

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APRIL 11, 2017

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jeffrey Bryant, Lou D'Ambro, Thomas Waldron, Dede Gardner, Julia Roos, Jeffrey Klossner, Stephanie Karis, Judy Smith, Eric Horn, Rayne & Noah Ives, Carlleen Taylor, Mary Lou Allen and several others

Meeting called to order by Mr. James Reilly, Board President, at 7:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

No one in attendance spoke during public comment.

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams, approval to appoint Ms. Dede Gardner as Clerk Pro-Tem.

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from the Regular meeting held March 21, 2017 and approve agenda dated April 11, 2017.”

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

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 March, 2017, accept Appropriation Status Report and Budget Transfers for March, 2017.”

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

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

- National Honor Society Inductions were recently held. Congratulations to all new inductees and everyone who made it a successful ceremony.
- On Wednesday, April 19, representatives from Comroden Associates will be in the elementary school to inspect the leaks and to do a visual and air quality test.
- A significant amount of money has been donated to the school district from the Jim Davis estate. A discussion will be held with the family to determine if there is a certain criteria to how the money is to be used. Further discussion will be held at the May Board meeting.

Internal Claims Auditor

Mary Jane Chambers, Internal Claims Auditor provided the Board with a report that included claims from November 2016 through to March 2016. Ms. Chambers explained each category on the internal claims audit statement. As a result of the District Audit, the auditors have requested that the District get at least three (3) quotes from three different companies when purchasing high-cost items. Ms. Chambers' next report will be at the July Board meeting

Smarter Lunchrooms

Ms. Beth Doeing, of Cornell Cooperative Extension was in attendance to present to the Board the Smarter Lunchrooms programs. Ms. Doeing spoke to the Board that the Smarter Lunchrooms program provides healthier food options to the students at no additional cost to the district. Ms. Doeing provided several suggestions that the cafeteria and the District could do to encourage students to select and eat healthier foods in the lunchroom. This program was presented to the District's Health and Wellness Committee at their last meeting. Mr. Reilly indicated that the Board has been discussing the option of coordinating with local farms to bring in more local foods. Ms. Doeing and Mrs. Eilleen Hamlin will meet with Ms. Kate Dorr, BOCES Assistant School Lunch Director/Registered Dietitian to discuss the program. Ms. Doeing, indicated that the Cornell Cooperative Extension will start with a Smarter Lunchroom scorecard for the cafeteria. Once the scorecard is completed, results will be provided and the District can choose to move forward.

In the absence of the High School Principal, the student representatives, Jeffrey Klossner and Julia Roos reported on the following:

- Dr. Bryant indicated that Mr. Turner is on a medical leave due to recent surgery and wishes him well.
- Student Council recently held a successful blood drive and there were several student and staff donors and a few from the community.
- Two weeks ago the National Honor Society Induction was held and there were 12 new inductees. One of the largest group of students in quite some time.
- The Drama Club recently held their school play, "Get Smart". It was one of the most successful plays the district has had and raised a good amount for the club. The student representatives were asked what the club will be doing with the money that was raised. The club has yet to make a decision.
- Journalism Club is working on their second to the last publication. This edition does feature some of the elementary activities. Mr. Reilly would like to have an article to include budget information.
- The prom will be held in May at Twin Ponds and plans are continuing.
- Senior trip plans are coming to a close – 25 of the seniors have committed to going which is more than 50% of the class.
- Getting sizes for caps and gowns and the advisor is working with the company to make it affordable to the seniors.

Mr. Thomas Waldron gave the Transportation Department and Facilities Report. Items discussed were:

- DOT inspections in March – all 4 buses passed
- State-mandated training for school bus monitors was held – “Diversity on Your School Bus”
- Bus drills were held this morning at both buildings – all went well
- At the High School, changing rooms will be installed during the April break.
- At the Elementary School, sidewalk repairs will be done. Sidewalks are currently a safety issue.
- Athletics – all track and field equipment is out.
- Dump truck – put out quotes to repair the dump truck and to fix the door. It will be more beneficial and cost effective to keep the dump truck for a couple more years. Salter is about \$5,000 as per quote and is stainless steel.
- Maintenance – grounds equipment replacement schedule was provided to the Board.
- Grounds – School grounds are in rough shape due to the winter plowing.
- It was brought to Mr. Waldron’s attention that the water fountain outside of the High School gym has hot water coming out. It is probably the mixing valve. Will address during the vacation week.
- Question was asked regarding the aid ratio on transportation.

