

**Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, September 16, 2015  
High School Library  
7:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Daniel Cramer  
Susan Filburn  
Nancy Fodera  
Tony Leva  
Christine Richardson - Absent  
Jeanne Obermayer - Absent  
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 7:03 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 2, 2015 – Regular Meeting – Approved as submitted

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Dragone thanked everyone for a great opening and week. He recognized Sherry Demers and her team on the excellent work by the Transportation Department. Dr. Dragone congratulated the faculty and staff on work well done.

Dr. Dragone announced Meet The Teacher's Night and Spirit Week were coming up. He stated the homecoming football game and dance would be on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Dragone discussed the Ellms Family Farms event and the Missing Children Ride stopping at Malta Avenue.

District Recognition

Dave Sunkes announced Ballston Spa was the recipient of the NYS School of Distinction Award. Mr. Sunkes highlighted the grades required for the recognition. He stated Ballston Spa was one of 5 schools in Section II to get the award, adding that there was a total of 96 schools in Section II. Mr. Sunkes stated there had been a lot of collective work done by the students, coaches and teachers.

Kristen Jadin from NYSPHSAA presented the School of Distinction award for the 2014-2015 season to the district. She stated only 31 schools in the entire state had achieved this recognition. She stated it was a testament to Ballston Spa's achievements.

Mr. Schaefer stated he believed that sports bring students to school. He stated the students, coaches and teaches had all done an excellent job.

Dr. Dragone thanked Dave Sunkes, the teachers and coaches for their fabulous work. He thanked NYSPHSAA for the recognition.

Student Recognition

Dr. Dragone stated it was the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for the District wining at the Saratoga County Fair. He stated it was great to hear all the accolades the district and students got. He thanked the staff and volunteers for their work on the top notch display.

Dr. Dragone stated the key to the exhibit was bringing the classroom work to the exhibit.

Pam Motler presented the individual awards to the winners.

Kristina Guernsey and her 6<sup>th</sup> grade class presented and highlighted the group award for the community art project with Brookside Museum. Ms. Guernsey thanked everyone that supported the students to complete the project.

Ms. Clothier from Brookside Museum thanked Ms. Guernsey, the students and other teachers for allowing her to participate and come into the classrooms.

Mr. Schaefer stated the education at Ballston Spa is very well rounded. The great work in the Arts Department shows the great work being done in the district.

Dr. Dragone thanked and congratulated the student and Ms. Guernsey for their hard work.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nancy Fodera reported the BSEF had a good handful of new members on the board. She stated they were working on setting their calendar for the year.

Ms. Fodera stated BARC met last week to finalize their budget adding that there were changes in employment and some procedures. Ms. Fodera stated a town audit was done resulting in a few procedural changes related to BARC's connection with the Town.

Ms. Fodera went on to report there were 24 fall soccer teams. She reminded everyone that BARC was always looking for sponsors. Anyone interested could contact BARC through the website. She reminded everyone that sponsors get their names on the team t-shirts.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution #189 - Agreement – Town of Malta

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between the Town of Malta and the district for legal services related to the defense of revision of assessments proceedings, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#189 – Agreement – Town of Malta

Ayes all

Resolution #190 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the agreement between MOVE International and the district to provide Children's Basic Provider II Training for the period October 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#190 - Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #191 - Award of Bid – Milling Machine

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the bid for a CNC Milling Machine, be awarded to ShopSabre CNC, in the amount of \$16,040.00, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#191 – Award of Bid – Milling Machine

Ayes all



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Resolution #192 - Award of Bid – Transportation Contract

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the bid for contract special education transportation to Glendaal School be awarded to Durrin, Inc in the daily amount of \$158.00, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#192 – Award of Bid – Transportation Contract

Ayes all

Resolution #193 - Obsolete Textbooks

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the textbooks identified by the High School, be declared obsolete and disposed of accordingly, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#193 – Obsolete Textbooks

Ayes all

Resolution #194 - Authorization of Petty Cash Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Petty Cash Funds and custodian as listed below be authorized effective September 16, 2015 through June 30, 2016, be and are hereby approved:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Custodian</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gordon Creek Elementary	Kimberli Michael	\$ 75.00

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#194 – Authorization of Patty Cash Funds

Ayes all

Resolution #195 - 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 September 16, 2015 be and are hereby approved:

