

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Budget Work Session took place from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Jenny, Kristy McGrath, Gary Winghart, Lou D'Ambro, Catherine Chandler, RCS staff members, RCS students and members of the Remsen community

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

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Seal of Biliteracy Presentation – Michele Izzo and Laura Holmes Boyd –LOTE teachers – New York State Seal of Biliteracy recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing in one or more languages, in addition to English.

Motion by James Reilly, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on January 14, 2020 and approve agenda dated February 11, 2020.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by James Reilly, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s and Budget Status Reports for period ended December 31, 2019; accept Revenue Budget, Appropriation Status and approve Budget Transfers.”

Unanimous vote

Elementary Principal, Gary Winghart, gave his report which included the following:

- Upcoming Events – Valentine’s Day and Cabin Fever Fest – February 14<sup>th</sup>
- Subaru “Love to Learn” – Carbone Subaru of Utica donated \$2,000 worth of science related picture books and novels to the district on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Recorder and Band Concert was held on January 29<sup>th</sup>
- One School One Book reading event
- Young Rams Program – Nicole James

Kristy McGrath, High School Principal, gave her report which included the following:

- Upcoming Events – Cabin Fever Fest and DJ on February 14<sup>th</sup>
- Science Fair for grades 7 and 8 – March 4<sup>th</sup>

- Wizard of Oz Drama Club performance – March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
- English Regents results

Athletic Director's Report, given by Dale Dening, included the following:

- New uniforms purchased for modified boys basketball teams
- Senior Nights celebrated for Varsity Volleyball – Amber Palen and Varsity Basketball – Isiah Furman-Houck and Brandon Murphy
- Class D Sectionals
- Student Leadership Conference hosted by Cooperstown Central School
- Coaches vs. Cancer Event successful – raised over \$1,000.00 for the ACS
- RCS awarded grant of \$2600 through Ed Wadas Foundation for new scorer's table

Facilities Report, given by Kevin Roberts, included:

- Smart Bond Project – waiting for equipment to complete card access system
- Smart Bond Project - Day Automation on site programming new camera system
- Capital Improvement Project – construction crews working on punch list items. District has own list of items not yet completed and/or warranty issues. List forwarded to King & King
- Current Capital Outlay Project – Weight Room – custodial crew worked February 1<sup>st</sup> to demo parts of the current weight room.

Transportation Report was given by Scott Ziegler and included the following:

- DOT inspection on February 11<sup>th</sup>
- Transfinder training scheduled for February 18 & 19

Jack Roepnack of Construction Associates gave his report which included:

- Punch list items to be completed during mid-winter break
- Items related to air conditioning will be completed in warmer weather
- SC Spencer has minor repair work on connecting road where fiber optic conduit was installed.
- Camera wiring due to be installed February 10<sup>th</sup> with cameras to be brought online thereafter.
- Aluminum storefront door repair to be completed over mid-winter break.

Discussion of pay rates for substitute teachers (Remsen is \$90/day for uncertified and \$100/day for certified).

Discussion of Board of Education Policy # 2002 – Board Members' Term of Office – Board members currently serve a five year term. Question and discussion of three year vs. five year terms. Decision for now is to keep the five year term.

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 January 17, January 22, January 27, January 28, January 30, and February 4, 2020; and accept recommendations of the Committee on PreSchool Special Education from meetings held on January 27, 2020.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

**WHEREAS**, the Madison-Oneida BOCES renders services to its component and other school districts and BOCES which include the provision of certain cooperative purchasing services, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the plan of a number of school districts and BOCES to participate in a joint request for proposals (“RFP”) to secure services to test and analyze for lead in water at school facilities in order to comply with NY State regulatory requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Madison-Oneida BOCES agrees to administrate and facilitate the joint proposal process on behalf and for the benefit of the participating school districts and BOCES; and

**WHEREAS**, the participating school districts BOCES will utilize a Committee, comprised of an appointed representative of each, to assume the oversight responsibility for drafting specifications, advertising for the RFP, accepting and opening vendor responses to the RFP, tabulating and analyzing vendor responses to RFP, and make recommendations to the Madison-Oneida BOCES for award or rejection of the proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board of Education wishes to participate in this joint RFP and appoint a district administrator as a member of the Committee, all in accordance with the Board of Education’s powers and as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o and other relevant laws, and pursuant to the terms of a participation agreement; now therefore, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Remsen Central School District Board of Education hereby agrees to participate in the joint RFP to secure services to test and analyze for lead in water at school facilities in order to comply with NY State regulatory requirements for the fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that Timothy Jenny, Superintendent of Schools, is hereby appointed as representative on the Committee in all matters relative to the joint RFP; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Remsen Central School District Board of Education hereby authorizes an agreement to participate in the joint RFP and for the Madison-Oneida BOCES to administer the process for the joint RFP, and specifically authorizes the Madison-Oneida BOCES to 1) receive and review vendor proposals, 2) award the proposal according to the recommendations of the Committee, unless all proposals are rejected, and 3) to take such action as deemed necessary on behalf of the participants to secure the successful proposal terms for use by the participants during fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately. Unanimous vote

Discussion of possibility of Girls Modified Basketball Program for 2020-2021

Motion by Brian Parent, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve combining contract with Adirondack Central School District for Varsity Football for the 2020-2021 season.”

Unanimous vote

Discussion of Modified Basketball Coaches for 2020-2021 (one coach for both teams or coach for each team)

Motion by Brian Parent, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Temporary Use Agreement with County of Oneida for use of voting machines for May 2020 election.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following policies which have been recommended for approval by BOE Policy Committee:

- 1002 Visitors to the School
- 1005 Use of School Buses by the Community
- 1100 Records Management
- 1101 Public Solicitation and Advertising in the Schools
- 1300 Policy for Handling and Disseminating Identifying Information Received Regarding Sex Offenders
- 1400 Policy on Constitutionally Protected Prayer in the Schools
- 1500 Communication from the Public and Public Complaints
- 1600 School Sponsored Media

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education remove Policy # 1006 – Golden Pass Policy.”

Regulations for your information which are approved by Superintendent:

- 1100.1 Public Access to Records
- 1200.1 Annual Notification of Teacher Qualifications

Vote-4 yes; 1 no

Motion by James Reilly, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Thomas H. McDonald of Remsen, NY as uncertified substitute teacher.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Christine Walker of Remsen, NY as a substitute bus driver at an hourly rate of \$18.22 per hour.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Sarah Walker of Remsen, NY as a substitute bus driver at an hourly rate of \$18.22 per hour.”

Unanimous vote

Items given to the Board for their information included the following:

- Fiscal Stress Information
- BOCES Annual Meeting – April 1, 2020

Board Forum – Good communication; increase in community involvement in school; positive newsletters.

Motion by James Reilly, second by Brian Parent to go into Executive Session at 8:40 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 10:34 p.m.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 p.m.