

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 2015

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Reilly, Brian Parent, Sonya Murray

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Williams (here at 6:40 PM.)  
Tim Skermont (here at 6:50 PM)

OTHERS PRESENT: William Crankshaw, Dale Turner, Lou D' Ambro, Thomas Waldron, Catherine Chandler, FFA members, Joe Griswold, Nina Griswold, Debbie Roscup, Linda Smith, Kelly Running, Jim Tinker

Mr. James Reilly, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag recited by all present.

Mr. Nicholas Byrne and FFA members were present to ask for permission to attend the FFA National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Transportation is shared with VVS.

A tour of the high school building was given to the board members who returned to the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Questions and concerns from the public-Andrew and Kimberlee Smith were present with questions about full day vs. half day PreK and expressed their concerns over the lottery process.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meetings held on June 9, June 30, July 7 and July 14, 2015; and approve agenda dated August 18, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Budget Status Report dated June 30, 2015 and accept Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2015.”

Unanimous vote

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

- District Calendar
- Student Code of Conduct
- Progressive Discipline Chart
- District Handbook
- Fall Newsletter
- Climate and Culture Survey
- Initiatives/Committees/APPR
- District Instructional Team
- Professional Learning

- Co-Teaching
- Budget Process will begin in October
- Independent Audit will be presented to the Board in October
- Thank you extended to the custodial staff and summer workers for all their hard work
- August 12, 2015-Architects' Meeting
- Foreign Language
- Superintendent's Conference Days – September 2 and September 3

High School Principal's Report given by Dale Turner included the following items:

- STEAM meeting held on August 17<sup>th</sup> for students and parents
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation to be held on August 20<sup>th</sup>
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation to be held at 5 p.m. on August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Dale Denning will be doing an administrative internship this year

Transportation Report given by Tom Waldron included the following:

- All buses ready for the first day of school
- DOT inspection to be held on August 20<sup>th</sup>
- Bus seats for Pre-K students have arrived
- New bus will be here in mid-November
- Summer run this year to UCP will end August 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Transportation schedule installed on computer
- Postcards with transportation schedules will be mailed to all students on August 24<sup>th</sup>
- Structural engineers on school campus today to inspect roof at elementary school
- All maintenance staff attended safety class at BOCES
- Cross Country/Nature Trails cleaned
- PreBid Meeting – September 9<sup>th</sup>; Opening of bids-September 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

Second reading of Section 1000, Community Relations board policies.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont:

“WHEREAS, Section 135.4(c) (7) (ii) (a) (4) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education provides for a board of education to permit pupils in grades no lower than seventh grade to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for senior high pupils, or senior high school pupils to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for pupils in the seventh and eighth grades; and

WHEREAS, these pupils are to be allowed to compete at levels that are appropriate to their physical maturity, physical fitness, and sport skills in relationship to other pupils in accordance with the standards established by the Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Education Department issues the competition standards for these pupils to compete under a program called the Athletic Placement Process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Remsen Central School Board of Education shall permit pupils to compete after successfully completing the Athletic

Placement Process for the requested sport and level.”

Unanimous vote

RCS High School Athletic Code will be tabled until the September 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting. Questions about ineligibility when at student participates in two sports in a season.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve recommendations of Committee on Special Education from meetings held on June 4, June 10 and June 15, 2015.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve one way transportation from Remsen CSD to St. Leo’s Church, Holland Patent, NY for Faith Formation program on Wednesdays from September 23, 2015 – April 20, 2016.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve tax rates for 2015-2016 as

follows:	Town of Russia	\$21.12672	per \$1000.00 assessed
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	Town of Steuben	\$21.1275989	per \$1000.00 assessed
	Town of Boonville	\$33.01051	per \$1000.00 assessed
	Town of Forestport	\$24.85497	per \$1000.00 assessed
	Town of Remsen	\$37.0738040	per \$1000.00 assessed
	Town of Trenton	\$30.18103	per \$1000.00 assessed

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Student Code of Conduct.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve revised Mission Statement for Remsen Central School and also approve district goals.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education go into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. for the sole purpose of discussion of matters leading to the appointment and employment of a particular person or corporation.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Timothy Skermont to return to Regular Session at 10:20 p.m.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District, pursuant to Section 2509 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools does hereby appoint Brandon Malowski of Herkimer, NY, who holds valid NYS

Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ permitting him to teach subjects in the Music Education area in the public schools of New York State, to the position of 1.0 FTE music teacher in the Music Education tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence on September 21, 2015 and to expire on June 30, 2019; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Brandon Malowski during his first year of this appointment be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the agreement between Remsen Teachers Association and the Board of Education at Step A-3.”  
Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint the following coaches and advisors for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:

Varsity Softball – John Glass  
Modified Softball – Julia Galime  
Boys Modified Baseball – James Wilder  
FFA – Nicholas Byrne  
Drama Club – Julia Galime  
Student Council - Lauren Haley  
Yearbook - Russ Haynes  
Class of 2016 Advisor – Julia Galime  
Class of 2017 Advisor – Greg Roos  
Class of 2018 Advisor – Carleen Taylor

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont:

“WHEREAS, Section 30-2.9 of the rules of the NYS Board of Regents requires certification of Lead Evaluators for the purpose of conducting evaluations of teachers and principals in accordance with the requirements of Section 3012-d of the NYS Education Law, which governs annual professional performance reviews; and

WHEREAS, the individuals identified below have successfully completed the training requirements prescribed under Section 30-2.9(b) of the Rules of the NYS Board of Regents; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby certify that the following individuals have successfully met the requirements prescribed by the NYS Board of Regents as qualified lead evaluators:

1. Dr. William Crankshaw
2. Tracy Rowlands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this certification has been issued in accordance with the process for certifying lead evaluators described in the Oneida County BOCES annual professional performance review plan.”  
Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Emma Branigin, School Bus Monitor, effective September 1, 2015.”  
Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education create position entitled Teacher Aide.”  
Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:  
“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Kathy Paige of Remsen, NY  
as teacher aide.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams:  
“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education create position entitled Assistant  
Transportation Supervisor”. Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:  
“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Thomas  
Waldron as Transportation Supervisor effective August 18, 2015.”  
Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:  
“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Thomas Waldron to the  
provisional appointment of Assistant Transportation Supervisor.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont:  
“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Justine Johnson of Remsen,  
NY as substitute School Bus Attendant.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:  
“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education wishes to thank Senator Griffo for his  
efforts at securing the said funding; and it is further  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby (1) approves the proposed job  
description for the position of Elementary School Dean of Students, and (2) approves the  
recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools to retain BOCES employee James A.  
Tinker through a BOCES Co-Operative Services arrangement, and to assign him to  
perform the duties of the said position, effective September 1, 2015, and (3) authorizes  
James A. Tinker to perform all of the duties set forth in the said job description.”  
Unanimous vote

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

- SBI – Regent Bottar: SED Commissioner, Initiatives, APPR Update,  
Common Core Status – September 17, 2015
- SBI – NYSSBA Convention Transportation to NYC
- SBI – General Information and 2015-2016 Dates
- SBI – Legislative Committee Information & Dates

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m.