

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2019– 7:00 P.M.

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, Thomas Waldron,  
Kevin Roberts, Kelly Runniger, Debbie Roscup,  
Carlleen Taylor, Timothy Jenny,

Meeting called to order by Mary Lou Allen, Board President, at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Social Studies Presentation to the Board of Education included:

- Debbie Roscup discussed Social Studies in PreK and Kindergarten. Program begins with learning about famous people and different cultures in our world. They use Buzz and supplement with Scholastic News.
- Nicole Brockway discussed the 7 & 8 grade programs. It is a two year sequence arranged chronologically. Use of differentiated instruction, skill building and reading comprehension. Collaboration with ELA Department. Mock Trial in 3<sup>rd</sup> year of competition.
- John Bunker teaches grades 9 and 10. New Regents exam. Guides students through the thought process
- Sheila Martin teaches grade 11 – US History & Government. Students must pass Regents exam and successfully complete the course. Mrs. Martin also teaches Economics which is a ½ year course required by NYS for graduation.

Mr. Reilly asked Mrs. Martin if her teaching resources are adequate. Mrs. Martin uses older textbooks but has access to computer web sites for instruction.

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on December 11, 2018 and approve agenda dated January 8, 2019.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s Report and Budget Status Report for period ended November 30, 2018; accept Revenue Budget Status Report, Appropriation Status Report, Capital Fund Appropriation Status Report and approve budget transfers.”

Unanimous vote

Transportation given by Tom Waldron included the following:

- Six buses scheduled to be inspected on January 9 including Bus 94 which was involved in accident last fall.
- If DOT puts “out of service” sticker on a bus, the bus cannot be driven to a repair facility for repair. It must be towed to the facility.
- No route issues. Bus safety drills completed with next one taking place in March

Mark Williams asked Tom if he had received estimates on tractor. Jim Reilly asked if the tractor was included in the five year replacement plan

Kevin Roberts gave Facilities Report which included:

- High School Safety Issues which included outside lighting and exit sign lights have been completed.
- Classroom maps and evacuation plans are in the process of being completed.
- Stage lighting needs replacing as does the sound system. Mr. Roberts stated that a back-up sound system should be in place.
- Maintenance requests submitted through emails
- Capital Project – Guidance Office completed with the exception of an interior door and window blinds. Home & Careers – waiting for cabinetry and ceiling completion. New bathrooms – waiting for floor tile. 58 wing – painting and wall tiling have started. Ag Classroom – ceiling completed. Exterior – LED lighting installed. Storage Building-framing. Elementary Floor in the cafeteria/gym will be replaced. Bid Opening – January 22, 2019

Superintendent’s Report given by Rebecca Dunckel-King included the following items:

- 2018 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Participation Rates Report
- Board of Education Goals Handout

Kristy McGrath, JSHS Principal, gave her report to the Board which included:

- Remsen won the plastic film challenge sponsored by Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority and will receive an appearance from a KISS DJ for lunch periods February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Drama Club will present Peter Pan on January 18 & 19 in the JSHS gym. Auditions held for the spring drama
- Snow Ball will take place on January 26<sup>th</sup>
- All County auditions will take place on January 9<sup>th</sup> at Westmoreland Schools.
- January 22-January 25 Regents Exams will take place with the end of the marking period happening on January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- January 31 – Info Night for Families with School Counselor
- Cabin Fever will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Elementary students will go to the high school for morning activities.
- Student Council Hall Decorating Contest won by the Sophomore Class.

Gary Winghart gave Elementary Principal's Report which included:

- Pre K Report
- Polar Express – Grade 2
- Christmas Concert held on December 19<sup>th</sup>
- Evening of Excellence held on December 17<sup>th</sup>
- Remsen teachers will be participating in BOCES NYSED Exam Item Writing

Mary Lou Allen, Board President, reported on the following:

- SBI – Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) workshop attended by Mrs. Allen and Ms. Dunkel-King

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on December 31, 2018.”

Unanimous vote

(Note: Paperwork from January 8, 2019 not received so Board of Education unable to approve recommendations from the January 8, 2019 meeting).

First read of the following policies:

0015 – Nondiscrimination in Public Accommodations

6600 – Prohibition of Discrimination and Harassment (Including Sexual Harassment) in Employment

7203– Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying

7204– Nondiscrimination in Educational Services

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, table until February 12, 2019, the resolution to delete the following policies:

8013	Census – Replaced by 7000
8014	Initial Kindergarten Enrollment – Replaced by 7001
8015	Non-Public Schools
8016	High School Handbook
8020	Incidental Teaching – Replaced by 6100
8030	MORIC Acceptable Use Policy – Replaced by 5401
8030.1	District Internet Authorization Form
8030.2	Teacher Internet Authorization Form
8031	Acceptable Use of Technology – Replaced by 5401
8040	Grade Eight Acceleration
8042	Grading System – Grades 7-12
8044	Alternate Ways of Earning Credit
8045	Students Making Up Failed Courses
8047	Class Membership-Homeroom Placement
8068	Travel Study Program
8071	Adult Education
8072	Community Resource Person
8073	BOCES Advisory Committee for Vocational Education

8074	Remsen Elementary Physical Education Instruction Policy
8076	Grants and Scholarships Awarded to Graduating Seniors
8101	Equal Access to Diploma
8103	Assignment of Surrogate Parents
8104	Exemption from Second Language Requirements
8152	District Responsibilities Under Chapter I/PSEN Program

Motion by Mark Williams, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Alissa Lawson of Cold Brook, NY as certified substitute teacher at the rate of \$100.00 per day.” Unanimous vote

Motion by James Reilly, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Shelly VanDusen as girls modified basketball coach.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Chelsea Blovat as girls modified basketball coach.” Unanimous vote

Copy of letter written to Governor Cuomo given to board members for their information.

Motion by Sonya Murray, second by James Reilly to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. for the sole purpose of completing the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams to return to Regular Session at 9:30 p.m.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m.