

**Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 4, 2017  
High School Library  
7:00 p.m.**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Joseph Dragone, 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.

Ms. Filburn thanked everyone involved for the way the incident earlier in the week had been handled.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Gene Ratigliano, 18 Kristen Drive Ballston Spa, thanked the Board of Education for approving the Alternate Veterans' Exemption. He asked the Board of Education to consider raising the level of the exemption to level K prior to approving tonight's resolution.

Mr. Thomas Riley, 34 Birchwood Lane Ballston Spa, asked the Board of Education to pass a resolution reflecting level K for the Alternative Veterans' Exemption.

Liza Argay, 7 Apple Street Ballston Spa, asked the Board of Education to consider giving more to the Veterans' Exemption

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 20, 2017 Public Hearing – Approved as submitted  
September 20, 2017 Regular Meeting– Approved as submitted

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Dragone thanked everyone involved in the incident earlier this week including Sheriff Zurlo and his staff. He commended their commitment to the district. He thanked the building principals for the handling of the incident and for their leadership following the event.

Dr. Dragone discussed the lock down and the level of the threat. He visited the importance of communication and the priority of safety. He thanked the staff and the community that were supportive during and after the incident. Dr. Dragone offered special thanks to the staff that was waiting for the all clear. He stated support would be available for any students that needed it.

### Independent Audit

Amy Pedrick stated she had met with the Audit Committee regarding the audit. She stated the business office was well prepared and efficient. Ms. Pedrick shared and explained the opinions the district had been given during the audit.

Dr. Dragone thanked Brian Sirianni and his staff for the outstanding results of the independent audit.

### BTL Goals

#### Malta Avenue

Sharon D'Agostino and her staff presented the Building Team Leadership goals for the 2017–2018 school year. Partnerships, academic and community goals were shared.

#### High School

Kris Jensen outlined the 2016-2017 accomplishments and she and her staff presented the Building Team Leadership goals for the 2017–2018 school year. Improving student achievement and academics, providing an environment that is conducive to learning and producing productive citizens were among the topics discussed.

#### Milton Terrace

Kathleen Chaucer and her team presented information regarding NYS ELA testing and the academic community, school community and global community goals.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Jeanne Obermayer stated the Audit and Finance Committee met with the Independent Auditor and reviewed the audit in detail. She also stated the District received a letter from OSC advising the District will be audited.

She thanked Brian and his staff for the excellent job being done.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jeanne Obermayer announced next Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, the Brookside Museum's annual fundraiser *A Taste from Time* would be held at the Excelsior Springs. She invited everyone to attend and stated the proceeds would support the educational program offerings.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution #189 - Alternative Veterans Tax Exemption

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a, the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District desires to offer an school tax exemption on the primary residence of eligible veterans residing within the school district; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on this matter on September 20, 2017; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a, the Board of Education hereby adopts the Alternative Veterans Exemption, permitting exemptions of 15%, an additional 10%, and 50% of the veteran's disability rating as determined by the Veterans Administration or Department of Defense, for wartime veterans, combat veterans and veterans who sustained a service-related disability, respectively, pursuant to the following maximum exemption amounts:

Wartime: \$6,000      Combat: \$4,000      Disability: \$20,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this local law shall be effective immediately, available to eligible veterans for the upcoming school tax year and shall continue until rescinded or amended by resolution of the Board of Education.

MOTION BY Dottie Sellers, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #189 – Alternative Veterans Tax Exemption

Discussion

Jeanne Obermayer asked for clarification on the results of the Alternative Veterans' Tax Exemption.

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Dr. Dragone clarified.

Ayes all.

Resolution #190 - 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Independent Audit Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby accepts the Independent Audit Report prepared by the independent auditing firm of West & Company, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Dottie Sellers, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #190 – 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Independent Audit Report

Ayes all.

Resolution #191 - Authorization – Petty Cash

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 October 5, 2017 through June 30, 2018, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Custodian</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Malta Avenue Elementary	Bonnie Murtlow	\$ 75.00
High School	PerriAnne Rule	\$ 75.00

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Jeanne Obermayer that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #191 – Authorization – Petty Cash

Ayes all.

Resolution #192 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Advanced Therapy, LLC and the District to provide additional OT services during the 2017-2018 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Dottie Sellers, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #192 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all.

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Resolution #193 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Advanced Therapy, LLC and the District to provide additional PT services during the 2017-2018 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Dottie Sellers, seconded by Michael O’Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #193 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all.

Resolution #194 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between PASSPORT for GOOD and the District to capture current community service opportunities for student clubs and activities during the 2017-2018 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Dottie Sellers, seconded by Michael O’Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #194 – Agreement – Professional Services

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 October 4, 2017 be and are hereby approved:

Student #271789	Student #271416	Student #18200
Student #19296	Student #23932	Student #25526
Student #273136	Student #272283	Student #274532
Student #24689	Student #275569	Student #276115
Student #276104	Student #275327	Student #276116
Student #276093	Student #276154	Student #275087
Student #271439	Student #271818	Student #276103
Student #271630	Student #25816	Student #273098

MOTION BY Dottie Sellers, seconded by Michael O’Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #195 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all.

