

**Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, November 4, 2015  
High School Library  
7:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Daniel Cramer  
Susan Filburn  
Nancy Fodera  
Tony Leva  
Christine Richardson  
Jeanne Obermayer  
Kevin Schaefer

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Dragone, Superintendent of Schools  
Brian Sirianni, Clerk of the Board

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kevin Schaefer called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:03pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 21, 2015 – Regular Meeting – Approved as submitted

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Dragone welcomed individuals from the Leadership Program. He stated he looked forward to seeing the group again in February. Dr. Dragone stated there were three alumni from the program including Stuart Williams, Susan Filburn and Nancy Fodera.

Dr. Dragone thanked Pam Motler, her staff and everyone who worked to make Scottie's Closet a success. He announced four hundred people attended the event.

Dr. Dragone stated the district was proud to announce it had been recognized as a District of Distinction by the nationwide District Administration publication for the work being done advancing the Clean Technologies & Sustainable Industries Early College High School. He stated everyone was very proud of the accolades.

Dr. Dragone stated the Clean Tech ECHS Fall Project Exhibition had been a great success. He thanked everyone for coming and supporting students.

Dr. Dragone announced the Soccer team would be playing in the State Division Competition in Colonie. He stated it was the first time since 1992 the district had earned a spot. Dr. Dragone

stated the district had grown by twofold since that win. He congratulated Coach Preece and the team for their tremendous effort. Dr. Dragone stated spectator buses were being organized.

Dr. Dragone stated all fall sports recognitions would be made at a later meeting. He went on to report that the Survivor Visit and Warrior Project would be at BSHS on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Additionally, Dr. Dragone announced the State-mandated Early Release Drill will be held on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Dragone went on to announce the Book of Life would be presented at Foreign Film Night on November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Robot Rumble would be on November 7<sup>th</sup> and Super Science Saturday would be on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### School Board Recognition

The PTA thanked the Board of Education for their hard work and commitment. The PTA announced there would be another scholarship given in the Board's name for a 2016 graduating senior.

Mr. Schaefer thanked the PTA for the recognition. He stated being a board member had many benefits, saying the recognition and the appreciation for the work being done was welcomed and enjoyed. He thanked the PTA for the gift of a named scholarship.

Keith Stewart recognized Kathy Jarvis's contributions to the Board of Education and the district. He announced a bench and tree with a plaque would be placed at Malta Avenue in the spring. Mr. Stewart thanked everyone for their support and for the contributions made to fund the memorial. Mr. Stewart thanked Mr. Williams for his support. Mr. Stewart announced the balance of the money contributed would go to Malta Avenue School as a onetime gift to support the arts.

Frank Townley spoke in memory of Kathy Jarvis.

Mr. Schaefer spoke in memory of Kathy Jarvis

Dr. Dragone thanked Rick and Alexandra Jarvis for joining the meeting. Dr. Dragone thanked Mr. Williams for his work supporting the memorial.

Dr. Dragone spoke in memory of Kathy Jarvis.

Dr. Dragone spoke about the commitment and the leadership of board members. He thanked present and past members for their hard work and service.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Fodera reported BARC was starting Saturday classes.

Nancy Fodera reported the Facilities Committee would be meeting tomorrow evening.



Ms. Fodera announced BSEF was a good leadership program that raises funds used to award grants to the district. She reported the Taste of Ballston Event would be coming back to the high school cafeteria.

Ms. Fodera also announced BSEF was raffling a trip to Italy, there would be 1000 tickets sold at \$30 each. She described some of the details of the trip and announced the winner would be chosen on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Resolution #249 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the agreement amendment dated October 18, 2015, between CSArch and the District to provide building condition survey services, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Nancy Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#249 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

#### Resolution #250 - Budget Principles and Guidelines

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the Board of Education approves the budget principles and guidelines for the preparation of the 2016-2017 school year budget.

