

**Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
High School Library  
7:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Susan Filburn  
Nancy Fodera  
Tony Leva  
Jeanne Obermayer - Absent  
Michael O'Donnell  
Dorothy Sellers  
Kevin Schaefer

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kevin Schaefer called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 5, 2017 – Regular Meeting – Approved as submitted

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Dragone congratulated David Sunkes on earning the Section II Athletic Director of the Year Award. He stated many staff members were missing from tonight's meeting as they had accompanied Mr. Sunkes to the award ceremony.

Dr. Dragone thanked Nancy Fodera, the Village and the businesses that had supported PARP on Friday evening. He announced NCBI would host the annual talent show on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Dr. Dragone reported the IB students would host an exhibition on April 25<sup>th</sup> in the High School library.

Budget

Dr. Dragone discussed the tax levy calculation. He stated the district's current allowable limit was 5.62%. Dr. Dragone offered a brief explanation of the calculation. He went on to state there were no changes in the expenditures in the budget.

Dr. Dragone stated the tax levy would be 2.9%. He stated the district's nine year average was 2.2%. He stated this year's projected rate was up .06% resulting in a \$22 increase for an average home assessed at \$225,000.

Dr. Dragone discussed each of the components of the budget and shared the contingency budget. He explained each of the options available to the district in the event of a defeat of the budget. Dr. Dragone stated the budget would be reduced by \$1.4 million.

Additionally, he discussed the GLOBALFOUNDRIES depreciation.

Dr. Dragone explained the revenue streams for the 2017-2018 school year and illustrated the revenue sources for both the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years.

He shared the propositions that would be on the ballot, and the next steps in the budget process including meeting dates and the budget vote on May 16, 2017.

Dr. Dragone discussed some of the political policies and priorities that had impacted the budget.

Dr. Dragone stated the district was in good shape with a balanced budget that supported the district goals.

Ms. Fodera stated that board members should make every attempt to be at the budget meetings being held. She stated it was important that the board members be available to the public during the meetings.

Mr. Schafer agreed and encouraged the public, as well as, the board members to attend the meetings.

Dr. Dragone stated that the work being done at the district was being driven by value. He stated that area property value growth was working to offset some of the budget costs.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Fodera reported the Safety Committee would be meeting in May, and that the Facilities Committee had met last week. She stated the work for the spring and summer breaks was lined up and ready to go.

Ms. Fodera reported BARC and the BSEF meetings were tonight.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Dragone announced the annual BOCES meeting would be at the District Office on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. He stated there needed to be a quorum. Dr. Dragone noted the board members that would be attending and verified the number attending would be a quorum.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Veterans Tax Exemption**

Kevin Schaefer referred to the timeline in the minutes from the February 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Mr. Schaefer gave an outline of the plans for the construction, distribution and approval of the community survey including a public hearing date of September 6<sup>th</sup> and a board decision by September 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Resolution #398 - Adoption of 2017-2018 School Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the annual budget for the 2017-2018 school year, in the amount of \$90,340,742 be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #398 – Adoption of 2017-2018 School Budget

Ayes all

### Resolution #399 - Property Tax Report Card

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Property Tax Report Card for the 2017-2018 school year, be and is hereby accepted and approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #399 – Property Tax Report Card

Ayes all

### Resolution #400 - Establishment of Voter Registration Day

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that on May 12, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. be designated as Voter Registration Day at the Receptionist Office, 70 Malta Avenue, Ballston Spa, New York.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #400 – Establishment of Voter Registration Day

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Ayes all

Resolution #401 - Appointment of Election Inspectors

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the persons listed below be appointed as Election Inspectors for the May 16, 2017 budget vote, are hereby approved:

Martha Iacolucci, Chief Inspector, High School  
Cynthia Young, Chief Inspector, Malta Town Hall

Carol Beals	Linda Grimaldi
David Beals	Marcy Melander
Eleanor Dillon	Elaine Seagrove
Maggie Dunham	Kristen Shaw

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #401 – Appointment of Election Inspectors

Ayes all

Resolution #402 - Award of Bid - Facilities Improvement Project Middle School Improvements

WHEREAS the Ballston Spa Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for the following projects on April 4, 2017:

- Middle School & Grounds Building (SED Project No. 52-13-01-06-0-001-031)
- Middle School & Grounds Building (SED Project No. 52-13-01-06-3-004-004)

