

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 15, 2016

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: William Crankshaw, Dale Turner, Lou D’Ambro, Tom Waldron,
Catherine Chandler, Ethan Kenny (student representative), Kelly
Runniger, Jim Tinker, Patricia Hill, Anne Reilly, Lisa Hill,
Debbie Roscup, Andrea Graves

Meeting called to order by James Reilly, Board President, at 6 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag recited by all present.

Budget Presentation was a continuation of the curriculum and instructional portions of the 2016-2017 budget.

Public Participation –Mrs. Andrea Graves asked the board if Holland Patent CSD had responded to question of allowing Remsen students to participate in the HPCSD modified football program. As of the date of this meeting, there had been no response. Dr. Crankshaw was asked to contact HPCSD for a response to participation in the football program.

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes of meeting held February 9, 2016; approve agenda dated March 15, 2016 with the following additions: 6.7-Course Description Booklet; 6.8 Energy Services Company –Discussion and Selection; 7.3 Substitute Teacher Appointment.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s Reports for January 31 and February 29, 2016; accept Budget Status Report, Revenue Budget Status Report, and Appropriation Status Report.” Unanimous vote

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

- Newsletters
- NYS Comptroller’s Report summary
- Municipal Board Meetings
- APPR Plan Approved
- Rural Schools Conference
- Read Aloud Program
- PreK Lottery
- Alphabet Boot Camp
- Safety Plan

- Technology Plan

Ethan Kenny, student representative, reported on the following

- Cabaret
- FFA Dance Fundraiser
- Drama Club – Alice in Wonderland
- Leadership Workshop – Otsega Hotel, Cooperstown, NY

High School Principal’s Report to the Board of Education included the following:

- Playlists of staff members played on Fridays between periods
- EPIC Team visited Westmoreland CSD for program
- Progress Reports mailed March 11, 2016
- Ineligibility List
- Science Fair
- Thank you to Kathy Donovan and welcome to Kathleen Nebush
- Parent Night
- Volleyball Sectionals
- Mr. Roos – Section III Coach of Year for Volleyball

Mr. Reilly thanked Jane White and Amy Piaschyk for their assistance in coaching volleyball at modified/jv levels.

Transportation Report given by Tom Waldron included the following:

- Replacement of bus fuel tank cage required by NYS DOT inspection
- Bus Routes for 2016-2017
- NYSED Refresher
- Facilities Report
- Fire Inspections

Mr. James Reilly’s Board Report included NYS legislative meeting and the article in the Rome Sentinel about RCS Comptroller’s Report.

Discussion of Energy Services Company. Interviews were conducted with representatives of Johnson Controls, Siemens and Trane. Committee’s choice was Trane.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve recommendations of Committee on Special Education from meetings held on February 12, February 23, February 24, March 4, March 7, March 8 and March 9, 2016 and approve recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from meetings held on February 11, 2016.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept New York State Comptroller’s Report for period covered July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2016-2017 BOCES School District Calendar as the Remsen Central School District Calendar for 2016-2017.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education ratify RTA Contract dated July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018.”

Vote – 4 yes

T. Skermont – no

Mark Williams presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Sonya Murray:

WHEREAS, the voters of the Remsen Central School District (the “School District”) will be asked to approve a capital reconstruction project consisting of replacing and upgrading existing infrastructure, to include the replacement of upper and lower concrete landings and walk along the Music room exterior wall, waterproofing of the below grade masonry at the Music room exterior wall, replacement of the Music room flooring, replacing the door, frame and hardware from the Music room to the Courtyard, and replacing the doors frame and hardware from the Gym to the courtyard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. According to the regulations of the New York State Education Department, the Remsen Central School District is primarily responsible for assuring compliance with the procedural and substantive requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended) promulgated thereunder (“SEQRA”).

2. Based upon the review by the Board of Education of the proposed project, the Board hereby declares itself lead agency to the extent necessary for this purpose, if any, and hereby finds that the proposed action constitutes a “type II action” as such quoted term is defined in SEQRA and, therefore, is not subject to any further review by the School District under SEQRA. A listing of such type II actions is attached hereto. The action consists of routine activities of an educational institution, as well as replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind, on the same site.

3. A copy of this resolution shall be placed on file in the office of the District Clerk where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The motion having been duly seconded, it was adopted and the following votes were cast:
Unanimous vote

Mark Williams presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Sonya Murray:

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 TWO 66-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$118,000, ALL AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$236,000, 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 for authorized indebtedness providing for payment of the acquisition of school buses at an estimated aggregate maximum cost of not to exceed \$236,000. 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 the annual meeting of the School District.

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

Duly put to a vote as follows:

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the RCS Course Description Booklet.”

Unanimous vote

Dale Turner, High School Principal, thanked Mrs. Linda Smith for all her efforts in compiling this course description booklet.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Eileen Helmer of Remsen, NY as substitute School Monitor.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Abraham Barnhart, Cleaner, effective March 31, 2016.”
Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Dolly Peterson of Remsen, NY as substitute teacher.”
Unanimous vote

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

- SBI – Upcoming Legal Issues Workshop
- SBI – Calendar for 2016-2017
- SBI – Freedom Writers – March 16, 2016
- Annual BOCES Meeting – April 6, 2016

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Sonya Murray to appoint Dr. William Crankshaw as Secretary Pro Temp for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Sonya Murray to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel related item.

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent to return to Regular Session at 9:35 p.m.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m.