

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2016 (Originally scheduled for 1/12/16 -Postponed due to weather conditions)

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: William Crankshaw, Dale Turner, Lou D’Ambro, Tom Waldron, Catherine Chandler, Steve Boucher, Ken Ford, Patricia Hill, James Tinker, Andrea Graves, Dale Denning, Debbie Roscup, Kelly Runniger (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)

Meeting called to order by James Reilly, Board President, at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Budget Work Session - 2016-2017 budget discussion which included the following items:
Curriculum & Instruction (technology, program offerings, staffing, etc.)

Regular meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Steven Boucher, BOCES Board Member and Mr. Ken Ford (BOCES Information and Technology Director) gave presentation on Educational Resources in the 21st Century, specifically discussing Learning Management Systems.

Public Participation – Mrs. Andrea Graves asked if letter was sent to Holland Paten CSD regarding football combine. Letter was sent. No response yet.

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meetings held on December 8, 2015 and approve revised agenda dated January 19, 2016.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Budget Status Report and Treasurer’s Report for the period ended November 30, 2015; accept Revenue Budget Status Report and Appropriation Status Report for period ended October 31, 2015.”

Unanimous vote

Superintendent’s Report to the Board of Education given by Dr. Crankshaw included the following items:

- Shaun Kaleta – PR person from BOCES will work on updating our website

- Master Schedule/Staffing-Both Dr. Crankshaw and Mr. Turner strongly suggest addition of Social Studies staff for 2016-2017. Currently, there are two FTE Social Studies teachers at the high school instructing all students in grades 7-12.
- Course Catalog
- Professional Development – January 15, 2016 (1/2 day)
- APPR Plan
- NYSSBA handout
- Herkimer County – loss of \$58,000.00 in tax revenue – both Howard Mettelman, BOCES District Superintendent and our legislators working to recoup some or all of this lost revenue
- SBI Legislative Forum to be held January 28, 2016 – Dr. Crankshaw and Brian Parent will attend.
- Guidance Counselor interviews took place this past week

Technology Report given by Lou D'Ambro. Mr. D'Ambro discussed software/hardware purchases that have been made which enhance school computer systems.

High School Principal's Report given by Dale Turner to the Board of Education included the following items:

- Christmas Concert at High School
- Awards Assembly held on December 23rd
- EPIC students from Sauquoit, Westmoreland, Oriskany and Remsen gathered on January 8, 2016 at Remsen
- Regents Exams – corrected and scored by Town of Webb staff
- Snow Ball to be held on January 23, 2016
- Climate Committee Meeting to be held on February 2, 2016

Transportation Report given by Thomas Waldron to the Board of Education included the following items:

- 2 (66) passenger school buses will be voted upon by public for purchase at budget vote on May 17, 2016
- New bus (#93) delivered
- Breakdown of bus – rear differential broken – able to be repaired in-house
- Gym wall pads installed
- Home & Careers room – new appliances installed
- Fuel Tank at high school –fill broken – repaired by Yocum Full Service
- Septic Tank – inspection needed to locate problem with outlet pipe which was found when the Village of Remsen recently pumped the tank

Jim Reilly gave Board of Education Report – Brian Parent and Jim Reilly attended SBI Executive Committee meeting – presentation was “Fit For Kids”. SBI-Superintendent's Evaluation Workshop – January 11, 2016- was attended by both Jim Reilly and Dr. Crankshaw.

Athletic Director's Report given by Dale Denning

Class Rank – Third & Final Reading of policies 8050 and 8051 – After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to table this policy until the February 9, 2016 meeting.

Both the Opioid Overdose Prevention Policy and English Language Learners Policy were tabled.

Immunization and Dental Health of Students Policy– Second Reading

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 December 8, December 10, and December 17, 2015 and approve recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from meetings held on January 12, 2016.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept Notice of Intent to Retire of Wendy Postol, Bus Driver, effective June 30, 2016.” Unanimous vote

Information given to the Board of Education included the following items:

- SBI – Legal Forum – Assembly & Senate Education Forum – January 28, 2016
(Snow Date-February 4, 2016)
- SBI - 2016 NYS Legislative Position
- Legislative Update from Rural Schools

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

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent to go into Executive Session at 10:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of discussion of employment history of a particular person and/or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray to return to Regular Session at 11:00 p.m.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray to adjourn the meeting at 11:02p.m.