

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING  
MAY 9, 2017

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jeffrey Bryant, Dale Turner, Lou D'Ambro, Thomas Waldron,  
Catherine Chandler, RCS staff, Remsen community members

Budget Hearing/Board of Education Meeting called to order by James Reilly, Board President, at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Budget Presentation given by Dr. Jeffrey Bryant, Interim Superintendent of Schools and Lou D'Ambro, School Business Administrator.

Joe Reilly – Smart Schools Presentation

Tom Nicholson – Trane – ECP Project Update

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of education approve agenda for May 9, 2017 and accept minutes from meetings held on April 11 and April 25, 2017 with correction to April 11, 2017 minutes as follows: remove name of company and replace with “large corporation”.

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment and accept the following: Treasurer’s Report, Budget Status Report, Revenue Budget Status Report, Appropriation Status Report for period ended March 31, 2017; and approve Budget Transfers.”

Unanimous vote

Dr. Jeffrey Bryant gave his Superintendent’s Report as follows:

- Madison Oneida BOCES Labor Relations – Level 2 fees for BOE Policy Service
- Air Quality Testing at Elementary School Media Center
- BOCES CTE Honor Society
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Student representatives Julia Roos and Jeffrey Klosser reported on the following items:

- Yearbooks have arrived
- Elementary Yearbooks – sold double the amount sold at high school – will do again next year
- Prom @ Twin Ponds
- Senior Trip to Boston with thanks to the Board of Education

Dale Turner, High School Principal, reported on the following:

- Yearbook
- Prom
- ELA and Math tests
- Class Rank and Graduation Rate
- Rambow Award

Thomas Waldron, Transportation Supervisor, discussed riding all bus routes during the month of May. Mr. Waldron attended Professional Development workshop on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Topics covered included weather emergency preparation and transporting students with disabilities.

Board of Education Report – Mutual Boards Meeting to be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Remsen Depot.

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on April 4, April 5, April 7, April 10, April 11, April 24, April 25, April 26, April 27, and approve recommendations of the Committee on PreSchool Special Education from meeting held on April 3, 2017.

Unanimous vote

School Wellness Policy – First Reading

First reading of Board of Education Policies - Section 6000 - Personnel

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) support legislation at the state level that would modify the reimbursement formula for school lunches.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams:

**WHEREAS**, The Smart Schools Bond Act (the “Act”) was passed as part of the 2014-15 enacted state budget and was approved by voter referendum during the 2014 general election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act authorizes New York State to issue \$2 billion in general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure projects for public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the District was allocated \$601,000 to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure projects in the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the monies allocated are paid out as refunds to the District upon expenditure of funds under an approved Smart Schools Investment Plan (“SSIP”); and

**WHEREAS**, the District, pursuant to its allocation of funds through the Act, has developed a preliminary SSIP to expend \$350,500 for Security Access Controls, and Security Video

Surveillance System, and \$250,500 for Switches and Wireless Access Points, ; for a total expenditure of \$601,000 and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has reviewed the preliminary SSIP and determined that approval of the preliminary SSIP is in the best interest of the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the proposed preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan to expend \$350,500 for a Security Access Controls, and Security Video Surveillance System, and \$250,500 for Switches and Wireless Access Points, for a total expenditure of \$601,000 as more fully described in the District Plan is hereby approved.

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve amendment to original agreement which amendment is as follows: The User shall pay the County Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars and no cents per poll site for the ancillary Voting Equipment/Services provided by the County of Oneida.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Remsen Central School District Board of Education approve the two Memorandum of Agreements with the Remsen Teachers’ Association regarding the TOSA Dean of Students and Stipend for Facilitating CSE Meetings.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Rebecca Williams of Remsen, NY as substitute teacher, pending fingerprint clearance.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Lucinda Ferguson of Remsen, NY as substitute cleaner, pending Civil Service approval.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murraray, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint David A. Young, Jr. of Remsen, NY as substitute cleaner, pending Civil Service approval.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murraray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Teresa Feldman of Remsen, NY and Matt Sprowell of Forestport, NY as substitute teachers.”

Unanimous vote

Information & Correspondence – There is a Mutual Boards (Town, Village, School) Meeting scheduled for May 18, 2017 at Remsen Depot at 7 p.m.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.