

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2014

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, Catherine Chandler, members of the  
RTA, RCS students and community members

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag recited by all present.

A question was asked by audience member if there was a SAT Prep Course offered.

Amber Spatto gave presentation on Universal Pre-K.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on November 18, 2014; approve agenda dated December 9, 2014 with the following additions: 7.2-Appointment of Substitute Teacher; 8.4-Remsen Teacher Resource Center Report for December; 8.5-SBI Revised Calendar for 2014-2015; and SBI Legislative Paper for 2015.”

Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s Report, Budget Status Report, Revenue Budget Status Report, and Appropriation Status Report for period ended October 31, 2014.”

Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Superintendent’s Report included the following: Budget Calendar, Event Calendar, Walkie Talkies for the District, Municipal Board Meetings; Professional Development; Special Board Meeting to be held December 30<sup>th</sup>; Aspirational Goals Committee Meeting

High School Principal’s Report to the Board included Food Drive, School Paper, Letter from poet Jon Sands to high school students, Erin Gruwell presentation at Westmoreland CSD, STLE grant, Christmas Concert, Pep Rally, Cyberbullying.

Student Trustee Katie Running showed video of Senior Switch Day where students shadow administrator or teacher for the day. National Honor Society making cards for homeless. Peer Leader Group making an anti-cyberbullying video

Transportation Report from Thomas Waldron-wheelchair bus on road; Suburban needs DOT Inspection and school lettering

Board of Education Report – Board needs to attend meetings with town and village boards; Fiscal Planning meeting; STEM scholarship

Building Condition Survey and Capital Improvement – King & King will be in the district on December 17, 2014

Professional Development-Early dismissal will take place on January 16, February 13, and March 12. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 in order for staff professional development.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on November 14, November 17, November 20 and December 3, December 9 and December 12, 2014.”

Vote- 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept donation of \$1,500.00 from Remsen Barn FOTA with the specific instructions of \$500.00 to be allocated to the Music Department and \$1,000.00 to be allocated to the Art Department.” Said funding to be used prior to April 1, 2015 with description of project and budget summary to be forwarded to the Remsen Barn FOTA.”

Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Interviews will be held for the .5 ELA Elementary Teacher as Long Term Substitute for Renee Morrison who will be placed on special assignment for writing/ELA coaching for K-8 teachers.

Information and correspondence given to the Board for their information included the following:

- Remsen Newsletter deadlines
- SBI Fiscal Planning for 2015-2016 Workshop
- Winter 2014-2015 Building Newsletter
- Remsen Teacher Resource Center – December School Board Report
- SBI Revised Calendar for 2014-2015
- SBI Legislative Paper for 2015

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams to appoint Dr. William Crankshaw as secretary pro temp for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams to go into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of contract negotiations discussion.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murry to return to Regular Session at 10:00 p.m.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murry to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m.