WHEREAS, the low responsible bidders on the contracts are:

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Contractor</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Contract #1 Sitework	James H. Maloy, Inc. 421 Albany Shaker Road Loudonville, NY 12211	Base Bid	\$394,825.00
Contract #2 General Construction	Gallo Construction Corp. 50 Lincoln Avenue Watervliet, NY 12189	Base Bid	\$288,400.00
Contract #3 Plumbing	Collett Mechanical, Inc. 138 Sicker Road Latham, NY 12110	Base Bid	\$59,280.00.
Contract #4 Mechanical	Collett Mechanical, Inc. 138 Sicker Road Latham, NY 12110	Base Bid	\$42,000.00

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Contract #5 Electrical	Harold R. Clune, Inc. 30 Prospect Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020	Base Bid	\$62,400.00
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<b>Total Contract Award</b>	<b>\$846,905.00</b>
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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby awards the above contracts and authorizes the Board President to execute the contract between the District and the above contractors on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Owner's Representative and Architect:

Be it further resolved that the school district administration, owner's representative, architect and legal counsel are directed to draft and execute necessary documents to commence construction on the Project.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #402 – Award of Bid – Facilities Improvement Project Middle School Improvements

Ayes all

Resolution #403 - Authorization to Participate in Municipal Investment Pool

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o ("Section 119-o" empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, town and villages] and districts to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS, the Ballston Spa Central School District wishes to invest certain of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to a municipal cooperation agreement;

WHEREAS, the Ballston Spa Central School District wishes to assure the safety and liquidity of its funds;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Cooperative Investment Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the Ballston Spa Central School District.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #403 – Authorization to Participate in Municipal Investment Pool

Discussion

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Mr. Schaefer asked for an explanation of the investment pool,

Brian Sirianni explained. He stated approximately 10-15 years ago the district had participated in the pool but had stepped away due to low rates. He stated the rates had become favorable enough to begin participating again.

Ayes all

Resolution #404 - Field Trip-FIRST Robotics Team

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the FIRST Robotics Team to travel to the FIRST Robotics Championship Tournament in St. Louis, MO, April 25-30, 2017, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #404 – Field Trip-FIRST Robotics Team

Discussion

Kevin Schaefer wished the team good luck.

Ayes all

Resolution #405 - 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 12, 2017 be and are hereby approved:

Student #25392	Student #275831	Student #272779	Student #23996
Student #23035	Student #275830	Student #272155	Student #274043
Student #17022	Student #23010	Student #18227	Student #23104
Student #24243	Student #18053	Student #18422	Student #23807
Student #22052	Student #23347	Student #24456	Student #25541
Student #273536	Student #271714	Student #23352	Student #275831
Student #274172	Student #272006	Student #23158	Student #275830
Student #23132	Student #18089	Student #273660	Student #274322
Student #274827	Student #24677	Student #273661	Student #23544
Student #273432	Student #20099	Student #272568	
Student #17143	Student #24779	Student #274516	
Student #23686	Student #273245	Student #275231	

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #405 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #406 - 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 12, 2017 be and are hereby approved:

Student #275782  
Student #275609

Student #274585  
Student #274634

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #406 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

**Resolutions #407 - #411 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.**

Resolution #407 - Appointment – Instructional 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 additional days, with salary shown for the 2016-2017 school year, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jessica Skillings	School Psychologist	10 maximum	\$306.17/day

Resolution #408 - Appointment - Medicaid Compliance Officer

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that Gail Mathias be appointed as Medicaid Compliance Officer, and hereby approves the agreement dated 4/12/17, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #409 - Appointment – Tutor

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the Tutor position for the 2016-2017 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Michelle Palmer	NYS Permanent, School Counselor	\$30.60/hr.

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 probationary 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 Dates</u>
Josette Brownell	Cleaner	22.5	\$15.99/hr.	4/24/17-4/23/18
Courtney Caldwell	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$14.79/hr.	4/24/17-4/23/18
Stephanie Stomski	School Aide	12.5	\$13.51/hr.	4/13/17-4/12/18

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 appointed to the position(s) indicated below for the 2016-2017 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>
Kathy Miles	Driver in Training	30	\$10.20/hr.
Josette Brownell	Substitute Cleaner	30	\$15.51/hr.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #407 – 411

Ayes all

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

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Dorothy Sellers to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person, not to return to regular session at 7:27p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board