

REMSSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Boucher, James Reilly, Timothy Skermont,  
Brian Parent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Clark

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. William Crankshaw, Dale Turner, Lou D'Ambro,  
Catherine Chandler, Robert Wilcox, members of the RCS  
faculty, staff, students and community

Mr. Steve Boucher, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Senior Seminar Presentation – Mrs. Sharon Geer discussed courses taken, volunteer projects and research papers. Taylor Childers and Ben Pirnie were present to discuss volunteer projects accomplished such as volunteers at elementary school, raking leaves for Senior Citizens, and trash pick-up after Remsen Barn FOTA.

Grade 4-6 Mathematics Presentation – Mrs. Kelly Runniger discussed overall 4-6 curriculum. Fifth grade students were present to do problems on Smart Board. Mrs. Betty Synakowski discussed mathematics lab. Mrs. Jennifer McEvoy told of her students' use of I-Pads in the classroom to assist their learning.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held February 25, 2014; and approve agenda dated March 10, 2014.”

Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Budget Status Report dated January, 2014; accept Treasurer's Report dated January, 2014; accept Appropriation Status Report and Revenue Budget Status Report, both reports dated January, 2014.”

Vote- 4 yes; 0 no

Dr. Crankshaw's report to the Board of Education included the following items:

- NYSCOSS Conference
- School District Snapshot
- Quarterly Data Report
- Jody Roos Request for Trip
- Two Vacancies on the Board of Education as of July 1<sup>st</sup>

High School Principal, Dale Turner's report to the Board of Education included the following items:

- Erin Hamlin spent day at RCS
- Career Day- students spent day shadowing profession they are interested in
- BOCES –Students attend BOCES to see if they wish to attend.
- School Play – March 28<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>

Board of Education Report

- Board members continually working on budget for 2014-2015
- Dr. Crankshaw, Lou D'Ambro and Jim Reilly attended Lobby Day – Albany

Robert Wilcox reported to the Board that winter sports season over and transportation was provided for 40 away contests. Donkey Basketball Game will be held April 4<sup>th</sup>.

2014-2015 Budget Discussion

Motion by James Reilly, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve recommendations of Committee on Preschool Special Education from meetings held on March 3, 2014.”

Vote- 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election:

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

PROPOSITION # 1

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$275,545, LESS TRADE-IN VALUE, IF ANY, AND THAT SUCH COSTS, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL BE RAISED BY THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH TAX, DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS MAY BE NECESSARY NOT TO EXCEED SUCH ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST SHALL BE ISSUED, OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENTER INTO AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT IF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE IN THAT METHOD.

2. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed providing for payment of the acquisition of school buses at an estimated aggregate maximum cost of not to exceed \$275,545. Such taxes shall be levied upon all the taxable

property of the District, shall be levied in annual installments and shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.

3. The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of annual meeting of the School District.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

Ayes-4 Nays-0

BOCES Annual Dinner Meeting – This annual dinner meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 with presentations on BOCES services and programs.

Special Meeting will be held on April 22, 2014 in order for the RCS Board of Education to vote on the annual BOCES budget for 2014-2015 and for the election of members to the BOCES Board.

Nomination of BOCES Board Member Candidate – The Board of Education has been asked to nominate a candidate for the BOCES Board of Education created by vacancy of William McDonald whose term expired. Item tabled until discussion can be held in Executive Session.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Howard Mettelman, District Superintendent of OHM BOCES, as acting Superintendent of Remsen Central School during the absence of William Crankshaw (March 11- March 18, 2014).

Vote 4-yes 0-no

Information and correspondence given to the Board included Legal Issues Workshop information to be held March 20, 2014; and thank you letter sent to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Forbes for their \$1,000.00 donation to Remsen Central School.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent to go into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of nomination to BOCES Board.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent to return to Regular Session at 9:45 p.m.

Motion by James Reilly, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education nominate Steven Boucher of 9812 Twin Rock Road, Remsen, NY to the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of William H. McDonald.”

Vote 3-yes; 0-no

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.