

**Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2020
District Office
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 approve the Minutes for the May 6, 2020 regular meeting

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

2020-2021 Budget Presentation

Kenneth Slentz shared the 2020-2021 recommended budget. He discussed the context of the budget in regards to planning amidst unknown variables.

Kenneth Slentz shared the mission of the District and reminded everyone how important the mission was even during the pandemic. He stated it was the Districts' obligation to have every student get a meaningful diploma. He discussed the importance of well-being for students, parents and staff. He stated students needed to be citizen-ready.

Mr. Slentz discussed budget development and the significant deficits in NYS. He stated there had not yet been an announcement regarding the first reduction of state aid funds. He stated federal funds could potentially become available, adding that with a lack of evidence the funding could not be used in the budget plans. He discussed the multi-year challenges the District is facing with the PILOT programs.

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Mr. Slentz stated 2020-2021 was unique due to the unknown state aid revenues and explained the three financial measurement periods the District would face. He stated there was potential for aid reductions for each of the three measurement periods. He warned the District that state aid reductions could be as high as 20%.

Mr. Slentz stated the District did not know if there would be a full fall opening, or what the structure would look like upon opening. He detailed a number of concerns.

Mr. Slentz outlined the Global Foundries PILOT program regarding the originally projected reduction and the actual reduction based on a specific town's decision on last year's equalization rate.

Mr. Slentz discussed the new growth on BSCSD tax base. He stated the 2.79% growth would serve as an offset to tax levy increase.

Mr. Slentz discussed the number of direction changes in the PTech Program, and the Special Education Program changes.

Ken Slentz shared the cost cutting measures including staffing reductions. He stated the District needed to be very thoughtful on the reductions.

Brian Sirianni then began his discussion of specific budget areas. Mr. Sirianni outlined the recommended budget components and the figures associated with each component. He discussed each of the functional areas within the components. He highlighted areas of significant change and gave multiple explanations. Mr. Sirianni shared the District's projected revenue. He explained the loss of the PILOTS. He discussed State Aid and reminded everyone there could be a 20% decrease. He explained the tuition and federal aid decreases and decreases in revenue due to interest earning loss. Mr. Sirianni stated the fund balance and the reserves were being used to offset the budget. Mr. Sirianni highlighted the significant revenue changes. He shared the State Aid as a percentage of total revenue chart.

Mr. Sirianni shared the Tax Levy Cap Calculation. He shared the allowable Tax Levy Cap of 6.7% in comparison to the recommended Tax Levy of 3.5%. He stated that traditionally the District has not used all of the allowable levy and stated the practice would be maintained with the recommended levy. Mr. Sirianni shared the projected tax rates and changes for each of the towns.

Kenneth Slentz discussed the budget vote and board elections. He stated the budget vote and the election would be held on June 9th. He stated voting would occur by mail / drop box only. He stated all ballots must be received by 5:00 on June 9th. He stated all voters must be registered with the county, or register on Voter Registration Day, June 2nd.

Mr. Slentz stated the recommended budget had allowed for reductions without cutting student programming or counseling. He recognized the District was asking more of the tax payers. Mr. Slentz stated information would be coming in the budget newsletter and in the upcoming presentation.

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Malta Avenue Elementary School Principal

Mr. Slentz shared the recommendation of new principal for Malta Avenue Elementary as Sarah Johnson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Slentz stated the District had received correspondence regarding legal matters of homeschooling, closure and continuity of learning plans. Mr. Slentz stated he was grateful to parents for the communication. He stated communication was helpful and necessary for improvement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Slentz announced the presence of a remote learning survey on the web page. He encouraged everyone to take the survey as changes would be made based on the survey results.

Kenneth Slentz announced the drive thru food pantry on May 29th.

Kenneth Slentz announced Kindergarten registration information was available on the website. He directed parents to contact the registrar with questions. Mr. Slentz stated screenings would be scheduled in the coming months at the schools.

Mr. Slentz announced an award ceremony at high school. He announced the Prom was currently scheduled for 8/1. Mr. Slentz announced August 4th as the tentative in person graduation date at Times Union Center.

Mr. Slentz announced the Budget Hearing would be May 27th at 6:30.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education accept Walk-On Resolution #499 – Adoption of 2020-2021 School Budget

Ayes all

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Walk-On Resolution #499 – Adoption of 2020-2021 School Budget

Ayes all

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Resolution #499 - Adoption of 2020-2021 School Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the annual budget for the 2020-2021 school year, in the amount of \$93,258,635 be and is hereby approved.

Ayes all

Resolution #486 - 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 2020-2021 school year, be and is hereby accepted and approved.

