

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 12, 2019

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Dunckel-King, Kristy McGrath, Lou D'Ambro, Gary
Winghart, Catherine Chandler, Kevin Roberts, Thomas Waldron,
members of the RCS faculty, students and community members

Mary Lou Allen, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Mindgram Presentation given by Julia Cooper and Lauren Haley-Platt. Mindgram is a senior project that showcases college and career readiness in our students. This project requires collaboration, communication, critical thinking and problem solving. Students will need to create resume and cover letter as well as go through interview process.

Questions & Concerns from the Public – Timothy Skermont asked about truck incident while snowplowing. Mr. Skermont believes staff who use district equipment should be trained .

Motion by James Reilly, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on February 26, 2019; approve agenda dated March 12, 2019 with the following addition – Retirement Notice - Charlene Wilcox.” Unanimous vote

Motion by James Reilly, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s Report, Budget Status Report for period ended January 31, 2019; accept Revenue Budget Status Report, Appropriation Status Report, Capital Fund Appropriation Status Report and Budget Transfers.” Unanimous vote

Mr. Reilly had correction to the February 26, 2019 board minutes: “Question about moisture in the cafeteria floor” should have more information.

Discussion about Budget Transfer of \$8,000 for grounds maintenance supplies. Amount budgeted for rock salt for the 2018-2019 was too low. Question if there is any salt left for next year.

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following:

- 1958 wing/technology wing – contractors working on punch list items
- Ag room – countertops and cabinets should arrive this week
- Bathrooms completed except for ADA hardware
- Doors must be fire rated
- Hot water supply to this wing
- Boys Locker Room gutted – floor poured last week – locker bases began yesterday
- Locker room benches sanded down and will be refinished vs purchasing new ones
- Elementary School – contractors began work for the new fire alarm system

Mr. Reilly questioned new lighting in the media center.

Transportation Report given by Tom Waldron included:

- DOT bus inspection
- No issues with bus routes
- Spring Refresher on March 13th for drivers and monitors
- Bus Safety drills – March 27th
- Thank you to Town of Remsen for moving parking lot snowbanks
- Discussion of tractor purchase – recommends L6060 model

Superintendent's Report given by Rebecca Dunckel-King included:

- NYSCOSS highlights
- Rural Schools
- Farm to School Initiative
- Wellness Policy

Kristy McGrath gave her JSHS Principal's Report together with Student Council rep Christa Fransman:

- March 5th – End of marking period
- March 15th – Superintendent's Conference Day
- Junior High All County will be held this week-end at Westmoreland CSD with 11 of our students attending
- Science Fair – 10 students have been invited to participate in the Utica College Science Fair
- Modified Sports begin April 1st
- MVCC Open House – April 5th
- Elementary All County here April 5 & 6
- Joint Student Council fundraiser in both buildings for St. Jude's Research Hospital

Question asked about the cost per student to go on the Senior Trip. Mrs. McGrath will report back to the Board on this issue.

Question asked about Rambow Award – Mrs. McGrath did survey and most staff are in favor of this award which allows the winner to park in front of the school for the month.

Gary Winghart gave his report to the Board which included:

- Read Across America
- End of second trimester March 8th
- Parent/teacher conferences will be held March 13 & March 14
- Evening of Excellence – March 25th

Board President's Report given by Mary Lou Allen included:

- Attended Teacher Center Resource Center meeting
Teacher Center continuing PLCs
March Book Study
Committee of 100
- OHM SBI – Student Achievement Award
- Executive Session policy and Terms of Office for Board Members policy to be reviewed by Policy Committee as well as Building Useage policy

Mr. Reilly will be attending the Remsen Town Board meeting March 13th.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on February 1, February 26 and February 27, 2019; and accept recommendations of the Committee on PreSchool Special Education from meetings held on February 28 and March 4, 2019. “ Unanimous vote

First read of the following Board of Education policies:

- #2002 – Number of Board Members and Terms of Office
- #8500 – Special Education Programs and Services
- #8501 – Pre-Referral and Declassification Teams
- #8502 – Programs for Students with Disabilities Under Section 504
of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- #8503 – Independent Educational Evaluations
- #8503.1 - Independent Educational Evaluations Regulation
- #8504 – Preschool Special Education

Motion by Brian Parent, second by James Reilly:

WHEREAS, section 103(16) of the General Municipal Law authorizes any officer, board or agency of a county, political subdivision or any district therein to make purchases of apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies, or to contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies through a process known as “piggyback” purchasing; and

WHEREAS, “piggyback” purchasing is defined as purchasing through the use of an existing contract made by the United States of America or any agency thereof, any state or any other county or political subdivision or district therein, if such contract was made available for use by other government entities, and made through competitive bidding consistent with state law, which may include contracts let on the basis of “best value” as defined in section 163 of the state finance law; and

WHEREAS, use of “piggyback” purchasing does not negate applicable minority and women-owned business enterprise program mandates or the preferred source requirements of section 162 of the state finance law; and

WHEREAS, the Remsen Central School District wishes to adopt the option to use “piggyback” purchasing to allow the District greater flexibility and cost effectiveness;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District hereby authorizes Board Policy Number 4501 to be revised to allow the use of “piggyback” purchasing in compliance with General Municipal Law §103(16);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District hereby authorizes such purchases through contracts let by “best value” determination, in accordance with General Municipal Law §103(16) and Board Policy Number 4501.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve revised policy 4501 which has the following addition: ‘J. Purchases may be made through the use of an existing contract let by the United States of America or any agency thereof, any state or any other county or political subdivision or district therein, if such contract was made through competitive bidding or beset value purchasing consistent with state law and made available for use by other government entities, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103(16). The Board will acquire from the government entity that originally made the contract a copy of the contract and a copy of the advertisement for bids to ensure that the contract was competitively bid and made available for use by other government entities.’

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Retirement Notice of Laurie Woolheater, teacher assistant, with regret and appreciation for her many years of service to the district, effective June 30, 2019.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Retirement Notice of Charlene Wilcox, teacher assistant, with regret and appreciation for her many years of service to the district, effective June 30, 2019.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012(2) of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Jennifer LaBella be appointed on tenure to the position of teacher in the Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) tenure area, who holds a valid New York State Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in the aforesaid tenure area, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District does hereby make this appointment effective September 1, 2019.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012(2) of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Amy Piaschyk be appointed on tenure to the position of teacher in the Childhood Education Grades 1-6 tenure area, who holds a valid New York State Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in the aforesaid tenure area, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District does hereby make this appointment effective September 1, 2019.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Sara Head of Whitesboro, NY as uncertified substitute teacher at a daily rate of \$90.00.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Crystal Graves of Remsen, NY as School Bus Attendant (Substitute) at an hourly rate of \$11.10.” Unanimous vote

Information & Correspondence given to the Board for their information included the following:

- Special BOE Meeting – April 23, 2019 – for the sole purpose of voting on the OHM BOCES Budget and election of BOCES Board Members
- SBI – School Community Showcase – March 28, 2019
- OHM BOCES – Annual Dinner Meeting – April 3, 2019

Motion by Brian Parent, second by James Reilly to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.