of Bond Counsel

Ayes all with the exception of Ms. Sellers' abstention

Resolution #366 - 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 2, 2016 be and are hereby approved:

Student #273959	Student #23086	Student #17275
Student #274357	Student #274354	Student #23199
Student #25392	Student #18217	Student #24474
Student #25390	Student #19404	Student #19206
Student #20091	Student #275042	Student #23200
Student #23804	Student #25113	Student #21059
Student #275053	Student #23486	Student #272082
Student #19041	Student #274397	Student #21093
Student #23072	Student #4330	Student #16354
Student #24455	Student #273242	Student #273242
Student #275055	Student #275047	Student #272082

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolution #366 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all with the exception of Ms. Sellers' abstention

Resolution #367 - 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 2, 2016 be and are hereby approved:

Student #273687	Student #274698	Student #274970
Student #274876	Student #274368	Student #274894
Student #274697	Student #275051	
Student #274913	Student #274588	

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolution #367 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all with the exception of Ms. Sellers' abstention

**Resolutions #368 - #377 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.**



Resolution #368 - 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>
Keith Bateman	Teaching Assistant	3/26/16
Sylvia Bertrand	Modified Softball Coach	2/15/16
Albert Duell, Jr.	Bus Driver	2/19/16
James Pisaturo	Teacher	2/01/16
Erin Smith-Anthony	Cleaner	2/08/16

Resolution #369 - 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. The Board of Education and administration extend their appreciation to the employee(s) for their dedication to the students of the Ballston Spa Central School District:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Martina Belanger	Bus Attendant	06/30/16
Debra Bondi	Teaching Assistant	12/31/16
John DeGuardi	Teacher	06/30/16
Suzanne Goetz	Teacher	06/30/16
Debra Hodgson	Teacher	06/30/16
Cynthia Hoetzer	Teacher	06/30/16
Laurie Kennedy	Teacher	06/30/16
Carl Knuth	Custodian	09/01/16
Laura Kohler	Transportation Routing Specialist	04/30/16
Bonnie Marshall	Sr. Typist	06/30/16
Calvin S. McCloud	Teacher	11/05/16
S. Joyce Moreau	Teacher	06/30/16
George Schacher	Bus Driver	09/02/16
Michelle Strenk	Teacher	09/08/16
Jeannine Toney	Teacher	06/30/16

Discussion

Nancy Fodera stated many of the retirees would be missed. Christine Richardson and Dr. Dragone agreed.

Resolution #370 - Termination

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby approves the termination 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>
Richard Daltilio	Driver in Training	2/11/16

Resolution #371 - 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 a long-term substitute 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>
Lisa Varley-Ross	NYS Permanent,	\$62,204/yr. (pro-rated)	2/22/16-6/30/16
Special Education Teacher	Special Education	Step 10M+2	

Resolution #372 - 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 position(s) indicated below for the 2015-2016 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jeffrey Armer	Boys' JV Lacrosse	\$4,500
Kevin Dayton	Boys' Modified Lacrosse (volunteer)	N/A
Ashley Hoffman	Modified-9 Softball	\$3,500
Jason Ohnsman	Boys' Varsity Lacrosse (volunteer)	N/A
Christopher Schroeder	Girls' Assistant Varsity Track	\$4,500
Tyler Williamson	Boys' JV Lacrosse (volunteer)	N/A
Lawrence Youngblood, Jr.	JV Softball	\$4,500

Resolution #373 - Appointment – Co-Curriculum 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) for the 2015-2016 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Anne Cornell	Spring Intramurals, WR	\$586

Resolution #374 - 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 provisional appointment to the position(s) indicated below, with hours, salary and effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max. Hrs/Wk</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jeremy Rubitsky	Transportation Routing Specialist	40	\$19.00/hr.	4/30/16

Resolution #375 - 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, salary and effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max. Hrs/Wk</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Christina Cornell	Bus Driver	40	\$19.33/hr.	3/03/16-3/02/17
Jessica Meaker	Bus Attendant	40	\$13.55/hr.	3/03/16-3/02/17
Jason Scofield	Cleaner	30	\$15.56/hr.	3/03/16-3/02/17
Kelsi Staulters	Cleaner	20	\$15.56/hr.	3/03/16-3/02/17

Resolution #376 - 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 position(s) indicated below, with hours, salary and effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max. Hrs/Wk</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Immanuel Bonilla	Lifeguard/Learn to Swim Instructor	30	\$9.00/hr.	3/03/16-8/31/16
Caitlyn Curcurito	Lifeguard/Learn to Swim Instructor	30	\$9.00/hr.	3/03/16-8/31/16

Resolution #377 - 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 2015-2016 school year, with hours and salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max. Hrs/Wk</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Robert Pace	Substitute Bus Driver	30	\$18.75/hr.
Robert Pace	Cleaner	12.5	\$15.56/hr.
Karen Rhodes	Substitute Bus Attendant	30	\$13.14/hr.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #368 - #377

Ayes all with the exception of Ms. Sellers' abstention

**BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, Student Council, and PTA**

BSTA announced the applications for their scholarship was available. It was announced that at least two scholarships of \$1500.00 each would be awarded.

Nancy Fodera thanked school staff that had gone to Reese's wake. She stated the staff has always been supportive because they care for students. She stated the family was grateful for the support of the school district.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Christine Richardson to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Ayes all with the exception of Ms. Sellers' abstention

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board