REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2016

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Reilly, Brian Parent, Timothy Skermont, Sonya Murray,

Mark Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. William Crankshaw, Dale Turner, Lou D’Ambro, Tom Waldron, Senator Joseph Griffo, Howard Mettleman, members of the RCS faculty and members of the Remsen community

Meeting called to order by James Reilly, Board President, at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag recited by all present.

Senator Joseph Griffo was thanked by Mr. Reilly and Dr. Crankshaw for his tireless efforts and support of the Remsen Central School and education in general. Senator Griffo secured $105,000 for the district in order to replace lost revenue when tax parcels erroneously assessed to the district and subsequently removed from the tax rolls.

Howard Mettelman, District Superintendent, discussed in general terms the search process for a new Superintendent of Schools. The Board of Education may hire a consultant, do a search themselves or have BOCES do the search. Mr. Mettelman recommends an interim superintendent as of January 1st, with the hopes of a new Superintendent beginning employment on or about July 1st. Community forums will be held for the input of the community. Salary range recommended by Mr. Mettelman is between $120,000 - $130,000.

Mr. Reilly questioned if the Superintendent/Elementary Principal should stay as one position or be split into two separate positions.

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of

Dr. William T. Crankshaw, Superintendent of Schools, effective December

31, 2016.” 4 yes; T. Skermont – no

Mr. Reilly thanked Dr. Crankshaw for his service to the district.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint the following coaches for the

2016-2017 season:

Varsity Basketball Scott Jones

Junior Varsity Basketball Jim Wilder

Varsity Volleyball Greg Roos

Junior Varsity Volleyball Megan Will

Modified Volleyball Lauren Haley

Cheerleading Debbie Moorhead

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meetings

held September 6 and September 20, 2016; approve agenda dated October 11,

2016; approve warrants for payment and accept Budget Status, Treasurer’s, Revenue Budget Status and Appropriation Status Reports for period ended August 31, 2016.”

Unanimous vote

Superintendent’s Report to the Board of Education given by Dr. Crankshaw included the following items:

* Safety Fire Drills
* Updated Safety Plan
* EPC/Capital Project
* Website updates
* Professional Development Half-Days
* Updated Budget Calendar
* Thank you to Laurie Woolheater and volunteers for the STEAM Museum program. Proceeds from the Teacher Center school store paid for this program.

Student Representatives – Jeffrey Klossner (Junior) and Julia Roos (Senior) who discussed upcoming high school activities - Student Council Blood Drive to be held November 8th and National Honor Society – Community Service Project – raking leaves of community residents

High School Principal’s Report given by Dale Turner included the following items:

* Driver Education – 14 students have expressed interest for 2017
* Open House held September 29th
* Progress Reports
* Financial Aid Night
* PSAT/ACT tests to be given October 19 and October 20

Transportation Department Report given by Thomas Waldron included the following:

* New buses to arrive October 18th
* Old State Route 12 bridge being replaced which causes three buses to be re-routed.
* Facilities Report – water tested for lead

Board of Education Report – SSFA Conference to be held in November at Oneida County BOCES.

Second reading of Section 2000 Board of Education Policies

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Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on September 19, September 22, September 29, September 30 and October 3, 2016; and approve recommendations of the Committee on PreSchool Special Education from meeting held on September 14, 2016.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

RESOLUTION AMENDING PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND DIRECTING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TRANSFER OF MONIES FROM EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE FUND TO THE 2016 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND OF THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District (the “School District”) desires to authorize the transfer of $475,000 from the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund established on or about August 26, 2009 to the 2016 Capital Reserve Fund established on or about March 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-r  of  the General Municipal Fund requires that any such transfer shall be made only by resolution of the Board of Education adopted after a public hearing held on at least fifteen days prior published notice in the official newspaper of the School District;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education previously established  that a public hearing be held on October 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. with respect to such transfer and directed to publish such notice of public hearing in the School District’s official newspaper;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to amend the public hearing date and public notice for such transfer;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. The Board of Education amends the public hearing date to October 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. with respect to the transfer of $475,000 from the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to the 2016 Capital Reserve Fund;
2. The District Clerk is directed to publish such notice of public hearing in the School District’s official newspaper at least fifteen days before the date specified for such public hearing;
3. This resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such notice of public hearing shall state the following:

“PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District will meet at the Remsen Elementary School Cafeteria located in Remsen, New York 13438, on the 27th day of October, 2016, at 6:30 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing upon the issue of transferring the amount of $475,000.00 from the School District’s Employee Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to the 2016 Capital Reserve Fund.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murrary, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept audit and management response letter for year ended June 30, 2016 as prepared and submitted by D’Arcangelo & Co., LLP.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation from Big Apple Music LLC musical instruments as follows: one clarinet ($249.99), one flute ($199.99), one trumpet ($199.99) and two alto sax ($450.00 each) which were made possible through Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency grant.” Unanimous vote

Mr. Dale Dening, Athletic Director, was present to discuss a girls modified basketball program.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education create a girls modified basketball

Program for 2016-2017.” Unanimous vote

Discussion of Transportation Advisory Services.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Howard D. Mettelman of

Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES as search consultant to oversee the process

of selection of a Superintendent of Schools for the Remsen CSD.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent to go into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. for a brief capital project scope discussion.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent to return to Open Session at 9:30 p.m.

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the REMSEN Board of Education hereby resolves to provide a capital project of the REMSEN Central School District campus not to exceed $8,700,000 and request voter authorization to approve the use of $1,900,000 of the Capital Reserve that will not increase taxes over current levels.  The intent of the project is to make improvements to the Elementary School Building, the Junior-Senior High School Building, demolish the “old” bus garage and add storage to the “new” bus garage.  The general scope of the capital project will most resemble “Option 2B”.

Generally, speaking, the Elementary Scope includes site work (curb and walk construction and reconstruction, roofing, masonry & lintel reconstruction, interior and exterior door work, fire alarm upgrades, site lighting upgrades, partial ceiling replacement, pneumatic control conversations, and UV, AHU & RTU replacements.

Generally speaking, the Junior-Senior High School Building Scope includes site work (minor paving reconstruction, softball field drainage, track resurfacing) and infrastructure work (roofing, 1936 entrance steps and stone surround reconstruction, interior and exterior door work, corridor locker replacement, fire alarm upgrades, site lighting upgrades, partial ceiling replacement, and pneumatic control conversions).

Additionally, the selected scope (2B) includes demolition of the “old” bus garage storage facility, infill addition and renovation of one 1936 classroom, and renovation of the 1958 wing to enhance the learning environment and house CTE classroom programs.

It is hereby resolved to select the general scope for the capital project, the funding of which will be subject to voter approval on December 13, 2016 that most closely resembles “Option 2B”.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 P.M.