

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING/BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sonya Murray (here at 6:45 p.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. William Crankshaw, Lou D'Ambro, Thomas Waldron,
Catherine Chandler, RCS faculty, Remsen community members

Public Hearing called to order by James Reilly, Board President, at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag recited by all present.

Mr. Reilly explained the purpose of conducting a public hearing tonight was to discuss the issue of transferring the amount of \$475,000.00 from the School District's Employee Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to the 2016 Capital Reserve Fund.

Mr. D'Ambro explained the monies that are deposited in the different reserves and the transfer process.

Questions asked included how much balance would be left in the Employee Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund after the \$475,000.00 transfer; how many reserves does the district have and how much money deposited in these reserves; surplus money outlined in the Office of the NYS Comptroller's Report – Remsen CSD – Fund Balance and Reserves. There were also statements about the amount of taxes individuals are paying.

Discussion of Capital Project – repair/replace roofs on both school buildings; demolition of old bus garage currently used for storage; addition of additional bays to the current bus garage to be used for storage of equipment such as lawn tractors, track equipment (mats and hurdles).

Question as to whether there will be individuals overseeing the construction project. Money has been set aside in the project budget to hire a construction manager which is different from clerk of the works.

Transportation questions included the number of buses, number of drivers, and if the district had looked into contracting for this service (such as Bernie Bus). What about contracting out for bus repairs? RFP for transportation services?

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams:

“**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District (the “School District”) desires to authorize the transfer of \$475,000 from the Employee Retirement

Contribution Reserve Fund established on or about August 26, 2009 to the 2016 Capital Reserve Fund established on or about March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law requires that any such transfer shall be made only by resolution of the Board of Education adopted after a public hearing held on at least fifteen days prior published notice in the official newspaper of the School District;

WHEREAS, the District Clerk published such notice of public hearing in the School District's official newspaper complying with requirements of the law;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education held a public hearing on October 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. with respect to the transfer of \$475,000 from the Employee Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to the 2016 Capital Reserve Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:

The District's Treasurer is authorized and directed to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$475,000.00 from the District's Employee Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to the 2016 Capital Reserve Fund." Unanimous vote

Senior Class Representative, Julia Roos, was present to request permission for the Senior Class to take a week-end trip to Boston and Cape Cod May 12-May 14, 2017. Ms. Roos explained the trip's itinerary, cost of trip, and student fundraising.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Senior Class Trip to Boston and Cape Cod to take place May 12-May 14, 2017." Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the combine with Clinton Central School District for Boys Varsity Bowling for the 2016-2017 season." Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

"**WHEREAS**, the Remsen Central School District (the "District") seeks to undertake a district wide construction/renovation project consisting of:

Renovations and site improvements at the District's Elementary School and the District's Junior/Senior High School, as well as the addition of two bus bays at the District's bus garage and demolition of the storage building.

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder require the Board to undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts, if any, associated with the project before approving same; and

WHEREAS, this project is an Unlisted Action within the meaning of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2016, a notice was transmitted to all involved agencies indicating the Board’s desire to act as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, no agency has objected to the designation of the Board as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.7 requires a lead agency to issue a written determination of significance with respect to any proposed Unlisted action;

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed Project, as set forth in the Full Environmental Assessment Form prepared with respect to such action, and makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves:

Renovations and site improvements at the District’s Elementary School and the District’s Junior/Senior High School, as well as the addition of two bus bays at the District’s bus garage and demolition of the storage building.

2. The proposed action is classified under SEQRA as an Unlisted Action within the meaning of §6 NYCRR 617.4

3. Upon consideration of the action, review of the Full Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria contained in §6 NYCRR 617.7(c), and all other supporting information, the Board identifies the following relevant areas of environmental concern, as set forth hereafter, and analyzes whether the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

4. The proposed development and use of the property will result in a small to moderate impact on land since construction will occur on land where the depth of the water table is less than three feet and construction has the potential to continue for longer than one year. The District will undertake mitigation measures during design and construction to minimize the impacts to land and shall be subject to regulatory agency reviews which will monitor procedures and minimize impacts.

5. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact geological features.

6. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact surface water.

7. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact ground water.
8. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact potential flooding.
9. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact air.
10. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact plants and animals.
11. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact agricultural resources.
12. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact aesthetic resources.
13. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact historic and archeological resources.
14. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact open space and recreation.
15. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact critical environmental areas.
16. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact transportation.
17. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact energy.
18. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact noise, odor and light.
19. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact human health.
20. The proposed development and use of the property is consistent with community plans.
21. The proposed development and use of the property is consistent with community character.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is an Unlisted Action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.4; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon consideration of the foregoing, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed action; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Superintendent or his designee to file this Negative Declaration with the appropriate parties.”

The vote on the foregoing Resolution was as follows:

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| James Reilly | Yes |
| Brian Parent | Yes |
| Timothy Skermont | Yes |
| Sonya Murraray | Yes |
| Mark Williams | Yes |

Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Brian Parent:

“**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of addition to, and reconstruction of, existing school buildings and facilities, various 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, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$8,700,000; and to appropriate and expend from the existing building capital reserve fund \$1,900,000 for such costs, and that the balance of 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, with such tax to be partially offset by state aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$6,800,000 shall be issued.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to request additional state aid for energy savings contract improvements under an Energy Performance Contract previously authorized by the Board of Education, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$1,129,074; which energy savings contract requires additional voter approval to be eligible for additional enhanced state building aid.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M.