

**Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 3, 2019
High School Library
7:00pm**

PRESENT: Chris Farnan
Jason Fernau
Susan Filburn
Lillian McCarthy
Jeanne Obermayer - Absent
Michael O'Donnell - Absent
Dorothy Sellers

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

CALL TO ORDER

Susan Filburn called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 pm

RECOGNITIONS

Dave Sunkes recognized the winter athletes and stated that the district prides itself on the academic success of its athletes. He shared the GPAs of each of the winter teams, as well as statistical data on teams and athletes.

Coach Snyder recognized one of the athletes from the swim team.

Dave Sunkes stated the district was doing an incredible job of providing opportunities and that students were taking full advantage of them. He recognized the students' accomplishments and thanked them for their dedication to both their sports and academics.

Mr. Sunkes recognized the Unified Bowling Team and all the students involved in the program. He discussed the importance of the students having the chance to be included in a sport.

Coach Immel recognized all athletes present for their excellent job as partners, and the bowlers were recognized for their outstanding season and each given a varsity letter. Coach Immel thanked the administration for the wonderful opportunity provided to the students, and stated the program would be something everyone involved would remember.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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MINUTES

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education accept the Minutes for the March 20, 2019 meeting

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Brian Sirianni presented on facilities security and planning, and went over the priority of ensuring the district has safe, secure and welcoming facilities.

Mr. Sirianni shared that the State requires school districts to have a five year plan and that the State does participate in the cost of the planning. He discussed the requirement details and stated that the district looks out 10-15 years when making their plan.

Mr. Sirianni stated action plans were in place for 1 – 3 years to minimize surprises and to help form the financial long range plan.

Mr. Sirianni gave an example of the middle school incident that could have required a lot of money for damages if the insurance company had not covered the cost.

Mr. Sirianni stated debt was being paid off would impact budgets and the Tax Cap.

Mr. Sirianni discussed the safety and security of the buildings and that there had been many changes regarding technology as well as the physical buildings. He reminded everyone there are always new and evolving threats that create technology and procedure changes.

Mr. Sirianni stated the safety and security of buildings get better when protocols are practiced and refined. He discussed the internal and external threat assessments and the importance of drawing on all available resources including local, state and federal law enforcement.

Mr. Sirianni stated the district had outside consultants review and audit safety procedures.

Mr. Sirianni stated that costs could be managed by long range planning. He stated new buildings had safety features built-in, and the other district buildings would be updated.

Mr. Sirianni discussed the Safety Resource Officer integration. He stated good connections had been made with students, staff and the community, and that the district was able draw on the experiences of the SRO. Mr. Sirianni also noted that the SRO placement has expanded relationships with local law enforcement.

Mr. Sirianni then gave a budget update including a review of State Aid. He explained the State's concern regarding the Federal Budget and explained there was wording in the NYS budget that will allow for a recall of State Aid under certain circumstances.

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Mr. Sirianni stated that many of the area schools with high needs had received much higher increases in State Aid than BSCSD, and he gave a comparison of State Aid from the Governor's proposal vs the final NYS budget.

Ken Slentz reminded all of the district's Mission Statement, reviewed the definition of a meaningful diploma, and discussed the total responsibility of the district.

Mr. Slentz discussed the district's priorities and the plans the district has to ensure student success. He highlighted the curriculum resources, and the designing of professional training for literacy, mathematics and remedial instruction.

Mr. Slentz discussed minimizing obstacles in learning and maximizing positive student behavior. He discussed staffing, programs, and aligning staffing structure to provide desired outcomes through intervention and support.

Mr. Slentz discussed the budget and the possible adjustments, in addition to balancing the budget. He discussed consolidation for instructional technology services and BOCES services. Mr. Slentz stated that care had to be taken to avoid the loss of State Aid.

Mr. Slentz stated the administration was looking at restructuring schedules and assignments to improve learning, as well as the Special Education Programs and structures being reviewed.

Mr. Slentz stated the district had done a good job in managing health care offerings and balancing future costs, and he discussed the increase in current enrollment and the increasing requirements that required additional time, resources and staff.

Mr. Slentz stated the next meeting would provide a full budget overview, a recommendation to the Board and Board adoption.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Slentz stated the Pizza and Mac & Cheese Night currently going on in the cafeteria would benefit the Robotics Team, the Incoming Kindergarten Parent Orientation would be tomorrow evening and that it was a consolidated presentation that set expectations, and he reminded everyone the Taste of Ballston would be held next Monday from 6-8 p.m.

Mr. Slentz stated the parent workshop *Right Under Your Nose* would be presented on Wednesday, April 10th. He stated the presentation was open to all members of the community and would revolve around educating parents on habits of children choosing to use alcohol, drugs and vaping.

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Mr. Slentz stated the HS Talent Show would be held on April 11th, and he reminded everyone Wellness Day was April 13th and that it would begin with the Scotties Stampede.

Dorothy Sellers stated the Stampede was still looking for volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Slentz requested Resolution #395 be tabled for discussion.

Resolution #395 - Board of Education Policy Manual File 7130-Entitlement to Attend: Age & Residency

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that Board of Education Policy Manual File 7130-Entitlement to Attend: Age & Residency be approved and tabled for the required 28-day period. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee is authorized to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy.

