

**Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 2020
High School Library
7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Matthew Dreher
Chris Farnan
Jason Fernau
Melissa Glastetter - Absent
Michael O'Donnell
Dorothy Sellers
Katie Whittemore

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 p.m.

RECOGNITION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Principal Duca recognized Student Council for their successful food drive. He stated 700 food items and \$400 in cash and gift cards had been donated. He recognized individuals for their ideas and their participation. Mr. Duca stated students had done a tremendous job helping the community. He thanked the students, advisors and students that had participated.

Ken Slentz recognized everyone for their effort to meet the needs of the community, and offered his sincere thanks.

Mr. Duca made a presentation on the new courses to be offered. He gave an overview of each of the classes and discussed how the new classes would fit into student's schedules. He discussed the enhancement to the CTE Endorsements.

Anders Rasmussen made a presentation on the Primary Project. He discussed the multi prong approach to social emotional learning of Primary Project. He stated the Program helps to create or strengthen skills in students. He explained this would be considered a Tier II intervention, and stated the project focuses on students displaying school adjustment problems in the mild to moderate range. He stated utilization of the program would provide support to allow students to access the skills needed for success. Mr. Rasmussen explained there would be a

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paraprofessional working under the school counselor. He discussed the student screening and the length of the cycles. He also discussed the pre and post testing importance for measurement and shared the assessment grid report.

Mr. Rasmussen explained the Wood Road implementation and stated the District had received a \$750 grant from the Children's Institute. He discussed the unique and creative development of the play sessions during COVID.

Mr. Slentz discussed COVID testing and tracing. He shared that positive test results for students in the classroom had created a necessary tracing situation. Mr. Slentz shared the tracing protocols. He also discussed the assistance of Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services. Mr. Slentz discussed the numbers and the NYS Micro-Cluster Strategy. He stated the District could potentially enter into the yellow zone testing process. He discussed the known information and stated the District was waiting for guidance. Mr. Slentz discussed the challenges of zone management, and discussed the NYS COVID – 19 Winter Plan and Strategy 3: keep schools open safely. He shared information on each of the zones and their consequences.

Mr. Slentz stated the District would continue to stay vigilant with health and safety protocols. He stated the District would establish a testing plan including consent and logistics. He stated there would be continued monitoring of the Monitor of the regional and area status. Mr. Slentz assured everyone he would continue to provide updates as information became available.

Winter Sports Update

Mr. Slentz discussed each of the risk categories and the District's potential options. He stated the District would have more information the week of December 7th regarding open gym programs.

Katie Whitemore asked for some clarification on the yellow zone testing.

Mr. Slentz discussed the required percentages of staff and student testing. He stated if there were not enough individuals consenting to the testing the District would not be allowed to open. He stated only one District so far had not been able to open due to lack of consent.

Dorothy Sellers asked if there would be any cost for the families for the testing. Mr. Slentz responded the families would not be responsible for any of the costs.

Mr. Slentz explained the District did not have consent for a student to be tested, that student's name would not be entered into the random selection pool. He explained the testing and the process for students, staff and the District. He stated the District was looking at options for the testing process. He stated the District was considering doing drive thru testing. Mr. Slentz discussed the logistical challenges and considerations. Mr. Slentz stated the District was in as good a shape as possible right now.

Jason Fernau stated it was commendable that the District was going to such lengths to keep the hybrid option available for students.

Mr. Slentz stated that although some buildings may have to close temporarily, he was not expecting a full closure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Slentz stated there had been correspondence regarding the process for a symptomatic child to return to school and cost of testing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Williams stated the Middle School Service Club drive to support the student pantry was collecting thru December 15, 2020.

Mr. Williams reminded everyone of the elementary teacher conferences and the ½ day remote school day.

Mr. Williams reminded everyone Friday night was the Village Holiday kick off virtual tree lighting and neighborhood parade.

Mr. Williams announced that on Dec 10th BSNB would have a food drive-thru at the corporate office. He stated it was for all families and community members that needed a little extra.

Mr. Williams stated the BSEF had concluded their auction. He stated the Foundation had met their fundraising goal. He thanked everyone that had participated. He stated they had a number of applications that were being reviewed for grants. Mr. Williams stated there would be an award presentation at the December 16th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #287 - Approval of New Courses

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the proposed new courses for 2021-22 identified by the High School, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Katie Whittemore that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #287 – Approval of New Courses

Ayes all

Resolution #288 - Award of Temporary Contract-Food Service Program

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Summer Food Service Program For Food Service Management Company and Contract

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between The Abbey Group and the District, to provide food service management for the 2020-2021 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Katie Whittemore that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #288 – Award of Temporary Contract Food Service Program

Ayes all

Resolution #289 - Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Transfers for December 2, 2020, be and are hereby approved.