Student #23930

Student #16408

Student #20097

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#195 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

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Ayes all

Resolution #196 - 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 September 16, 2015 be and are hereby approved:

Student #274538

Student #274827

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#196 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

**Resolutions #197 - #208 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.**

Resolution #197 - 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>
Maureen Dongelewic	Teaching Assistant	9/14/15
Hillary Ovsak	Teaching Assistant	9/08/15

Resolution #198 - Appointment – Dignity Act Coordinator

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 of Interim Dignity Act Coordinator, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Renee Kernan	Gordon Creek

Resolution #199 - Addendum – Employee Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the addendum to the contract agreement(s) for the following person(s), be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kerri Canzone-Ball	Director of Special Education	9/16/15



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Resolution #200 - 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, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Nicole Holehan	Assistant	NYS Initial, School	\$83,910/yr.	9/21/15-9/20/19
	Principal	Building Leader	(pro-rated)	

Discussion

Kevin Schaefer congratulated and welcomed Nicole Holehan to the High School.

Resolution #201 - Appointment – Instructional – Part-Time

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the part-time position(s) indicated below, with salary and effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name / Position</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary / Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Joseph Cross	NYS Initial, Literacy	\$51,694/yr.	9/17/15-6/30/16
Reading Teacher (.5 FTE)	(Birth-Grade 6)	(pro-rated) Step 1M+9	

Resolution #202 - 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 2015-2016 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Barbara T. Lewis	Additional Section	\$4,886/year

Resolution #203 - 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 2015-2016 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jennifer Callender	NYS Permanent, Mathematics (7-12)	\$30/hr.
Kathleen Cline	NYS Permanent, Special Education	\$30/hr.
Rebecca Farrell	NYS Permanent, Spanish (7-12)	\$30/hr.
Matthew Germann	NYS Professional, Mathematics (5-9)	\$30/hr.
Angela Johanning	NYS Initial, Mathematics (7-12)	\$30/hr.
Alison Paley	NYS Permanent, English (7-12)	\$30/hr.
Kimberly Pusatere	NYS Permanent, Social Studies (7-12)	\$30/hr.
Katrinka Scarff	NYS Permanent, Chemistry (7-12)	\$30/hr.

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Marion Shorey	NYS Permanent, Reading Teacher	\$30/hr.
Sonya Summersell	NYS Permanent, English (7-12)	\$30/hr.

Resolution #204 - Appointment – Summer Work

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 summer of 2015, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Deborah Giakoumis	Registered Nurse	3	\$42.36/hr.

Resolution #205 - 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>
Tara Doria	Bus Driver	10/02/15
Erica Gamache	School Aide	10/02/15
Deanne Olsson	School Aide	10/02/15
Jean Weatherby	School Aide	10/02/15

Resolution #206 - 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>
Roberta Acosta	School Aide	17	\$13.15/hr.	9/17/15-9/16/16
Sheba Azarm	School Aide	17	\$13.15/hr.	9/17/15-9/16/16

Resolution #207 - 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>
James Edson	Relief Driver	30	\$16.39/hr.
Frederick Harris, Jr.	Relief Driver	30	\$16.39/hr.
Carol Manley	Relief Driver	30	\$16.39/hr.
Ronald McElwain	Relief Driver	30	\$16.39/hr.
Paige Ricci	Clerical Substitute	30	\$15.65/hr.



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Resolution #208 - 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 Dates</u>
Jacob Neddo	Lifeguard/Learn to Swim Instructor	30	\$9.00/hr.	9/17/15-8/31/16

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolutions#197 - 208

Ayes all

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

BSTA stated it had been a great start to the year. They reported all schools were getting ready for the Open Houses that would be held during the month of September.

Student Council reported on the work being done for spirit week. It was announced the theme for the floats was the seasons.

Ms. Fodera reported the first PTA meeting would be held at Wood Road on September 28<sup>th</sup>. She stated all PTAs were busy getting started up. She stated the Middle School and High School PTAs would be meeting together again this year. She encouraged everyone to join one or more of the PTAs.

Ms. Fodera reported Scotties Closet would be held in October, and announced that donations could be delivered to the Middle School. She reminded everyone Super Science Saturday would be on November 7<sup>th</sup> at Wood Road.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn to at adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board