

**Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
High School Library
7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Chris Farnan
Jason Fernau
Melissa Glastetter
Lillian McCarthy
Jeanne Obermayer
Michael O'Donnell
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

RECOGNITIONS

Kenneth Slentz recognized and thanked Arnoff for their outstanding response to the district's challenges regarding the expanded Backpack Program. He stated transporting the amount of food necessary to provide the program for the entire district created a challenge that Arnoff alleviated. He stated the company had generously provided a solution and asked what else could be done. He stated Arnoff is transporting the food from Latham and delivering it to the Middle School for distribution.

Craig Arnoff stated it was a pleasure to provide support to the district. He stated the 95 year old business was new to Saratoga County and already participates with food programs in Albany County. He stated the company was glad to help in any way possible.

Craig Arnoff stated the company was looking to provide mentoring opportunities to students. He stated the company was also looking to expand their workforce and provide a career pathway for students of the district.

The Arnoff team was presented with a certificate of recognition.

Dorothy Sellers thanked Arnoff on behalf of the Board of Education.

Kenneth Slentz thanked Justin Yerdon and Sherry Demers and their departments for the excellent hard work that was done during the last snow storm.

Dorothy Sellers thanked staff on behalf of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education accept the Minutes for the November 20, 2019 regular meeting

Ayes all

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Kenneth Slentz updated the Board. He revisited the definition of a meaningful diploma for all students. He discussed the instructional and behavioral components of the district priorities and the support of the components. He discussed the multi-tiered system of support.

Mr. Slentz stated the district was building a long term strategic goal that would be sustained through changes. He stated the district was working on maximizing the limited resource of time. He stated the district was also looking at the evaluation process to provide feedback that improves teacher performance.

Mr. Slentz stated hiring practices were being examined and improved. He stated that providing excellent training and support would allow the district to capitalize on its investment.

Mr. Slentz stated that communication with parents is essential.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Kenneth Slentz stated there had been correspondence in regards to the last threat. He stated that most of the correspondence had been positive. He stated the district had some complaints and some suggestions.

Kenneth Slentz stated that the correspondence that had been received regarding the school closing for the last snow storm had been positive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewart Williams announced the Winter Concerts have begun in the schools.

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Stewart Williams announced the Ballston Spa Village Holiday weekend would be this weekend. Mr. Williams shared the locations of the student musical group performances. He stated the parade would start at 6:30 on Friday evening and end with the annual tree lighting and Santa's arrival in Wiswall Park. Mr. Williams noted student's artwork would adorn the tree.

Mr. Williams announced the Middle School Launching Pad student would be performing at the Santa's Breakfast at St. Mary's on Saturday morning.

Mr. Williams announced the FIRST LEGO League qualifying tournament would be held at the MS Gym on December 14th. He stated it would be hosted by the High School's FIRST Robotics Team.

Dorothy Sellers thanked Jason Fernau and Lillian McCarthy for bringing in food for the food pantry. She stated she would be bringing the items to the food pantry on Friday morning. She stated she would be happy to deliver the food for anyone else that wanted to provide a donation.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #318 - Tax Collector's Report

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to accept the report of Mary Schallehn, Tax Collector, and the tax collector be credited with the sum of \$2,078,786.08 this being the sum of uncollected taxes, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolution #318 – Tax Collector's Report

Ayes all

Resolution #319 - Amendment to Tax Warrant and Levy

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following amendments to the tax warrant and levy for the 2019-2020 school year, be and are hereby approved.

Assessor's correction of errors to final tax roll, approved: -\$9,711.13

Small claims, approved: -\$1,218.83

Change in Special Franchise Values to final tax roll, approved: -\$1,395.36

Tax Warrant Rounding: \$4.72

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolution #319 – Amendment to Tax Warrant and Levy

Ayes all

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Resolution #320 - Transportation Contract – WSWHE BOCES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the transportation contract between Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES and the District for the district's share of CTE shuttle runs for the 2019-2020 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolution #320 – Transportation Contract – WSWHE BOCES

Ayes all

Resolution #321 - Facilities Improvement Project

WHEREAS the Ballston Spa Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for the Malta Avenue Elementary School Renovations (SED Project No. 52-13-01-06-0-002-024), Middle/High School Renovations (SED Project No. 52-13-01-06-0-001-033) and Field Storage Building (SED Project No. 52-13-01-06-2-027-001) on November 6, 2019; and WHEREAS, the low responsible bidders on the contracts are:

| Contract | Contractor | | Amount |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Contract No. 1 | Bunkoff General Contractors, Inc. | Base Bid | \$6,456,000.00 |
| General | 790 Watervliet-Shaker Road | Add Alternate No. 1 | \$300,000.00 |
| Construction | Latham, NY 12110 | Add Alternate No. 2 | \$74,000.00 |
| Contract No. 2 | Crisafulli Bros. | Base Bid | \$412,000.00 |
| | Plumbing & Heating Contractors, Inc. | | |
| Plumbing | 7 Kaycee Loop Road | Add Alternate No. 1 | \$0.00 |
| Construction | Plattsburgh, NY 12901 | Add Alternate No. 2 | \$32,000.00 |
| Contract No. 3 | John W. Danforth Company | Base Bid | \$2,295,000.00 |
| Mechanical | 5 Liebach Lane | Add Alternate No. 1 | \$9,400.00 |
| Construction | Halfmoon, NY 12065 | Add Alternate No. 2 | \$0.00 |
| Contract No.4 | Harold R. Clune, Inc. | Base Bid | \$1,312,000.00 |
| Electrical | 30 Prospect Street | Add Alternate No. 1 | \$9,900.00 |
| Construction | Ballston Spa, NY 12020 | Add Alternate No. 2 | \$7,400.00 |
| Total Award Contracts Awarded | | | \$10,907,700.00 |

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby awards the above contracts and authorizes the Board President to execute the contracts between the District and the above contractors on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Owner's Representative and Architect:

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Be it further resolved that the school district administration, owner's representative, architect and legal counsel are directed to draft and execute the necessary documents to commence construction on the Project.

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolution #321 – Facilities Improvement Project

Discussion

Kenneth Slentz stated Bill McMordie was in the audience. He stated the district lucky to have him and his experience on their project.

Ayes all

Resolution #322 - Obsolete Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, the equipment identified by the Maintenance Department, High School and Wood Road Elementary School, be declared obsolete and disposed of accordingly, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolution #322 – Obsolete Equipment

Ayes all

Resolution #323 - 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 December 4, 2019 be and are hereby approved:

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Student #274519 | Student #276236 | Student #275692 | Student #274532 |
| Student #272997 | Student #275904 | Student #277326 | Student #275559 |
| Student #275700 | Student #272854 | Student #276158 | Student #274370 |
| Student #274278 | Student #275023 | Student #275801 | Student #273867 |
| Student #23032 | Student #23333 | Student #277132 | Student #25329 |
| Student #277287 | Student #23442 | Student #276317 | Student #273844 |
| Student #276767 | Student #272229 | Student #276375 | Student #276840 |
| Student #273944 | Student #276549 | Student #274722 | Student #23544 |
| Student #16187 | Student #275327 | Student #275653 | |
| Student #277728 | Student #275697 | Student #275572 | |

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolution #323 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

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Resolution #324 - 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 December 4, 2019 be and are hereby approved:

Student #276709
Student #277256
Student #277097
Student #277705
Student #277687

Student #277642
Student #275039
Student #277671
Student #277507

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education approve Resolution #324 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #325 - #333 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #325 - 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> |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Tracy LaPlante | School Aide | 12/04/19 |

Resolution #326 - Permanent Appointment Support Services - Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be granted permanent appointment, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held on November 20, 2019 in Resolution #311 be amended as follows, and is hereby approved:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Elizabeth Burbage | Special Education Aide | 12/17/19 |

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Resolution #327 - 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> |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| William Gilston, III | Maintenance Technician | 12/06/19 |

Resolution #328 - 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, pending fingerprinting clearance, 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> |
|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Jessica Belden | Special Education Aide | 40 | \$16.16/hr. | 12/09/19-12/08/20 |
| Evan Kurant | Special Education Aide | 40 | \$16.16/hr. | 12/05/19-12/04/20 |
| Tracy LaPlante | Special Education Aide | 40 | \$16.16/hr. | 12/05/19-12/04/20 |
| Kianna Utter | Special Education Aide | 40 | \$16.16/hr. | 12/05/19-12/04/20 |

Resolution #329 - 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 2019-2020 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> |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Kysha Truong | Substitute Bus Attendant | 30 | \$14.75/hr. |

Resolution #330 - 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> |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Janice Lewis-Morrow | Bus Attendant | 26.25 | 11/18/19 |
| Christine Tedesco | Bus Driver | 27.5 | 12/02/19 |

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Resolution #331 - 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> |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Andrew Ferrone | Science Enrichment, Session I, WR | \$556 |

Resolution #332 - Co-Curricular Clubs and Activities - Amendment

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 2019-2020 school year, previously approved by the Board at their meeting held on August 7, 2019 in Resolution #126 be amended as follows, and is hereby approved:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title, Location</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Rebecca Holder | Robotics Club, GC | \$931 |

Resolution #333 - 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 2019-2020 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title, Location</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Kelly Morgan | Intramurals (Spring), WR | \$622 |
| Kristin O'Connor | Intramurals (Spring), WR | \$622 |

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education to approve Resolutions #325 - 333

Ayes all

BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, Student Council, and PTA

Student Council announced winter events have started. Student Council shared events that would be raising money and announced the proceeds would be used to provide gifts for homeless students.

Student Council stated it was working to provide a Friday Winter Activity Night for students in lieu of a winter dance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Michael O'Donnell to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of a particular administrator at 7:33 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,

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

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board