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Katie Whittemore that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #289 – Budget Transfers

Ayes all

Resolution #290 - 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 2, 2020 be and are hereby approved:

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| Student #24318 | Student #276313 | Student #275694 |
| Student #275780 | Student #23032 | Student #274149 |
| Student #276110 | Student #277314 | Student #23546 |
| Student #278261 | Student #273565 | Student #275762 |
| Student #278189 | Student #278392 | Student #277078 |
| Student #273876 | Student #23729 | Student #277774 |
| Student #273464 | Student #272950 | Student #273584 |
| Student #277104 | Student #277796 | Student #278314 |
| Student #278313 | Student #274939 | Student #275570 |
| Student #272988 | Student #275019 | Student #25699 |
| Student #278049 | Student #276211 | Student #273348 |
| Student #276215 | Student #274986 | Student #277911 |
| Student #277074 | Student #278033 | Student #275509 |
| Student #276901 | Student #25504 | Student #272243 |
| Student #23198 | Student #275045 | Student #273200 |
| Student #277832 | Student #273283 | Student #277861 |
| Student #274165 | | |

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Katie Whittemore that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #290 – Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

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Resolution #291 - 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 2, 2020 be and are hereby approved:

Student #277868	Student #278387	Student #277746
Student #278329	Student #278321	Student #278343
Student #276821	Student #277169	

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Katie Whittemore that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #291 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolutions #292 - #303 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #292 - Agreement – Per Diem Substitute Teachers Contract

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Agreement between the Ballston Spa Central School District and the Ballston Spa Teachers' Association Per Diem Substitute Teachers, dated November 9, 2020, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #293- Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the resignation for the purpose of retirement 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>
Patricia Battesh	Teacher	2/26/21
Karen Wolsey	Teacher	1/29/21

Resolution #294 - 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 Grolley	Teaching Assistant	11/24/20
Sally Sambrook	Special Education Aide	12/02/20
Jill Schmitt	Teaching Assistant	12/22/20

Resolution #295 - Tenure Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person be awarded tenure, be and is hereby approved:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Commencement Date</u>
Catherine Sheffield	Teaching Assistant	12/05/20

Resolution #296 - Leave of Absence

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ms. Kelly Martinek is hereby granted a leave of absence from her position as a Teaching Assistant effective January 4, 2021 through May 3, 2021, for the purpose of completing student teaching requirements. Upon the termination of the leave of absence, Ms. Martinek shall have the right to return to the Teaching Assistant position.

Resolution #297 - Appointment – Teaching Assistant – 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 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>
Rachel Barnett	Teaching Assistant	NYS Teaching Assistant, Level 4	\$23,054/yr. (pro-rated) Step 1	12/03/20-02/21/21

Resolution #298 - 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>
Jessica Belden	Special Education Aide	12/9/20
Tracy LaPlante	Special Education Aide	12/5/20
Kianna Utter	Special Education Aide	12/5/20

Resolution #299 - 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>
Sally Sambrook	School Aide	40hr/Wk.	\$15.14/hr.	12/3/20-12/2/21
Katie Sheridan	Special Education Aide	40hr/Wk.	\$16.56/hr.	12/3/20-12/2/21

Resolution #300 - 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 2020-2021 school year, with hours and salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max Hrs./Wk.</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Anthony Guy	Cleaner Substitute	30	\$17.37/hr.
Laura McIntosh	Cleaner Substitute	30	\$17.37/hr.
McKenna Phillips	Student Lifeguard	30	\$11.80/hr.
Justin Robbie	Student Lifeguard	30	\$11.80/hr.

Resolution #301 - 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 2020-2021 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Christine Bisceglia	Technology Coach, MS	\$1,093
Jeffrey Gargano	Technology Coach, MS	\$1,093

Resolution #302 - 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 coaching position(s) indicated below for the 2020-2021 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Benjamin Eldridge	Boys' Varsity Basketball	\$6,898
Lawrence Youngblood Jr.	Varsity Girls' Basketball	\$6,898

Summer Curriculum Work

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to conduct summer curriculum work, for summer of 2020, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Numbers of days</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
Heather Cianfarani	1	\$244.29

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Katie Whittemore that the Board of Education to approve Resolutions #292 - 303

Discussion

Mr. Fernau congratulated and thanked all the retirees and the tenure candidate.

Dorothy Sellers thanked Student Council for all their work on the food drive. She stated this community was unique from all other communities she had lived in due to the efforts made to support everyone.

Ayes all

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BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, Student Council and PTA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Katie Whittemore to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board