

**Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2015
High School Library
7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Daniel Cramer
Susan Filburn - Absent
Nancy Fodera
Tony Leva - Absent
Christine Richardson – Arrived 7:05
Jeanne Obermayer
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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 7, 2015 – Regular Meeting – Approved as submitted

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Dragone stated it was the end of the formal fall sports season. He stated the season had been the best in many years. Dr. Dragone shared the statistics and achievements of many of the fall sports teams. He also gave congratulations to the teams going forward in the Sectionals and shared game dates.

Dr. Dragone stated there had been wonderful support and participation during Spirit Week.

Dr. Dragone stated the event at Ellms Family Farms had been a truly great event with over forty participating staff members and many families and friends of the district. He thanked everyone for their participation and commitment.

Dr. Dragone reminded everyone that Scotties Closet would be open on Saturday from 9 - 1. He stated it was the 5th year of the program and invited everyone to attend. He encouraged people to volunteer at the event.

Dr. Dragone reminded everyone Super Science Saturday would take place on November 7th. He thanked the many volunteers responsible for the success of the event.

Staff Recognition

Val Karas recognized Alison Paley for earning an Educator of Excellence Honor by the NYS English Council.

Mr. Schaefer and Dr. Dragone congratulated and thanked Ms. Paley for her dedication and her achieved honor.

Building Leadership Team Reports

Wood Road BTL shared the goals and priorities for the upcoming year including curriculum and collaboration, community and communications and commitment to success. Members from the team presented sections of the goals and information on subcommittees. Data analysis and data sharing was discussed. The team reported on the latest author visit and the positive impact developing in the school in response to the book's topic of bullying. PBIS and Character Education along with child safety awareness and service learning were outlined. Enrichment and the PBIS Tier 2 initiative were discussed.

Gordon Creek BTL shared assessment on student and cohort proficiency. The Character Education initiative, the parent support group, academic achievement goals and actions were demonstrated and shared. The PARP plan and the sustainability of ongoing events were discussed.

Dr. Dragone thanked Thomas McGowan, interim principal, and welcomed new principal Celeste Keane.

Malta Ave BLT discussed the school's partnerships. Academic goals and actions were shared. New programs and clubs as well as continuing programs and clubs were outlined. The team shared information on the Character and Community initiative. The team announced applying for the No Place to Hate Award after having won the award for the last two years. The team discussed the support being offered for families in transition. The PTA recognition as a National PTA School of Excellence was discussed and Technology initiatives were shared

Mr. Schaefer stated he was happy with all the great programs and plans of each of the schools reporting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nancy Fodera reported the Taste of Ballston Event was planned for April 11th. She stated the Foundation was considering bringing the event back to the school. Ms. Fodera stated another committee meeting was scheduled for next week. She went on to announce raffle tickets were being sold for \$30 to win a trip to Italy. She stated the winner would be announced at The Taste of Ballston event.

Ms. Fodera also reported the District Safety Committee had met and discussed the 2016 evacuation plans, the phone system, lock down review and the building level safety plans.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #232 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Hudson Valley Community College and the District to provide students enrolled in the Early College High School Program with instruction, for the 2015-2016 school year, be and is hereby approved

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

Ayes all

Resolution #233 - 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 21, 2015 be and are hereby approved:

Student #274104
Student #274278
Student #23857
Student #17523
Student #19026
Student #20091
Student #24689
Student #16326
Student #272779

Student #272155
Student #274938
Student #274789
Student #274704
Student #25526
Student #24882
Student #24456
Student #272299
Student #23094

Student #18261
Student #274692
Student #272631
Student #272986
Student #19316
Student #23766
Student #19200
Student #23200

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolution#233 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

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Resolution #234 - 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 21, 2015 be and are hereby approved:

Student #274588
Student #274596
Student #274736
Student #274613

Student #274611
Student #274378
Student #274857
Student #274689

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolution#234 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #235 - #243 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #235 - 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>
Toni Montuori	Cleaner (10 hrs/wk)	10/17/15

Resolution #236 - Appointment – Instructional

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/Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Carolyn Wygel	Elementary Education	NYS Initial, Childhood Education (1-6)	\$53,055/yr. (pro-rated) Step 3M+3	11/10/15-11/09/19

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Resolution #237 - Appointment – Instructional