Board of Education Report given by Board President, Jim Reilly, included:

- Facilities Committee – Short term issues, truck, changing rooms at high school, using wooden doors. Repair the truck, add salter and try to get a couple of years out of the truck.
- There were three (3) options on old bus garage – make repairs to old bus garage option chosen.
- Board would like the architects, King & King to meet with the facilities committee. Dr. Bryant indicated that he spoke with King & King and they are still in the planning phase. Would like to request that the architects meet with the facilities committee possibly on Monday, April 17, 2017. Tran will be presenting at the May Board Meeting.
- Mr. Parent, provided a proposed resolution for NYSSBA to support legislation at the state level to raise the rate of school lunch reimbursement from 5 to 25 cents per meal. The approval of the resolution will be on the May agenda.
- FFA – Legislative representative is aware that the District is moving forward with an Agriculture class.
- BOCES meeting – The BOCES budget was presented at their recent meeting. Steve Boucher will run for another term on the BOCES Board. The BOCES Board Administrative Budget and Board seat vote will be held on April 25.

Public Comment

Lori Hall and William Hamilton have a daughter that will be in the high school next year and their daughter wants to play baseball. Mrs. Hall found a court ruling from another state that allowed a female to play baseball. Mrs. Hall and Mr. Hamilton would like the Board to acknowledge that softball and baseball are not an equivalent sport. Mr. Parent asked if they researched Title IX regulations and whether it has ever been brought up as a discrimination case. Currently, Title IX regulations indicate that the school districts have to offer equivalent sports. Mr. Parent recommended that the parents contact the NYS Education Department to discuss their situation. Mrs. Murray also recommended that they could contact NYSAHPERD for further information. Mr. Denning will report at the May Board meeting. The Superintendent will check with the school's insurance company regarding liability.

Support Policies

There will be a Second Reading of Section 5000 – Board of Education Support Policies at the May meeting. Sections 6000, 7000 & 8000 will be given to the Board by June 30, 2017.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on October 19, 2016; March 9, March 16, March 20, March 23, March 24 and April 3, 2017.”

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following SEQRA Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Remsen Central School District (the “District”) Board of Education has considered the impacts to the environment of the following Scope of Work to be completed:

Replacement of exterior doors and facades at District buildings.

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the scope of the project and has further received and considered the advice of its architects with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 (c), now therefore,

SEQRA Resolution – cont’d:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education as follows:

1. The Proposed Action does not exceed thresholds, established under 6 NYCRR Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review Act, (SEQRA).
2. The Board hereby determines the Proposed Action as a Type II action in accordance with the SEQRA regulations.
3. No further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA.
4. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Poll Vote: 4 Yes - Mrs. Murray; Mr. Parent; Mr. Reilly; Mr. Skermont; Mr. Williams; 0 No

Motion by Brian Parent second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Cooperative Bidding Resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS and the MADISON-ONEIDA BOCES (the “BOCES”) during the 2017-2018 school year to bid jointly for the purchase of various types of computers and technology commodities (the “Commodities”); and

WHEREAS, the Remsen Central School District (“the School District”) is desirous of participating in the joint bidding of the Commodities, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Article 5-G; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has received and reviewed the Cooperative Bid Procedures (“the Procedures”) governing its right and responsibilities should it elect to participate in the joint bidding of commodities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Cooperative Bid Procedures, the Board of Education agrees to award bid purchase item purchases according to the recommendation of the BOCES if such award is in the best interest of the school district.”

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No.

Pre-Kindergarten Lottery Draw

A Pre-Kindergarten lottery draw was held by Board President, Mr. Reilly as there were 22 students registered for Pre-Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. The first 18 students that were drawn will be in the Pre-K program for 2017-2018 school year. The other 4 students drawn will be on a wait list in the order in which they were drawn. All families will receive a letter to confirm their intentions as there is a wait list.

2017-2018 Budget Adoption

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the 2017-2018 Budget in the amount of \$11,912,112.00.”

Poll Vote: 4 Yes-Mrs. Murray; Mr. Parent; Mr. Reilly; Mr. Williams;
1 No- Mr. Skermont

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the 2016-2017 Property Tax Report Card for 2017-2018.”

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revision of the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.” (change two full days to half days for Staff Professional Development)

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Lucinda Ferguson, Cleaner, effective April 13, 2017.”

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve medical leave of absence of Dale Turner from April 6, 2017 until on or about May 1, 2017.”

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Remsen Central School Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Anthony Nicotera as the Acting Junior/Senior High School Principal at Remsen commencing April 5, 2017 and terminating April 28, 2017, unless modified or approved.”

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Herb Rockwell of Remsen, NY as volunteer assistant coach for modified baseball for the 2017 season.”

Vote: 3 Yes; 2 Abstentions: Sonya Murray, Timothy Skermont

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

- BOCES Board Administrative Budget

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams to go into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of CSEA negotiations and Administrative Negotiations.

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No.

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Timothy Skermont to appoint Dr. Jeffrey Bryant, Superintendent of Schools as Clerk Pro-Tem in the absence of the District Clerk.

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Board members returned from executive session at 11:00 p.m. Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray, to return to Regular Session.

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 p.m.

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No.