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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 October 4, 2017 be and are hereby approved:

Student #275796  
Student #275980

MOTION BY Dottie Sellers, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #196 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all.

**Resolutions #197-#209 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.**

MOTION BY Dottie Sellers, seconded by Michael O'Donnell to amend Resolution #198 to reflect a change of the effective dates for Barbara Vandyck to 10/10/17 – 10/09/18

Ayes all.

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>
Elizabeth Sikoryak	Special Education Aide	9/21/17

Resolution #198 - Appointment – Instructional

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person be appointed to the probationary position indicated below, with salary and effective date shown:

<u>Name/Position</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Sandra Alff Guerin School Nurse	NYS Registered Professional Nurse	\$33.54/hr. Step 5	10/30/17-10/29/18
Barbara Vandyck School Nurse	NYS Registered Professional Nurse	\$29.80/hr. Step 1	10/05/17-10/04/18

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Resolution #199 - 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>
Eric Yanis Social Studies Teacher (.6)	NYS Initial, Social Studies 5-6 Ext.	\$50,089/yr.(pro- rated) Step 2+63	9/20/17-6/30/18

Resolution #200 - Appointment – Instructional – Long-Term Substitute

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

<u>Name / Position</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary / Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Danielle Kinsey	NYS Initial, Childhood Education 1-6	\$48,312/yr. Step 1+42	10/2/17-11/27/17
Jenna Semenza	NYS Initial, Childhood Education 1-6	\$48,036/yr. Step 1+36	9/21/17-6/30/18

Resolution #201 - Appointment – Teaching Assistant

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 date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary/Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Jennifer Mahoney	Teaching Assistant	NYS Teaching Assistant, Level 1	\$20,830/yr. Step 3	9/25/17-9/24/21
Elizabeth Sikoryak	Teaching Assistant	NYS Teaching Assistant, Level 1	\$20,830/yr. Step 3	9/21/17-9/20/21

Resolution #202 - Appointment – Instructional – 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 2017-2018 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Catherine LaRosa-Roy	Homeless Liaison, DW	\$4,000/yr.
David Leveroni	Additional Section	\$4,886/yr.
Ryan Mazierski	Lunch Supervisor, MS	\$1,724/yr.

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Resolution #203 - Appointment – Instructional – 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 2017-2018 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Leslie Hurst	NYS Professional, Mathematics 7-12	\$31.20/hr.

Resolution #204 - Increase in Hours – Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be granted an increase in hours to the position(s) indicated below with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max Hrs/Wk</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Rebecca Ewalt	School Aide	20	9/25/17
Jill Richards	School Aide	22.5	10/5/17

Resolution #205 - 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>
Kristen Hagadorn	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$15.23/hr.	09/5/17-09/4/18
Suzanne Kramer	School Aide	17	\$13.92/hr.	10/5/17-10/4/18
Ann Oddy	School Aide	17	\$13.92/hr.	10/5/17-10/4/18
Heather Swistak	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$15.23/hr.	09/5/17-09/4/18

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 appointed to the position(s) indicated below for the 2017-2018 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>
Carla Armer	Clerical Substitute	30	\$16.56/hr.
Cindy Scranton	Clerical Substitute	30	\$16.56/hr.



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Resolution #207 - Creation of Student Activity Clubs

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following student activity clubs be created and recognized, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Location</u>
Coding	Milton Terrace

Resolution #208 - 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 2017-2018 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kathleen Constantine	Robotics, MA	\$ 913
Tracy Michael	After School Activities, WR	\$ 913
Anna Nickson	Penny Harvest, WR	\$ 545
Annetta O'Connor	NCBI, HS	\$1,978
Kristi Stringer	Coding, MT	\$ 545
Bernadette Wehr	Best Buddies, HS	\$ 545

Resolution #209 - 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 position(s) indicated below for the 2017-2018 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Brannigan Bryant	Boy's Modified Basketball	\$3,641
Adam Cohen	Assistant Varsity Indoor Track	\$4,682
Jessica Corwin	Varsity Cheer (winter)	\$5,202
Benjamin Eldridge	Boys JV Basketball	\$5,202
Rachel Hennes	Boys Assistant Varsity Swim & Dive	\$4,682
Marc McBride	Boys Freshman Basketball	\$4,682
Ryan O'Reilly	Boys Basketball (volunteer)	N/A
Karen Smiley	Alpine Skiing	\$2,601
Laura Smith	Varsity Indoor Track	\$5,722
Harold Staulters	Varsity Wrestling	\$6,763
Carrie Sunkes	Modified Swim	\$3,641
Victoria VandePas	JV Cheer (winter)	\$3,641

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Jeanne Obermayer that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #197 – 209 including amended Resolution #198

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Ayes all.

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

BSTA thanked Dr. Dragone and the board for allowing a food collection for EOC on opening day.

Student Council discussed the upcoming homecoming events.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Angela McFarland thanked the administration for the response to the crisis earlier this week and discussed the traumatic nature of what occurred.

Ms. Bashford, town of Milton, thanked the administration for their response to the crisis earlier this week. Ms. Bashford made some suggestions regarding student support.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY Dottie Sellers, seconded by Michael O'Donnell to adjourn to adjourn to executive session to discuss employment of a particular person at 8:15p.m, not to return to public session.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board