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/Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Erin Cottrell	Speech	NYS Initial, Speech and Language Disabilities	\$52,568/yr. (pro-rated) Step 1M+28	10/19/15-10/18/19

Resolution #238 - 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>
Sarah Albrycht	Technology Coach	\$1,000/yr.
Dania Bianchi	Technology Coach	\$1,000/yr.
Theresa DeRagon	K-12 Music Coordinator	\$2,919/yr.
Matthew Glogowski	Webmaster	\$2,800/yr.
Sheila Gregoire	Technology Coach	\$1,000/yr.
Catrina Kohl	Technology Coach	\$1,000/yr.
Kimberly Pusatere	Chairperson of PDC	\$ 968/yr.
Kathleen Wanerka	Technology Coach	\$1,000/yr.

Resolution #239 - Appointment – Co-Curriculum Clubs & 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) for the 2015-2016 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jamie Ivers	Walking Club Advisor, MS (volunteer)	N/A
Kristi Stringer	Homework Club Advisor, MT	\$877

Resolution #240 - 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 2015-2016 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Caitlin Aldridge	Boys' Assistant Varsity Swim	\$3,780
Tyler Williamson	Girls' Varsity Bowling	\$3,360

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Resolution #241 - 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>
Jessia Clark	Teaching Assistant	NYS Initial, Childhood Education (1-6)	\$21,204/yr. (pro-rated) Step 3	10/22/15-10/21/18
Cherie Dowling	Teaching Assistant	NYS Level 3, Teaching Assistant	\$20,704/yr. (pro-rated) Step 3	10/22/15-10/21/18
Mary Ellen Hauert	Teaching Assistant	NYS Level 1, Teaching Assistant	\$20,504/yr. (pro-rated) Step 3	09/10/15-09/09/18

Resolution #242 - 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>
Tina Pappas	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$14.39/hr.	10/22/15-10/21/16

Resolution #243 - 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>
Elaine Bush	Substitute Bus Attendant	30	\$13.14/hr.
Amy Hagen	Substitute Bus Attendant	30	\$13.14/hr.

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #235-#243

Ayes all

Ms. Fodera recognized and welcomed Erin Cottrell to the district.

Mr. Schaefer welcomed Carolyn Wygel to the district.

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education accept Walk-On Resolutions #244 - 248

Ayes all

Resolution #244 - Cooperative Bidding

WHEREAS, The Cooperative Bidding (Purchasing) Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the BOCES Albany- Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contractual items, and specifically CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS, and

WHEREAS, the Ballston Spa Central School District, is desirous of participating with other districts in the BOCES Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga area in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall not preclude the Ballston Spa Central School District from separately bidding equipment, supplies and contractual items in those instances where only a single School District is seeking to make a purchase, and

WHEREAS, the Ballston Spa Central School District may at its option notify the Capital Region BOCES that it elects not to participate in a particular bid, and

WHEREAS, the Ballston Spa Central School District wishes to appoint the Capital Region BOCES to advertise for, bid, accept, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby appoints the Capital Region BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Daily Gazette Newspaper as the legal publication for all related Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School the Capital Region BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to and including the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities and services, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District agrees to (1) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (2) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (3) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Resolution #245 - 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:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Susan Cremo	Bus Attendant	10/22/15

Resolution #246 - 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 2015-2016 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Matthew Germann	Assistant Varsity Indoor Track	\$4,500

Resolution #247 - 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>
Peter Cameron	Bus Driver	40	\$19.33/hr.	10/22/15-10/21/16

Resolution #248 - 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>
Susan Cremo	Substitute Bus Driver	30	\$18.75/hr.
Christina Cornell	Substitute Bus Driver	30	\$18.75/hr.
Erin Smith-Anthony	Substitute Bus Driver	30	\$18.75/hr.

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Christine Richardson that the Board of Education approve Walk – On Resolutions #244 – 248 as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Ayes all

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, Student Council, and PTA

Student Council announced Homecoming had been a complete success. They congratulated the teams on their success and thanked everyone for their participation.

Student Council announced the Junior Class's float had won 1st place and that the parade had been a lot of fun.

Student Council stated the dance had been a success with many volunteers from different classes working together.

Ms. Fodera announced the PTA Principal / President Dinner had been a success. She shared information on the winners of many awards.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Nancy Fodera to at adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person at 8:03 p.m., not to return to public session.

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