

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 21, 2017 (Re-Scheduled from March 14, 2017 due to weather)

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sonya Murray

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jeffrey K. Bryant, Dale Turner, Thomas Waldron, Catherine Chandler, members of the Remsen Teachers Association, members of the Remsen community

Budget Work Session held from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. James Reilly, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Media Center.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag recited by all present.

Public Participation – Jessica Jones informed the Board of Education that her son, Wyatt, is interested in working on the Nature Trail for his Eagle Scout project.

Carleen Taylor inquired about the potential hiring of a teacher for the Agriculture Program. Are there enough periods in the day to accommodate this teacher? Is there enrollment to support the Agriculture Program?

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meetings held on February 15, 2017 and February 28, 2017; approve agenda dated March 21, 2017 with the following additions/deletions: Mary Jane Chambers, Internal Claims Auditor, unable to attend this evening’s meeting and addition of Committee on PreSchool Special Education minutes.”
Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Budget Status Report, Treasurer’s Report, Revenue Budget Status Report and Appropriation Status Report for the period ended January 31, 2017; and approve Budget Transfers for January, 2017.”
Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

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

- High School Locker Room – architect has recommended Remsen fix for the short term; The architect re-designing boys and girls locker rooms. Additional supervision will be required.

- Hydraulic Leak occurred behind the high school. Dr. Bryant commended Kevin Roberts and other custodial staff for preventing any leaks into the storm system. NYS DEC were called to the site.
- Anne Reilly at this evening's meeting. Mrs. Reilly and students, Nicholas Tillman and Wyatt Monroe, gave an informative presentation on Coding.

High School Principal's Report – Jeffrey Klossner, student representative, gave a report on the following:

- 2017 Yearbook finished
- Elementary Yearbook this year – elementary bought double amount sold at high school
- Honor Society Induction will be held on March 30th at 6:00 p.m.
- Drama Club presented "Get Smart" on March 17 and March 18

Mr. Turner discussed the following:

- ELA tests will be held March 28 – March 30
- Math tests will be held the first week in May
- Teacher Observations ongoing

Transportation/Facilities Report given by Thomas Waldron as follows:

- Bus Lift frame repaired/installed.
- Transfinder Routing software
- High School Band Room – carpeting will be removed and rubber flooring installed during the April Spring break
- Rieben Roofing inspected elementary roof – repatched cracks in the rubber roof
- Old Bus Garage/Storage Building – ceiling has been shored in four stalls; two stalls on the high school end of the building can be used. Athletic equipment stored in on-site container at bus garage.

Facilities Committee Report – Construction Associates here last week for meeting. They will be on site during Spring Break in April. Next Facilities Committee meeting on March 30th at 4 p.m.

Policy Committee Report – Currently working on Section 5000 of the BOE policies.

Legislative Report – Meeting has been scheduled with Senator Joe Griffo for March 24th at 3 p.m. to discuss state aid restrictions and financial assistance with the FFA program.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Section 4000 (Fiscal Management) Board of Education policies.”

Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Brian Parent gave report as the BOE member on the Remsen Teacher Resource Center group. Mr. Parent requested that \$2,400.00 be spent on a new laminator for the RTRC. All members in favor.

Thank you to Jim Tinker and Fay Harper for the Recognition Ceremony for honor roll and student award recipients.

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 February 16 and March 8, 2017.”
Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve recommendations of the Committee on PreSchool Special Education from meeting held on March 20, 2017.”
Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“ 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 one 66-passenger school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$116,000., less trade-in value, if any, and that such cost, 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 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 a school bus at an estimated maximum cost of not to exceed \$116,000. 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.
Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law there is hereby established a capital reserve fund for the Remsen Central School District, New York, which shall be designated as the "2017 Capital Reserve Fund" of said School District.

Section 2. Such 2017 Capital Reserve Fund is hereby established for financing, in whole or in part, the following objects or purposes of said School District:

Construction, reconstruction and improvement of school buildings and facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus incidental thereto, and the purchase of furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus separately; provided that such capital costs are an object or purpose that would be eligible for financing under the Local Finance Law, and costs incidental thereto.

Section 3. The ultimate amount of such Fund shall be \$3,000,000 plus earnings thereon.

Section 4. The probable term of such Fund shall be ten (10) years, after which time no further funds may be transferred to such Fund, unless previously extended by the voters, but such Fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted.

Section 5. The source from which the funds for such Fund will be obtained is as follows: (i) an initial deposit of _____0_____, and (ii) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (iii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (iv) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all to the extent permitted by law.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect upon the approval thereof by a majority of the qualified voters of said School District voting on a proposition therefor submitted at the annual meeting of said School District. Upon such approval, no further action of this Board of Education will be required to perfect the establishment of such Reserve Fund.

Section 7. The form of proposition to be so submitted shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION #2

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law (to be known as the “2017 Capital Reserve Fund”), with the purpose of such fund being to finance construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipping of school buildings and facilities; such capital costs being of a type that would be eligible for financing under the local finance law, and costs incidental thereto, the ultimate amount of such fund to be \$3,000,000, plus earnings thereon, the probable term of such fund to be 10 years, but such fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted, and the sources from which the funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are (i) an initial deposit of _____ 0 _____ , and (ii) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (iii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (iv) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

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Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.”

Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Remsen Central School Board of Education approve the extra-curricular co-advisor Model UN/Mock Trial position for the 2016-2017 school year only; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Remsen Central School Board of Education approve the compensation for this shared co-advisor position at \$719.00 for each co-advisor.”

Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the gift of \$20,546.50 from the Estate of Anna D. Mathill with gratitude.”

Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Bree Podkowka of Boonville, NY as substitute teacher.”

Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Thomas J. Waldron as Assistant Transportation Supervisor.”

Vote-4yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Patrick Buzako to the position of Bus Driver/Motor Vehicle Operator.”
Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education create the title Substitute Groundswoker/Cleaner, pursuant to Oneida County Civil Service.”
Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Reminder – Annual Meeting @ BOCES – April 5, 2017

Reminder – Public Meeting – April 25, 2017 – to elect BOCES Board Members and vote on BOCES Administrative Budget for 2017-2018

Gift to the District of \$10,000 for the Margaret P. Davis Memorial Fund

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent to go into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of Teacher on Special Assignment and CSEA negotiations.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Remsen Central School District Board of Education approve the creation of a Dean of Students at the Elementary School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year and the entire 2017-2018 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Remsen Central School District Board of Education approve Mrs. Fay Harper for this position as a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) for the identified duration with stipend compensation aligned with the Remsen Teachers’ Association coaching salaries. One stipend for the 2016-2017 school year, and no more than two stipends for the 2017-2018 school year, depending on Mrs. Harper’s plan to coach.”
Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Timothy Skermont to return to Regular Session at 10:00 p.m.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

- 4.1 Mary Jane Chambers – Internal Claims Auditor – Mrs. Chambers is unable to attend tonight's meeting.