

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
JANUARY 31, 2017

(Note: This meeting originally scheduled for January 17, 2017 but was postponed two weeks in a row due to severe weather conditions.)

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, members of the Remsen Teachers Association, Remsen community members

2017-2018 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.

Pledge of Allegiance will be recited by all present.

Public Participation – One parent in the audience concerned about bullying in the high school. This matter was referred to Executive Session.

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes of meetings held on December 13, 2016 and January 3, 2017 and approve agenda dated January 31, 2017.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment, accept Budget Status Report, Treasurer’s Report, Revenue Budget Status Report, Appropriation Status Report for period ended November 30, 2016, and approve Budget Transfers.” Unanimous vote

Superintendent’s Report to the Board of Education:

Dr. Jeffrey Bryant addressed Board of Education members and audience. He reviewed OHM BOCES Report on lead in the school district’s water which can be found on the district’s website. All fountains are suitable for drinking. Areas of concern are not associated with student drinking water and they are custodial sinks at the Elementary School and Science Lab sinks at the High School.

Calendar Days – Remsen has used all five of the snow/emergency days for the school year. Based on the winter weather this year, it is recommended that February 21<sup>st</sup> will be a full day of student attendance and March 17<sup>th</sup> will be a half day of student attendance.

Other items included in the Superintendent's Report:

- Public Relations/BOCES Communications
- Construction Manager
- February 8<sup>th</sup> meetings: 3 PM – Smart Bond; 4 PM – Capital Outlay and 5 PM – Construction Manager Interviews

High School Principal's Report given by Dale Turner. School Climate presentation given this evening by Emily Laurey and Natalie Zumpano.

Student Representatives, Julia Roos and Jeffrey Klossner discussed Yearbook, Drama Club, Journalism Club and Regents exams.

Transportation Report given by Thomas Waldron.

Jim Reilly gave Board of Education Report as follows:

- Superintendent of Schools search – application deadline 1/6/2017
- Updated letter to be sent to Rural Star

Board of Education Policies - Section 4000 – Fiscal Management

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on November 8, December 8, December 9, December 19, December 20, 2016 and January 12, 2017.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Educaiton approve recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from meetings held on December 19, 2016.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 31, 2017 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF ADDITION TO, AND RECONSTRUCTION OF, SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE

EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND  
DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION  
THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Remsen Central School District, New York, at a special meeting of such voters duly held on December 13, 2016, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the class of objects or purposes hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, acting as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA"), has completed its environmental review and, on October 27, 2016, has duly issued a negative declaration and has determined that the implementation of the unlisted action as proposed will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Remsen Central School District shall undertake certain capital improvements to the School District's existing school buildings and facilities, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the School District at a special voter meeting on December 13, 2016.

Section 2. The Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$6,800,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is certain capital improvements consisting of addition to, and reconstruction of, school buildings and facilities within the School District (each such building being a class "A" (fireproof and certain fire resistant) building as defined in Subdivision 11 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of said Local Finance Law), site improvements, and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the aggregate maximum cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$8,700,000; and (b) the Remsen Central School District's plan to finance the cost of said purpose is (i) to provide \$1,900,000 from the existing capital reserve fund for such costs; and (ii) to provide up to \$6,800,000 from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to; and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 97 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is thirty (30) years.

Section 6. The Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$6,800,000, and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby shall mature within one year of the date of issuance thereof or such longer term as may be desired in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law, (c) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement, and (d) current funds will be provided prior to the issuance of the Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes herein authorized, to the extent, if any, required by Section 107.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the Remsen Central School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund as may be utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 9. The faith and credit of the Remsen Central School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 10. The power to further authorize the sale and issuance of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the authority to determine whether to accept bids electronically to the extent allowed by Section 58.00 of the Local Finance Law, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, all contracts for, and determinations with respect to credit or liquidity enhancements, if any, and to sell, issue and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and Local Finance Law, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education, Vice President and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same. The President of the Board of Education is additionally authorized (but not required) to execute and deliver a financing agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and any other

agreements and documents necessary to accomplish a financing, all as may be determined in the discretion of the President of the Board of Education.

Section 11. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept gift of \$2,000.00 to the District for purchase of new equipment for Science Program from Bert and Candy Forbes of San Luis Obispo, California.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve School Tax Collector’s Affidavit of unpaid taxes to be returned to the County of Oneida.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams

“RESOLVED, that James Reilly, the President of the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District, in the Towns of Russia and Ohio, County of Herkimer, NY, be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to sign on behalf of said Board of Education of said District the Certificate of the Board of Education of said District attached to the “School Collector’s Return to County Treasurer” of unpaid taxes of said District, which return is for the unpaid taxes assessed upon the lands in said District in the tax list made out and delivered to the Collector on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2016 and which return is dated and made on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.”

Unanimous vote

No Personnel Items for this meeting

Information & Correspondence given to the Board of Education for their information:

- School Boards Institute – Legislative Forum – January 26<sup>th</sup>
- School Boards Institute – NYSSBA Capital Conference-February 12-13, 2017

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent to go into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of a particular student issue

Motion by Mark Willams, second by Brian Parent to return to Regular Session at 11:55 p.m.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent to adjourn the meeting at midnight.