

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
AUGUST 22, 2017

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Parent, James Reilly, Sonya Murray, Mark Williams,  
Mary Lou Allen

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Dunckel-King, Dale Turner, Lou D'Ambro, Thomas  
Waldron, Catherine Chandler, Debbie Roscup, Kelly Runninger,  
Jim Tinker, Brooke Green

Meeting called to order by Brian Parent, Board President, at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

RCS student, Brooke Green, spoke to the Board of Education about the community project through the local Rotary Club called Rotarian CNY Books for the World, Inc. This project provides K-6<sup>th</sup> grade picture/story and K-12<sup>th</sup> grade textbooks to needed regions of the world. Brooke has been provided funds by our local Rotary Club to get a pallet to ship the books. These books will be processed and sent to Africa. Over 200 books that have been used by RCS students will soon be sent for others to enjoy.

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Rotarian CNY Books for the World, Inc. community project as presented by Brooke Green which will send used RCS books to Africa.” Unanimous vote

Mr. William Loveric addressed the Board of Education as Executor of the Richard Davis estate. Funds from the estate that were given to the school district are to be placed in the Margaret Davis Scholarship fund and earmarked for student scholarships.

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mary Lou Allen:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meetings held on July 11 and August 8, 2017 with change to the July 11, 2017 minutes as follows:

*“Nominations for Board President followed by discussion. Unanimous vote for Brian Parent as President and James Reilly as Vice President”*

approve agenda dated August 22, 2017, with the addition of an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel related item.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by James Reilly:

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

Unanimous vote

Superintendent’s Report to the Board of Education given by Rebecca Dunckel-King included the following:

- New Teacher Orientation
- Bus Tour of the School District
- Social Media – District now has Facebook and Twitter accounts
- \$25,000 grant received from Senator Joseph Griffo
- Meeting with Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush
- Kindergarten Orientation to be held August 31<sup>st</sup>

High School Principal’s Report given by Dale Turner included the following:

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation to be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>
- Revised student handbook
- Welcome Back to School night will be held on September 6<sup>th</sup>

Tom Waldron’s report to the Board of Education included the following:

- Transportation Report – all buses ready for opening day
- New classroom spaces
- Window replacement
- LED lighting
- Facilities Meeting – August 28 from 8 AM – Noon

Board President’s Report included the following:

- SBI Workshop
- Policy Committee (Brian Parent and Mary Lou Allen) will be meeting on September 12, 2017

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Responsible Use Policy for Students.”

Unanimous vote

Discussion of High School Athletic Code

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mary Lou Allen:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve High School Athletic Code.”

Vote – 4 yes;

J. Reilly – no

for the specific reason that the penalties are more severe for quitting a sports team than the penalties for illegal behavior

Motion by Mary Lou Allen, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on May 23, May 30, May 31, June 1, June 7, June 8, June 12, June 13, June 20, June 21, June 23, July 13 and August 15, 2017 and approve recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from meetings held on June 13 and July 26, 2017. Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve one way transportation from Remsen CSD to St. Leo’s Church, Holland Patent for Faith Formation program. Remsen CSD is reimbursed at the end of the school year for transportation costs.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Mary Lou Allen, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve conference attendance of Superintendent at New York State Council of School Superintendent conference September 24, 2017 at a cost of \$619.00.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve tax rates per thousand as follows:

Town of Russia	\$20.15513	
Town of Ohio	\$20.15513	
Town of Steuben	\$20.7793404	
Town of Boonville	\$33.59188	
Town of Forestport	\$23.71192	
Town of Remsen	\$39.5206980	
Town of Trenton	\$31.00789	Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mary Lou Allen:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Brian Parent as SBI Executive Committee member and James Reilly as alternate.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare the following inventory as surplus items and direct that said items be disposed of:

1 Kitchen Steamer – 3 door Vulcan	
1 Kitchen Kettle – 40 galloon Vulcan	
Obsolete/broken Music Equipment	Unanimous vote

Motion by James Reilly, second by Sonya Murray:

WHEREAS, Section 30-2.9 of the rules of the NYS Board of Regents requires certification of Lead Evaluators for the purpose of conducting evaluations of teachers and principals in accordance with the requirements of Section 3012-c of the NYS Education Law, which governs annual professional performance reviews; and

WHEREAS, the individuals identified below have successfully completed the training requirements prescribed under Section 30-2.9(b) of the Rules of the NYS Board of Regents; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby certify that the following individuals have successfully met the requirements prescribed by the NYS Board of Regents as qualified lead evaluators:

1. Rebecca Dunckel-King
2. Dale Turner

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this certification has been issued in accordance with the process for certifying lead evaluators described in the Oneida County BOCES annual professional performance review plan. Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Brenda Carnright of Remsen, NY as substitute bus driver.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mary Lou Allen:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Doretta Hapeman of Remsen, NY as substitute school monitor.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mary Lou Allen:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the leave of absence of Melissa Obernesser from on or about November 3, 2017 – January 29, 2018.” Unanimous vote

Motion by James Reilly, second by Mary Lou Allen:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve medical leave of Scott Jones from September 5, 2017 until on or about October 2, 2017.” Unanimous vote

Discussion of substitute teacher pay rates from surrounding areas and the difficulty of securing substitutes.

Motion by Mary Lou Allen, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve pay rates for substitute teachers as follows: \$100.00 per day for certified and \$90.00 per day for uncertified.” Unanimous vote

Information and correspondence given to Board of Education as follows:

- SBI Workshop - The Impact of Poverty on your Students & School Community
- SBI – Bus Transportation to NYSSBA Convention
- Enrollment for the 2016-2017 School Year
- 2017-2018 RCS Calendar

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams to go into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for the sole purpose of discussion of personnel related item.

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mary Lou Allen to return to Regular Session at 10:04 p.m.

Motion by Mary Lou Allen, second by Mark Williams to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.