

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

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, Kevin Roberts, Catherine Chandler, Dale Denning, Debbie Roscup, Kelly Runninger, Maureen Frye, Jessica Sbiroli, Amanda Kerr, Dean Lachut, Adam DeGrace

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

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Welcome to New Staff Members – Mr. Jenny introduced Adam DeGrace as the district's new bus mechanic. Amanda Kerr was introduced by Mr. Winghart.

Motion by Mark Williams, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held August 13, 2019 and approve agenda dated September 10, 2019.”

Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, 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 July 31, 2019; accept Revenue Budget Status Report, accept Appropriation Status Report; approve Budget Transfers; and accept Capital Fund Appropriation Report.”

Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Elementary Principal's Report given by Gary Winghart which included the following:

- Great start to the new school year
- Back to School Night
- Healthy Kids – 13 students in the after school program
- You're Special – People Matter
- Grades 3-8 Test Results
- 232 students in the Elementary School

High School Principal's Report given by Kristy McGrath included the following:

- Enrollment at the JSHS – 195 students
- Regents and State Exams
- Dual credit courses through MVCC
- 2019 rankings

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

- Roster numbers good for boys and girls varsity soccer and cross country teams
- Fall coaching certifications are up to date
- Practices running smoothly
- Uniforms in good shape
- Cross Country Meet on October 2nd (Senior Night for Cross Country Athletes)
- Main Soccer Field Update

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following:

- High School – Contractors finishing up loose ends. Trane working on HVAC programming. New rubber flooring installed in 1998 addition lower level leading to gymnasium. King & King working on punch lists.
- Elementary School – Some construction ongoing, mostly mechanical contractor. Trane working on new HVAC controls and programming. Still waiting for large air handlers which is delaying installation of some ceiling tiles and lighting. Custodial crew did great job of getting rooms ready for opening day. Work continued through Sunday of Labor Day week-end.
- Grounds – new site lighting operational. New track construction started week of 8/23 with weather hindering progress. Drainage completed behind elementary building.
- SandMaster System installed in softball field week of 8/23/19.
- Entire cafeteria and gym floor will be replaced by Roppe Flooring Company

Transportation Report given by Lou D'Ambro included the following:

- Transportation runs for first week of school went very well with minor adjustments
- DOT for buses 87, 90, 91 and 92 September 3rd with all passing inspection
- Bus drivers and monitors took mandated 2 hour refresher course offered at Holland Paten CSD.
- New buses scheduled to arrive in the middle of October

Construction Manager's Report given by Jack Roepnack included the following items:

- Site work at Elementary and High School complete and ready for punch list
- Softball Field – sod, lawn restoration and reinstallation of outfield fencing remain
- Athletic Track – rubber surface complete. Stripping is a few weeks out due to weather delays across the state.
- Storage Building in use by the district. Minor punch list work remains.
- High School – Girls locker room – windowsill remains to be installed
- Lower front entry and corridor – completion of rubber flooring in the areaway vestibule remains and new door hold opens. Entry ceiling EIFS is started.
- Domestic hot water piping complete and active
- New firm alarm active and certified for both buildings
- Elementary School – roof replacement complete. Firestone warranty inspection – 9/11
- Smart Bond Project – wiring for door access and cameras has started. Room survey completed to determine number of drops required in each JSBS room and sent to IBC for revision of drawings. Fiber optic cable has been installed between buildings.

Motion by James Reilly, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Audit Committee shall consist of all five Board members with monthly meetings beginning 15 minutes prior to start of regular board meeting.”

Vote – 2 yes;

Abstention – Mary Lou Allen

(Mrs. Allen feels entire BOE should vote on this)

Motion by James Reilly, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meeting held on August 8, 2019.”

Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept resignation of Thomas Waldron effective August 26, 2019.”

Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept resignation of Scott Jones as Grade 10 Class Advisor.”

Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Richard Gallo as Grade 10 Class Advisor.”

Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by James Reilly, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District, pursuant to Section 2509 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Timothy Jenny, Superintendent of Schools does hereby appoint Jessica Sbiroli of Utica, NY who holds valid NYS Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in the Special Education area in the public schools of New York State, to the position of Special Education teacher in said tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence on December 9, 2019 and to expire on December 8, 2023; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jessica Sbiroli, during her first year of this appointment be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the agreement between Remsen Teachers Association and the Board of Education at Step 4, Column C + Masters.”

Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Brittany Waterbury of Remsen, NY as modified girls soccer coach.”

Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jodi Richard as Grade 11 Co-Advisor.”

Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by James Reilly, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Chelsea Blovat as Grade 11
Co-Advisor.”
Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Sydney Boucher will serve as Ex Officio Student Member

School Boards Institute meeting will be held on September 19, 2019 with presentation entitled “Implementing SED Mandated Mental Health Initiatives and Delivery Options”. September 12th is reservation deadline. Mary Lou Allen will attend the September 19th meeting as well as the Executive Committee meeting on September 12th.

Board Forum

- Custodial and cleaning staff did an excellent job getting school ready for opening day.
- Kevin Roberts is to be commended for his thorough facilities reports and thinking ahead for the needs of the district.
- Elementary building open on Labor Day week-end for staff so that they could come in and prepare classrooms for first day of school.
- Administrative staff to be commended for opening the building to staff. Thank you.
- Mr. Jenny stated that the first day with students went great in both buildings. Shout out to administrative team (Kristy, Gary, Lou).
- Thank you to Lou for assistance with opening of school. Mr. D’Ambro stepped up to assist in the bus garage in the absence of supervisor.
- Gary and Kristy did excellent job with opening day and meetings with teachers.

Motion by James Reilly, second by Mark Williams to go into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for the sole purpose of discussion of a personnel related item.

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Mary Lou Allen to return to Regular Session at 9:52 p.m.

Motion by James Reilly, second by Mark Williams to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.