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#250 – Budget Principles and Guidelines

Ayes all

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Resolution #251 - Field Trip – High School Environmental Club

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for the Environmental Club to travel to The Wild Center, Tupper Lake, NY, for the Adirondack Youth Climate Summit, from November 12-13, 2015, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#251 – Field Trip – High School Environmental Club

Ayes all

Resolution #252 - Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Transfers for November 4, 2015, be and are hereby approved.

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#252 – Budget Transfers

Ayes all

Resolution #253 - 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 November 4, 2015 be and are hereby approved:

|                 |                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Student #274766 | Student #17035  | Student #15079  | Student #17245  |
| Student #25390  | Student #273245 | Student #24233  | Student #25272  |
| Student #23272  | Student #272498 | Student #19128  | Student #17246  |
| Student #25000  | Student #23738  | Student #23021  | Student #25602  |
| Student #23039  | Student #20110  | Student #274721 | Student #17486  |
| Student #24537  | Student #18164  | Student #272152 | Student #273102 |
| Student #17175  | Student #13356  | Student #272014 | Student #19215  |
| Student #18131  | Student #274666 | Student #271878 |                 |

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#253 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #254 - 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 November 4, 2015 be and are hereby approved:



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Student #274715

Student #274841

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#254 – Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

**Resolutions #255 - #261 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.**

Resolution #255 - 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> |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Roberta Acosta   | School Aide        | 10/17/15              |
| Susan Drozinski  | Cleaner            | 10/28/15              |
| Richard Duff     | Teaching Assistant | 10/31/15              |
| Bonnie Stenglein | Bus Attendant      | 10/21/15              |

Resolution #256 - Termination

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby approves the termination 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> |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Gerald Dawson | Cleaner         | 11/05/15              |

Resolution #257 - 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>     |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Cailin Rabideau | Mentor       | Per BSTA contract |

Resolution #258 - 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:

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| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Tenure Area</u> | <u>Certification Status</u>                 | <u>Salary/Step</u>              | <u>Effective Dates</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Christine Cochran | Teaching Assistant | NYS Conditional Initial, Mathematics (7-12) | \$21,204/yr. (pro-rated) Step 3 | 10/15/15-10/14/18      |

Resolution #259 - Permanent Appointment

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> |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Amelia Fitzgerald | School Aide     | 11/06/15              |
| Christine Morelli | School Aide     | 11/06/15              |
| Thomas Smith      | Groundskeeper   | 11/12/15              |

Resolution #260 - 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> |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Thomas Docherty  | Lifeguard       | 37.5               | \$13.65/hr.   | 11/05/15-11/04/16      |
| Karen Fitzgerald | School Aide     | 17                 | \$13.15/hr.   | 11/05/15-11/04/16      |
| Anthony Guy      | Cleaner         | 20                 | \$15.56/hr.   | 11/05/15-11/04/16      |
| Deanne Olsson    | School Aide     | 29.5               | \$13.15/hr.   | 10/08/15-10/07/16      |

Resolution #261 - 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> |
|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Robert Pace  | Bus Driver in Training | 30                 | \$10.00/hr.   | 11/05/15               |
| Karen Rhodes | Bus Driver in Training | 30                 | \$10.00/hr.   | 11/05/15               |

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn that the Board of Education approve Resolution#255 - 261

Ayes all

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

BSTA thanked the current and past board members. The substantial effort and support given by the boards thorough the years were recognized as being the agent that allowed for the growth and development of the present district.



Student Council announced the initiatives that would be financially supported this year.

Student Council stated it was preparing to increase holiday spirit.

PTA announced a PTAC meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

PTA thanked the School Board members for their service.

PTA reminded everyone of Super Science Saturday this weekend.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

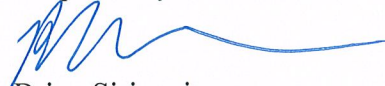
None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY, Daniel Cramer seconded by Susan Filburn to at adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person at 7:33 p.m., not to return to public session.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board