

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Boucher, James Reilly, Timothy Skermont, Sr., Brian Parent, Donna Clark

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Meeting called to order by Steve Boucher, Board President, at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance will be recited by all present.

No public participation this evening.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on December 10, 2013, and approve agenda dated January 14, 2014.

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Budget Status Report dated November, 2013; accept Treasurer's Report dated November, 2013; accept Appropriation Status Report and Revenue Budget Status Report for November, 2013.”

Unanimous vote

Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education included the following:

- Newsletter
- Mandates, both funded and unfunded
- Taxable Value of Real Property in the district
- Committee Meetings
- Mission and Goals of the district
- Response to Intervention Plan (Draft)

High School Principal's Report included the following:

- Data Meetings with Jesse Irwin and Deb Duffy
- Interim Assessments
- Parent Portal
- Report Cards will be sent home February 5th
- Snow Ball to be held February 1

Board of Education Report – Jim Reilly recently attended SBI workshop entitled "Building Successful Relationships between the BOE and Superintendent".

Mr. Wilcox reported there was an issue with the boiler during the break in December due to water in the fuel tank. It is recommended that the tank be pumped in the spring to remove the water and then filled with fuel.

Old Business- None

Motion by Donna Clark, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve recommendations of Committee on Special Education and approve recommendations of Committee on Preschool Special Education from meetings held on November 19, December 12, December 18, 2013, January 7 and January 9, 2014.” Unanimous vote

Discussion of letter received from Holland Patent Central School Board of Education regarding combination of sports (one RCS student wrestling on the HPCS school team). Holland Patent requests further discussions before approval of combination in the future.

Motion by James Reilly, second by Donna Clark:

WHEREAS, the Remsen Central School District wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and other participating Public Jurisdictions (the “Plan”) for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the Remsen Central School District is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law and

WHEREAS, the Remsen Central School District has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, THE PURPOSE OF THE Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with the Remsen Central School District by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Remsen Central School District hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials of the Remsen Central School District are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by James Reilly, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve applications for refund of real property taxes as follows:

(1) Mary Boucher, Twin Rock Road, Remsen, NY – Aged exemption was removed in error. Owner eligible for aged exemption for 2013-2014 and 2012-2013. Refund of \$1,100.60 (2012-2013) and refund of \$1,139.67 for 2013-2014.

(2) Christopher Lewis of Thurmont, MD – Applied to combine four parcels into one parcel. Refund of \$217.91 due to Mr. Lewis.

Vote 4 yes

Mr. Boucher abstained

Motion by Donna Clark, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept Notice of Intent to Retire of Sharon Geer, effective July 1, 2014.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept Notice of Intent to Retire of Robert Wilcox, effective June 30, 2014.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Donna Clark:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Barbara Magid of Remsen, NY as substitute teacher/substitute teacher assistant for elementary special education.”

Unanimous voted

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept Notice of Intent to Retire of Jane White effective June 30, 2014.”

Unanimous vote

Information and correspondence given to the Board of Education included the following:

OMH-SBI Survey from Legislative Committee

OHM-SBI Legislative Position Paper

OHM-SBI Legislative Forum – January 23, 2014

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Donna Clark:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint William Crankshaw as secretary pro temp for the remainder of the meeting.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent to go into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of specific personnel issues.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent to return to Regular Session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Donna Clark:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Joseph Griswold of Remsen, NY as Groundworker/Cleaner effective January 21, 2014.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Donna Clark, second by Jim Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grant request of Eileen Hamlin for personal leave February 5, 6, 7, and unpaid leave for February 10-14, 2014 in order to attend Olympics in Sochi, Russia.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.