

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING & BUDGET WORK SESSION
JANUARY 14, 2020

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Allen, James Reilly, Mark Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Parent, Stephanie Karis

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, Kristy McGrath, Gary Winghart,
Lou D'Ambro, Catherine Chandler, Dale Dening,
Kevin Roberts, Jack Roepnack, Scott Zeigler,
Debbie Roscup, Kelly Runniger, RCS students

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag recited by all present.

No public participation.

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Jim Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on December 6, 2019; approve agenda dated January 14, 2020 with addition of New Business Item # 6.5 – After School Program.” Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Jim Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s and Budget Status Reports for period ended November 30, 2019; accept Revenue Budget, Appropriation Status and Capital Fund Appropriation Reports; and approve Budget Transfers.” Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Question about budget transfer when cafeteria ovens were purchased.

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

- Upcoming Events
- Water Safari Reading Challenge
- One School One Book Reading Event where everyone reads the same book
- Assessment Prep/Computer Based Testing
- Christmas Events
- Evening of Excellence

High School Principal's Report given by Kristy McGrath and Brianna Williams – student rep - included the following:

- Upcoming Events
- Congratulations to Lauren Hazen on her recent marriage – she is now Mrs. Carpenter
- Guest speaker, Karen Torres, talked to 9-12 graders today on distracted driving. She is a road safety advocate and educator who founded ALL4UDAD. Presentation was funded by SADD.
- December 20, 2019 was holiday sweater day for students and staff. Staff v Students Volleyball tournament took place in the afternoon. Students treated to hot cocoa served by Mr. Jenny along with cookies made by Family and Consumer Science classes.
- Mrs. Nebush, Guidance Counselor, will be holding an information night for parents of 8th, 9th and 10th graders on January 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the HS Media Center.

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

- Modified Volleyball finished season before Christmas break
- Modified Boys Basketball began practice on Monday, January 6th, with a total of 18 participants. Mr. Dening suggested having two coaches for the 2020-2021 season at the modified level due to number of participants and the differences in game play and rules.
- Attendance at JV/Varsity Basketball games has been low-fair in numbers. Attendance at JV/Varsity Volleyball games has been excellent.
- Officials Appreciation Week January 13-17. All officials will be recognized at this week's games.
- Coaches v. Cancer will take place January 27th
- JV Volleyball will participate in tournament on January 18th at Frankfort-Schuyler
- RCS awarded \$2600 through a grant by the Ed Wadas Foundation for a new scorer's Table in the gym for basketball and volleyball

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included:

- Smart Bond Project wrapping up – all new data lines and new switches installed
- Waiting for parts for several exterior doors to finish card access system
- Construction crews working on punch list items.
- Areas with leaks – elementary skylight areas, high school stage and high school bus unloading hallway – PTL Roofing and Utica Glass have been on site to address these issues.
- Commissioning of new HVAC systems to verify proper operation still underway.
- Schmalz Mechanical Corp. working to bring new unit ventilators at the elementary building up to spec by installing insulating materials and resetting units. Trane onsite reprogramming some controls to further alleviate freeze up alarms.
- New ovens installed in kitchen. Discovered inadequate wiring and Spencer Electric took care of it properly. Working on replacement plan for other kitchen equipment as it is old and in some cases unsafe.
- Maintenance issues caught up during the two week holiday break.

Superintendent Jenny introduced Scott Zeigler to Board of Education members and audience.

Transportation Report given by Mr. Zeigler included these items:

- Five buses due for inspection January 17th
- Remsen registered on Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Administration Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse
- 19A training and testing will be done by Mr. Zeigler

Mrs. Allen welcomed Mr. Zeigler to the district and hopes he has a long relationship with the school.

Construction Manager's Report given by Jack Roepnack as follows:

- Mechanical Commissioning in progress and should wrap up at end of month
- Schmalz Mechanical and Trane have been working diligently to resolve all issues.
- Site work complete for GC contract. SC Spencer has minor repair work on connecting road where fiber optic conduit was installed.
- Storage building complete and in operation
- High School weight room complete and ready for upcoming capital outlay project.
- High School aluminum storefront door repair material due at the end of January with completion by early February
- High School electrical removals complete for both projects
- Elementary School work complete with minor punch list work remaining
- Elementary School aluminum storefront door repair material due at the end of January with completion by early February
- Elementary School electrical removals complete for both projects
- Smart Bond Project – camera and new intercoms should be operational by January 14th. Door Access is in use at the three main buildings. Hardware for rear HS Gym entry door and the rear door at the ES 1989 wing due 1/20 and should have access control installed by the end of the month.

Motion by Jim Reilly, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on December 5, December 6 and December 13, 2019; and accept recommendations of the Committee on PreSchool Special Education from meeting held on December 20, 2019.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Jim Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following policies as Recommended for approval by BOE Policy Committee:

- 0011 Code of Ethics for All District Personnel
- 0012 Instruction and Employment of HIV-Infected Individuals
- 0015 Nondiscrimination in Public Accommodations
- 0021 Tobacco, Nicotine and E-Cigarette Use Prohibited
- 6201 Drug-Free Workplace Policy

0015.1 Report of Possible Discrimination or Harassment Regulation
(For your information – Regulations are approved by Superintendent)

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Board of Education Policy #2002 – Number of Board Members and Terms of Office – discussion on whether the term should be changed from five year term to a three year term. This item will be discussed at the February 2020 meeting.

Motion by Jim Reilly, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve scope of work as outlined in Remsen Elementary School HVAC BEMS Scope – NYSERDA RTEM Addendum.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Healthy Kids After School Program discussion.

Motion by Jim Reilly, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the “Young Rams” after school program beginning January 21, 2020.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Jim Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Joshua Prosser, cleaner, effective January 12, 2020, in order to accept appointment as Custodian.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Jim Reilly, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Joshua Prosser to the position of Custodian effective January 15, 2020, at an annual salary of \$27,769.00.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Jim Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Frank Mongiello, III of Remsen, NY to the position of Cleaner, at an annual salary of \$25,606.00, with an employment start date of January 21, 2020.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Jim Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Deborah Haynes of Clinton, NY and Michael Ferris of Whitesboro, NY as certified substitute teachers at the rate of \$100.00 per day; and approve Rachel Leach of Port Leyden, NY, Erin Corrigan of Remsen, NY and Nicole James of Forestport, NY as uncertified substitute teachers at the rate of \$90.00 per day.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

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

- SBI Legislative Forum – January 30, 2020
- Science Fair Technology Integration – Grant in the amount of \$1,941.00 for the purchase of a 3-D printer (which grant was written by Anne Reilly)

Board Forum – Mrs. Allen stated one evening when she was walking in the building, another walker stopped her and told her how impressed she was with the cleanliness of the building and how bright and welcoming it was.

Congratulations to faculty members who wrote the grants that we were given.

Shout out to Rayne Ives – The school won first place again this year in the Oneida County Recycling Challenge with 842 pounds of plastic film!

Carbone Subaru donating \$2,000 worth of books to our elementary school. Donation will take place on January 15th at 11:00 a.m.

Highlight of many on December 20th was Santa, cookies and hot cocoa for all.

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Jim Reilly to go into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for the sole purpose of discussing the mid-year evaluation of Superintendent of Schools

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Jim Reilly to return to Regular Session at 10:35 p.m.

Motion by Jim Reilly, second by Mark Williams to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 p.m.