

**Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2020
District Office Board Room
7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Chris Farnan - teleconference
Jason Fernau - teleconference
Melissa Glastetter - teleconference
Lillian McCarthy - teleconference
Jeanne Obermayer - teleconference
Michael O'Donnell - teleconference
Dorothy Sellers

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

CALL TO ORDER

Dorothy Sellers called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education accept the minutes for the April 21, 2020 special meeting

Ayes all

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education accept the minutes for the April 22, 2020 regular meeting

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Kenneth Slentz discussed the update to the High School third quarter grading policy. He discussed the concerns were raised regarding numeric grading for the third quarter. He announced the reweighting of the quarters. He stated quarters one and two would have equal weight, quarter three would have the lowest weight due to the transitioning challenges, and quarter four would have a higher weight than quarter three. He also stated quarter four grading would be numeric.

Ballston Spa Board of Education
Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Mr. Slentz gave an update on the district's critical issues. He stated the executive order from last Friday's announcement had not yet been received. He stated the district was in a holding pattern for decision making until the receipt of the order. He stated the determination of the last day of school could not be made until the district received information or guidance from State Education. Mr. Slentz stated the district was also waiting for summer school information.

Mr. Slentz stated Phase 5 of the Continuity of Learning Plan had begun on May 4. He briefly explained the changes. Mr. Slentz stated Phase 6 would include summer and fall opening. He stated administration was considering many different models. He stated that cleanliness and the health and safety of staff and students were of top concern. Mr. Slentz stated the district was still working on plans for commencement and prom. He stated dates had been moved to the middle of summer with hopes of new opportunities for gatherings.

Mr. Slentz announced the budget and the board of education vote would be held on June 9th. He stated voting would be by absentee ballot only. He announced that all voters would have to be either registered with the County or with the District via voter registration day on June 2nd. Mr. Slentz stated anyone running for the School Board would have to file a signed petition with the Clerk of the Board, Brian Sirianni, by 5:00 pm on Monday, May 11th.

Mr. Slentz discussed budget development. He stated NY State was facing a \$13 billion deficit. He stated the district was still waiting to hear information regarding state aid. He stated there would be three measurement periods between now and December that would allow the Governor to determine if additional cuts in aid to districts would be made. Mr. Slentz stated an announcement was expected by May 15th regarding the reduction of State aid. Mr. Slentz stated currently there was no indication the district would be receiving Federal aid. Mr. Slentz stated this would be a multi-year challenge. He stated the district was working to balance the budget with a combination for personnel reduction, use of fund balance and tax levy. He stated the recommended budget would be presented to the board on May 20th.

Mr. Slentz stated 25 faculty and staff members had received notice of elimination of their positions. He stated additional vacant faculty positions due to retirement would not be filled. Mr. Slentz stated the administration was being restructured and some support positions were not going to be filled.

Mr. Slentz stated he would continue to communicate information to the board as it became available. He stated the budget information would be posted to the website.

Mr. Slentz stated registered voters would receive a packet of information and required documents in the mail after the board adopts the budget on May 20th.

Mr. Slentz stated he would continue to provide information on State-level decisions.

Mr. Slentz urged anyone that had contacted the district and had not heard back within 48 hours to please reach out again.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Slentz stated the board members had copies of correspondence in their packets. He stated most of the correspondence was regarding grading at the high school level that had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dorothy Sellers thanked district staff for helping move forward amidst all the changes. She stated everyone's hard work made things much easier for the Board. She was inclusive of all faculty and staff, thanking them for a job well done. She acknowledged that things were not easy or the way anyone wanted things to be while recognizing that everyone kept going each day.

Ms. Sellers thanked parents and recognized their various situations and thanked them for managing so much. Mrs. Sellers stated students were resilient and would keep moving forward.

Mrs. Sellers acknowledged the situation of the Senior Class. She assured them that everyone was thinking of them. She again thanked everyone for working as a team and for moving forward.

Mr. Slentz acknowledged Teacher and Nurse Appreciation Week. He stated the faculty and staff were doing an outstanding job and were being as accommodating as possible. He stated many were working extended hours and thanked everyone for a job well done.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #479 - Establish Award

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The Tracy DeRagon Devotion to Music Education Award	Awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a passion for music and a commitment to making the Ballston Spa Music program better for all involved.	\$100.00

Ballston Spa Board of Education
Wednesday, May 6, 2020

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Resolution # 479 – Establish Award

Discussion

Dorothy Sellers thanked the donor for the award and stated it was appreciated.

Ayes all

Resolution #480 - 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 May 6, 2020 be and are hereby approved:

Student #274519	Student #25043	Student #277294	Student #274827
Student #273687	Student #274915	Student #23008	Student #25573
Student #24537	Student #273360	Student #273536	Student #271878
Student #277104	Student #275167	Student #277499	Student #274282
Student #272265	Student #24537	Student #275052	Student #277823
Student #273536	Student #276884	Student #277931	Student #277822
Student #25239	Student #23744	Student #272013	Student #277570
Student #277570	Student #24468	Student #276550	Student #23390
Student #18516	Student #273698	Student #273467	Student #276798
Student #277413	Student #271379	Student #271818	Student #273200
Student #25891	Student #277104	Student #24771	Student #272441
Student #277883	Student #20110	Student #272855	Student #277582
Student #273700	Student #274369	Student #271761	Student #25829
Student #272997	Student #275439	Student #273756	Student #275406
Student #273290	Student #275446	Student #276345	Student #272082
Student #24546	Student #273527	Student #274923	

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #480 Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #481 - 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 May 6, 2020 be and are hereby approved:

Student #277256	Student #277465	Student #277275
Student #277441	Student #277440	Student #277073
Student #277730	Student #277730	Student #277416
Student #277441	Student #277342	

Ballston Spa Board of Education
Wednesday, May 6, 2020

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #481 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #482 - #485 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #482 - 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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Salvatore Faro	Teacher	06/30/20

Resolution #483 - 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>
Tammy Albers	Teaching Assistant	04/17/20
Tory McNulty	Teacher	06/30/20

Resolution #484 - 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>
Thomas Guy	Cleaner	4/28/20

Resolution #485 - Amendment- 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 coaching position(s) indicated below for the 2020-2021 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Theresa Rousseau	Varsity Cross Country	\$5,306

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Resolutions # 482 - 485

Ballston Spa Board of Education
Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Discussion

Kenneth Slentz recognized everyone that had made the decision to retire. He stated their knowledge and commitment would be missed. He thanked them for everything they have done for students and families in the district during their years with the district.

Ayes all

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Lillian McCarthy seconded by Chris Farnan to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

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

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board