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Resolution # 486 – Property Tax Report Card

Ayes all

Resolution #487 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the agreement between Honeywell Law Firm, PLLC, and the District to provide legal services for the 2020-2021 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Resolution # 487 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #488 - Agreement Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the agreement between Edgewater Consulting, LLC, and the District to provide consulting services related to STAC forms and transportation claims for the 2020-2021 school year, be and is hereby approved

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Resolution # 488 – Agreement Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #489 - Establishment of Voter Registration Day – Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the effective date of Voter Registration Day, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held on March 18, 2020 in Resolution #458, be amended as follows, be and is hereby approved:

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The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to the Education Law, Election District No. 1, on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, between the hours of 12:00PM and 4:00PM, (prevailing time), at the District Building, 70 Malta Avenue, Ballston Spa, New York and (b) in connection with Election District No. 2, the Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of said Election District No. 2, on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, between the hours of 12:00PM and 4:00PM, (prevailing time), at the Town of Malta Town Hall, 2540 Route 9, Malta, New York.

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #489 – Establishment of Voter Registration Day – Amendment

Ayes all

Resolution #490 - 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 June 9, 2020 annual budget vote, is hereby approved:

Mike Iacolucci

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #490 – Appointment of Machine Custodian

Ayes all

Resolution #491 - Scholarship Change

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BOE Appreciation Award	Awarded to senior entering higher education or armed services, who best describes how their BSCSD education will shape their future. <i>Can be given to one (1) or split by multiple recipients</i>	\$250.00
Gordon Creek PTA	Awarded to a senior who, having received his/her elementary education at Milton Terrace South Elementary School and best demonstrated through actions, the Milton Terrace motto “Motivated to Succeed”. <i>Number of recipients vary</i>	\$250.00
Cheryl & Michael Gargiulo	Awarded to senior lacrosse players who demonstrate how lacrosse has helped	\$250 to \$500

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them prepare for their futures. *Up to two (2) recipients*

Ballston Spa Girls
Lacrosse

Varies per year

Award to a senior who has exhibited leadership and good sportsmanship on and off the field for Ballston Spa Girls Lacrosse. *Recipients can vary depending on applications*

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Resolution # 491 – Scholarship Change

Discussion

Jason Fernau thanked those offering the scholarships.

Dorothy Sellers thanked everyone for the scholarships.

Ayes all

Resolution #492 - Budget Transfer

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Transfers for May 20, 2020, be and are hereby approved.

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #492 – Budget Transfer

Ayes all

Resolution #493 - 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 20, 2020 be and are hereby approved:

Student #277929	Student #25909	Student #276602	Student #276536
Student #273564	Student #274605	Student #273584	Student #272985
Student #277914	Student #275005	Student #276933	Student #24020
Student #277796	Student #276577	Student #276958	Student #275814
Student #277906	Student #271953	Student #275223	Student #23096
Student #272641	Student #273944	Student #271970	Student #22007
Student #23443	Student #273686	Student #272870	Student #277132
Student #24495	Student #24243	Student #272169	Student #276751
Student #276217	Student #23166	Student #272085	Student #273994
Student #276666	Student #25618	Student #273668	Student #275547
Student #277929	Student #274205	Student #276439	Student #274986
Student #275563	Student #276754	Student #277467	Student #276869
Student #273564	Student #273464	Student #276941	Student #275292

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Student #275857	Student #272689	Student #23800	Student #273843
Student #272719	Student #276688	Student #277017	Student #276425
Student #20258	Student #277423	Student #277116	
Student #276286	Student #277424	Student #273844	

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #493 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #494 - 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 20, 2020 be and are hereby approved:

Student #277911	Student #277166
Student #277907	Student #277658
Student #275354	Student #277087
Student #275407	Student #276988
Student #277759	Student #277911

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education approve Resolution #494 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Chris Farnan that the Board of Education remove Resolution #496 – Appointment Administrative from the consent agenda to be treated as a separate item

Ayes all

Resolutions #495 - #498 minus #496 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #495 - 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>
Andrew Menzie	Teacher	06/30/20

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Resolution #497 - 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>
Laurie Sears	Special Education Aide	06/10/20

Resolution #498 - Appointment Extra Duties

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 2019-2020 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Chelsea Reeves	Teacher Mentor, HS	Per BSTA contract
Anna Watson	Teacher Mentor, MS	Per BSTA contract

MOTION BY Chris Farnan, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #495 – 498, minus #496

Ayes all

Resolution #496 - Appointment -Administrative

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 dates shown contingent upon meeting all of the requirements of Education Law Sections 3012, 3012-c or 3012-d, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Sarah Johnson	Principal	School Building Leader	\$106,502	07/01/20-06/30/24

MOTION BY Chris Farnan, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolution #496 – Appointment Administrative

Discussion

Jason Fernau thanked the Building Council for their hard work during the selection process. Kenneth Slentz concurred.

Dorothy Sellers welcomed Sarah Johnson.

Kenneth Slentz stated he believed Ms. Johnson and her family were watching and congratulated them. Mr. Slentz thanked the committee for all their work and for selecting a great candidate.

The Board members all congratulated Ms. Johnson.

Ayes all

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Chris Farnan seconded by Michael O'Donnell to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

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

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board