

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING & BUDGET HEARING
MAY 10, 2016

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: William Crankshaw, Dale Turner, Lou D'Ambro, Thomas Waldron, Catherine Chandler, members of the RCS staff and Remsen community

Mr. James Reilly, Board President, called the budget hearing/meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Budget Presentation given by Dr. William Crankshaw and Mr. Lou D'Ambro. There is a 3.58% increase in the 2016-2017 budget. Mr. Ryan Spatto was introduced as a candidate for the Board of Education. Mr. Reilly also mentioned that Mark Williams is also running as a candidate for the Board of Education.

No public participation.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meetings held on April 12 and April 19, 2016, and approve agenda dated May 10, 2016.”

Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s Report and Budget Status Reports for the period ended March 31, 2016; and accept Revenue Budget Status Report and Appropriation Status Report for the period ended March 31, 2016.”

Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Mr. Reilly requested that the following be included the minutes from the April 12, 2016 meeting: It was the recommendation of the Facilities Committee that the District proceed with EPC Project without a public vote at the lower reimbursement rate. Tom Nicholson from Trane was present at the meeting and gave a Facilities Report. A separate public vote would delay the project which would impact savings to the district.

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

- Corrective Action Plan to be submitted in response to the NYS Comptroller’s Report.
- 5) Audit Recommendation: Determine the source of the money in the debt service fund reserve, use the funds for debt payments as appropriate and adopt budgets that allow for transfer from the debt service reserve to reduce the debt service burden in the general

fund. Implementation Plan of Action(s): The District's Administrators, along with its fiscal advisors have determined the source of the funds and are currently in the planning process for the utilization of the reserve in the reduction of the appropriate debt. (Delete the following sentence: "According to plan, these funds would be exhausted as part of the funding mechanism for this project.")

- Budget presentations made in various towns that comprise the District
- Newsletter mailed
- Professional Development half day May 13, 2016
- Summer Boot Camp for Kindergarten
- Technology Committee
- Wellness Committee
- Interview Committee
- Career Day
- Science Fair
- WeatherBug
- Earth Day/Arbor Day
- PTG Book Fair
- Spring Concerts

High School Principal, Mr. Dale Turner, discussed the following:

- Instrumental Concert
- ELA and Math Testing
- Field Tests
- AP Exams
- MVCC Placement Exam
- Combined Faculty Meeting

Mr. Thomas Waldron, Transportation, Supervisor reported the following:

- DOT Inspections
- Bus #78 removed from service prior to inspections
- Summer Bus Routes have been compiled
- Mr. Waldron attended NYSED Professional Development

Facilities Report

- High School front sidewalk replaced
- New doors leading to court yard at HS replaced
- Replaced small section of elementary sidewalk
- Weather Bug installed at elementary school – Monitor will be placed in lobby for students to see.
- Lighting survey being conducted
- Trees planted at both buildings

Board of Education Report:

- Boonville Town Board meeting attended by Mr. Reilly
- Mr. Reilly stated there is no time limit on use of capital reserve fund
- EPC – Trane – Facilities Meeting on 5/24/16
- Mr. Brian Parent remarked on the FFA Roundtable recently held at High School

Facilities Committee Report

- Aid on project without vote – 73%
- Aid on project with vote (need 60% yes vote) – 83%
- Recommendation of committee to proceed with EPC Project without vote

Policy Committee

- Reviewing current BOE policies

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept Corrective Action Plan for District Fund Balance and Reserves, to be submitted to the New York State Comptroller’s Office, in response to audit conducted in the Fall of 2015; with Deletion of last sentence in 5) Audit Recommendation –According to plan, these funds would be exhausted as part of the funding mechanism for this project.

Vote-4yes; 0 no

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 March 29, April 18, April 20, April 21, May 2, May 3, May 4, and May 5, 2016.”

Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the final notice of retirement of Wendy Postol, Bus Driver, effective June 30, 2016.”

Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion made by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provision of Section 2509 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of Dr. William T. Crankshaw, the Superintendent, that Julia M. Galime, a probationary teacher having been appointed to such position by resolution of this board dated July 2, 2013, be appointed on tenure to the position of teacher in the Secondary English (English Language Arts 7-12) tenure area, it having been shown that Julia M. Galime holds a valid New York State Certificate #719162132 to teach subjects in the aforesaid tenure area and it further having been shown that the probationary period of Julia M. Galime to teach in this district will expire on June 30, 2016, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure Julia M. Galime, effective September 1, 2016, to the position of teacher in the Secondary English (English Language Arts 7-12) tenure area.”

Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Motion made by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provision of Section 2509 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of Dr. William T. Crankshaw, the Superintendent, that John Glass, a probationary teacher having been appointed to such position by resolution of this board dated July 2, 2013, be appointed on tenure to the position of teacher in the Secondary Mathematics (Mathematics 7-12) tenure area, it having been shown that John Glass holds a valid New York State Certificate #576745111 to teach subjects in the aforesaid tenure area and it further having been shown that the probationary period of John Glass to teach in this district will expire on June 30, 2016, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure John Glass, effective September 1, 2016, to the position of teacher in the Secondary Mathematics (Mathematics 7-12) tenure area.”

Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Motion made by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provision of Section 2509 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of Dr. William T. Crankshaw, the Superintendent, that Lauren C. Haley, a probationary teacher having been appointed to such position by resolution of this board dated July 2, 2013, be appointed on tenure to the position of teacher in the Secondary English (English Language Arts 7-12) tenure area, it having been shown that Lauren C. Haley holds a valid New York State Certificate #488467111 to teach subjects in the aforesaid tenure area and it further having been shown that the probationary period of Lauren C. Haley to teach in this district will expire on June 30, 2016, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure Lauren C. Haley, effective September 1, 2016, to the position of teacher in the Secondary English (English Language Arts 7-12) tenure area.”

Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the request of Jessica Johnson-Rowlands to extend leave of absence from full-time Special Education teacher in order to continue general education probationary position.”

Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Information and correspondence to the Board of Education included Utica National Safety Award to Remsen Central School District.

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

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second Brian Parent to go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. for the sole purpose of discussion of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent to return to Regular Session at 9:30 p.m.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.