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education to table Resolution #395 – Board of Education Policy Manual File 7130- Entitlement to Attend: Age & Residency

Ayes all

Resolution #396 - Award of Bid

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the bid award for special transportation to the following locations, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
Durrin Inc.	St. Coleman's School	\$197.00

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #396 – Award of Bid

Ayes all

Resolution #397 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Cross Country Staffing and the District for a special education student requiring a Registered Nurse on the bus and at school for the outplaced special education program, for the 2018-2019 school year, be and is hereby approved.

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MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #397 – Agreement of Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #398 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Center for Disability Services, Inc. and the District for Educational Consulting Services for designated students with disabilities, for the 2018-2019 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #398 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #399 - Appointment of Machine Custodian

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the person listed below be appointed as Machine Custodian for the May 21, 2019 annual budget vote, is hereby approved:

Mike Iacolucci

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #399 – Appointment of Machine Custodian

Ayes all

Resolution #400 - Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Transfers for April 3, 2019, be and are hereby approved.

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #400 – Budget Transfers

Ayes all

Resolution #401 - Scholarship Amounts

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

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jason Ruvo Memorial Scholarship	The recipients will be graduating senior Varsity Baseball players with a love for baseball, and are attending college in the Fall.	varies \$250-500 each

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #401 - Scholarship Amounts

Ayes all

Resolution #402 - Acceptance of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Stewart's Foundation donation awarded as part of the Stewart's Holiday Match Program for the purchase of materials and supplies for an outdoor classroom, in the amount of \$1,500.00, be and is hereby accepted.

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #402 – Acceptance of Donation

Ayes all

Resolution #403 - Field Trip-Science Department

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the High School Science Department to travel to Costa Rica, February 13-21, 2020, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #403 – Field Trip – Science Department

Ayes all

Resolution #404 - 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 3, 2019, be and are hereby approved:

Student #274944	Student #277074	Student #15179
Student #271764	Student #276798	Student #272885
Student #275331	Student #272896	Student #275921
Student #276696	Student #275087	Student #20091
Student #274956	Student #277116	Student #274944
Student #271719	Student #273150	Student #276696
Student #273881	Student #271771	Student #275959

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Student #276175
Student #272295

Student #16412
Student #271771

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #404 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #405 - 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 3, 2019, be and are hereby approved:

Student #277048
Student #277118
Student #276581
Student #277087
Student #276414
Student #276570

Student #276754
Student #276604
Student #276581
Student #276211
Student #275956
Student #276304

Student #276323
Student #276575
Student #276697
Student #276630

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #405 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #406 - #412 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #406 - 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>
Mary Barrette	Peer Leader (Co-Advisor), MS	9/1/18
Karen Fitzgerald	Special Education Aide	4/4/19

Resolution #407 - Extension of Probationary Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby approves the extension of the probationary appointment(s) of the following person(s), in the tenure area(s) indicated below, with end date(s) shown.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>End Date</u>
Jennifer Miller	Teaching Assistant	8/31/20

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Resolution #408 - 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 2018-2019 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kelly Morgan	Intramurals (Spring), WR	\$622
Kristin O'Connor	Intramurals (Spring), WR	\$622
Ryan O'Reilly	Intramurals (Spring), WR	\$622

Resolution #409 - Permanent 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 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>
Stacie Livingston	Special Education Aide	4/9/19
Christina Lopez	Cleaner	4/12/19
Jahaira Garces	Bus Attendant	4/12/19
Kimberly Somers	Bus Driver	4/16/19

Resolution #410 - 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 provisional position indicated below, with salary and effective date shown, and hereby approves the agreement, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Paul Blazejeski	Bus Dispatcher	\$19.43/hr.	4/4/19

Resolution #411 - 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 probationary 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</u> <u>Hrs/Wk</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Linda Nead	Bus Attendant	40	\$14.77/hr.	4/4/19-4/3/20
Ismael Suarez	Bus Attendant	40	\$14.77/hr.	4/4/19-4/3/20

Resolution #412 - 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:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max Hrs/Wk</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Andrew Sherman	Lifeguard/Learn to Swim Instructor	30	\$11.10/hr.	4/4/19-8/31/19

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education to approve Resolutions # 406 - 412

Ayes all

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education accept Walk-On Resolution #413 – Appointment – Support Services

Ayes all

Resolution #413 - 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 probationary 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>
Jennifer Knight	Principal Typist	40	\$20.00/hr.	4/29/19-4/28/20

MOTION BY Dorothy Sellers, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Walk-On Resolution #413– Appointment – Support Services

Ayes

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, Student Council, and PTA

Student Council announced together with members of the freshman class that t-shirts had been made and sold with the proceeds of \$361 going to St. Baldrick's.

Student Council announced tickets for the under classman dance were going on sale.

Student Council announced the Memorial Day observance would be held on May 24th, and that the Wind Ensemble would be playing. They also stated that the keynote speakers were still being finalized.

Student Council announced they had voted at the last meeting to eliminate the Homecoming Parade and replace it with a street fair in order to allow for more businesses and members from the community to participate, and to get everyone to the game on time. They stated that requests for involvement are not being accepted just yet.

PTA gave date for the upcoming ice cream social.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Dorothy Sellers seconded by Chris Farnan to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Sirianni', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board