

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JUNE 9, 2020

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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Allen, James Reilly, Mark Williams, Brian Parent, Stephanie Karis

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, Kristy McGrath, Gary Winghart, Kelly Runniger,
Kevin Roberts, Adam DeGrace, Catherine Chandler

Meeting called to order by Mary Lou Allen, Board President, at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held May 12, 2020; approve agenda dated June 9, 2020 with the following additions:
7.3- Amend the Superintendent’s Employment Agreement and 7.4-Appointment of Business Administrator.”
Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, 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 April 30, 2020; accept Revenue Budget Status Report and Appropriation Status Report; and approve budget transfers.”
Unanimous vote

Elementary Principal’s Report given by Gary Winghart included the following items:

- End of Year Information – Students’ personal items delivered by June 5
- Last Day of School – June 16
- 6th Grade graduation video will be made public June 17
- Report Cards will be sent home June 23
- Gifts Bags delivered to 6th graders by Mr. Jenny and Mr. Winghart. These gift bags included items donated by RCS faculty and staff and the Remsen PTG.
- 6th Grade Graduation Ceremony will be a video version which will be shown on YouTube Wednesday, June 17th at 6:30 p.m.
- Water Safari Reading Challenge – many of our students completed 6 hours of reading which earned them a certificate to Water Safari in Old Forge, NY.

JSHS Principal’s Report given by Kristy McGrath included the following:

- Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Top 10 for Class of 2020 news release
- Seal of Biliteracy – four Remsen students earned the Seal of Biliteracy- Thomas Natalini (Spanish) and Amber Palen, Kirsten Waterbury and Sydney Boucher (French)
- Thank you to Sydney Boucher for her role as student representative to the Board of Education
- May 28-June 3 – Students came to school to clean out lockers, return completed work, library books and sports uniforms. Final learning packets picked up as well

as Senior caps and gowns.

- June 8 – June 11 – Drop-off bin outside school for students to drop off any remaining hard copy work for grading.
- June 16 – last day of school for students and teachers and last day for lunch delivery
- June 17 – Return date for chromebooks, hot spots and graphing calculators.
- June 22/June 23 – Report cards mailed
- No in-person summer school and August Regents canceled
- Graduation scheduled for June 28th. Zoom meeting scheduled for June 15th for all seniors to hear exact graduation plan

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following:

- Smart Bond Project – still waiting for card access reader to be powered at HS kitchen door
- Capital Improvement Project – looking at Phase II of current project. Facilities committee agreed improvements of underground fuel storage tank and HS stage are top priority. Looking into storm water drainage issues at rear of elementary building.
- Current Capital Outlay Project – HS Health & Fitness Center renovation project almost complete. We are working with K2 and Priore Construction on cost of adding new door, mirrors, and hallway flooring replacement on ramp area leading from front lobby to the Health & Fitness Center.
- Previous Capital Outlay Projects – BR Johnson has ordered replacement exterior doors at the high school which had delamination issues.
- Custodial/Maintenance crew on normal summer hours as of June 8, 2020.

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace which included the following:

- Next round of bus inspections will be June 17th.
- Bus Fleet updates – our fleet in great condition and ready for service. Parts inventory and supply list for next school year completed.
- Bus Driver – all drivers are current on their physicals and DOT requirements.
- Recall of bus fuel heaters – the heaters are disabled until they are fixed. Leonard Bus Sales and Cummins dealer will be taking care of the recall.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on May 8, May 11, May 13, May 14, May 15, May 18, May 19, May 21, May 27, May 28, May 29, June 1 and June 2, 2020.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education establish a sub-fund within Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District authorizes the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve or TRS or ERS Reserve up to an amount that leaves the unapplied fund balance at 4% of the subsequent year’s budget effective June 30, 2020.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the dates for regular Board of Education meetings for the 2020-2021 year as follows:

July 14

October 13

January 12

April 13

August 11
September 8

November 10
December 8

February 9
March 9

May 11
June 8
Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Contract for Rental of Facilities for one classroom to be used for Distance Learning purposes, said annual rental fee to be \$1,000.00.”
Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request for unpaid leave of absence of Laura Boyd from September 2 – September 28, 2020.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Lou D’Ambro effective June 30, 2020.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District amend the Superintendent’s Employment Agreement between the Board of Education and Timothy Jenny as follows: Paragraph 3 titled “Term of Employment” shall be modified to extend the term of this agreement through June 8, 2025.” Unanimous vote

Motion by James Reilly, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District, pursuant to Education Law, upon the recommendation of Timothy Jenny, Superintendent of Schools does hereby appoint John McKeown of Rome, NY who holds a valid NYS certificate permitting him to serve as a business administrator in the public schools of New York State, to the position of Business Administrator, in the tenure area of Business Administrator, for a probationary period of three years, to commence on July 1, 2020 and to expire on June 30, 2023.” Unanimous vote

Motion by James Reilly, second by Brian Parent to go into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. for the sole purpose of discussion of the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis to return to Regular Session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.