

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, Kristy McGrath, Lou D'Ambro, Catherine Chandler, Thomas Waldron, Kelly Runniger, Debbie Roscup, Dale Dening, Rayne Ives, Jack Roepnack of Construction Associates, Robert Batson

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

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Public Hearing on Code of Conduct for any input as part of the annual review process. Mr. Reilly mentioned Good Samaritan rule and feels it should be part of the Code of Conduct. Mr. Jenny discussed Code of Conduct and changes.

No public participation.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meetings held on July 9 with the following changes: page 7 – typographical error – change “outland” to “outlay” and add “2017 Capital Project – concrete pads” to Jack Roepnack’s report and July 30, 2019; and approve agenda dated August 13, 2019.”

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 June 30, 2019; accept Revenue Budget Status Report; Appropriation Status Report; approve Budget Transfers and accept Capital Fund Appropriation Report.”

Unanimous vote

Mr. Reilly asked

- When the transfer into the Reserve Fund would be completed. Mr. D'Ambro stated it would be done by October.
- BOE Reports have dates at top of July 2018 – June 2019 – these reports are current as of the date of run which is located at the bottom of the reports.
- Operation and Maintenance Salaries transfer – overtime salaries and retiree payout
- Capital Fund – Architect contract - \$29,706.46 transfer which transfer is for expenses paid by architect to sub-contractors.

- Waiver of architect fee for the cafeteria/gym floor – Mr. Reilly stated that the Board was told there would be a waiver of fee due to failure to have moisture test completed. Mr. D'Ambro unaware of fee waiver.

Mr. Winghart's written Principal's Report included the following items:

- Upcoming Events – Superintendent's Conference Days - September 3 & 4
Back to School Night – September 4 – 6:00-7:00 pm
Opening Day – September 5
- STEM/Steam Camps held weeks of August 5th and August 12th
- Professional Development

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

- Summer School Update
- Back to School Night - September 4th
- Summer Regents Exams
- Driver's Education

Mr. Reilly asked Mrs. McGrath about the master schedule. Mrs. McGrath stated schedule has been finalized and that staff knew in June what they would be teaching in September. Mr. Jenny mentioned that Mrs. McGrath was able to put band/chorus in the schedule as well.

Athletic Director's Report - Mr. Dening stated that sports practices would be starting next week. The Cross Country sports combo with Old Forge was approved. Tennis combo with Holland Patent and Poland approved. Remsen has one student trying out for tennis.

Kevin Roberts' written Facilities Report to the Board included the following:

- High School – moved several rooms – removed temporary walls in two rooms to make larger rooms. Repair, patching and painting ongoing in rooms and hallways. Safety issues # 1 priority. Annual summer cleaning ongoing while construction in progress.
- Storage Building – one settling issue with a binding interior door
- Elementary – construction in progress. Cleaning crews unable to do room cleaning and setup. Carpet cleaning will be done by outside contractor. Cafeteria/gym floor will be replaced. Major leak in media center August 7th due to roof penetration improperly covered.

Thomas Waldron's report to the Board included the following:

- Summer transportation ending August 16th
- Four buses scheduled for DOT inspection August 14th
- New mechanic working well
- Route sheets printed August 16th with postcards to be mailed August 26th.
- Soccer practice field set up
- School pick-up truck repaired and inspected
- New tractor should be here within the next two weeks

Jack Roepnack of Construction Associates gave his report to the Board which included:

- Elementary School – sidewalks near completion; asphalt paving set to start on August 19th for both schools. ES rear entry has new drainage installed and will be fine graded for sidewalk paving. Rubber roofing completed. Roof edge flashing remains to be completed. New Media Center skylights installed. New unit ventilators are being installed. Work on classroom exhaust fans and related ductwork progressing. Rig-All set new roof top heating and ventilating unit last Friday. New cabinets and sinks are being installed in 77 wing classrooms.
- High School – All major drainage work completed including concrete pads. Girls locker room is 95% complete. Lower front entry floor prep scheduled for Thursday. Domestic hot water piping changeover complete. New fire alarm active. New kitchen ceiling installed. Kitchen hood ducting requires reinsulating.
- Softball Field – “Sandmaster” drainage work for the outfield, sod, lawn restoration and reinstallation of outfield fencing are the only items left to complete.
- Smart Bond Project – Wiring for door access and cameras scheduled to start Wednesday. Room survey completed to determine number of drops required in each HS room. Fiber optic cable ordered and is expected to be installed between buildings prior to the start of the school year.
- 2019 Capital Outlay Project – manufacturer offered to replace cafeteria side of floor. This is unacceptable and architect has been informed the entire floor should be replaced. Reply from manufacturer pending.

Rayne Ives informed the Board that we have received a \$25,000 agriculture grant and she is looking into the purchase of a green house. A greenhouse supplier will meet with Rayne and Kevin Roberts to see if it’s a possibility. She is also looking at “Farmbot” which is small scale robotics for gardening for students.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Immunization and Dental Health of Students Policy #7101.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by James Reilly:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education re-adopt Student Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy which has been renumbered as Policy #7205.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve amendments to be added to the Code of Conduct.” Unanimous vote

No Committee on Special Education minutes.

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Brian Paren:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve tax rates per thousand as follows:

Town of Russia	\$20.39142
Town of Ohio	\$21.13100
Town of Steuben	\$22.6580405

Town of Boonville	\$33.98569	
Town of Forestport	\$24.56797	
Town of Remsen	\$40.78370	
Town of Trenton	\$32.88938	Unanimous vote

Discussion of NYS Comptroller’s Report – Claims Audit Process

School Boards Institute Executive Committee Members for 2019-2020 are Mary Lou Allen, representative and James Reilly as alternate representative.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Attendance Policy # 7007.”

Unanimous vote

Holland Patent CSD Agriculture students – Mrs. McGrath and Jason Evangelist of Holland Patent have been working on logistics for one HP student to attend Remsen for agriculture. A half day here and half day at HP did not work out. Both administrators looked at possible online and distance learning. Google classroom will be the best option as it can be done to fit the student’s schedule.

Board Committees for the 2019-2020 school year are as follows:

Facilities: Mark Williams and James Reilly

Policy: Mary Lou Allen and Brian Parent

Negotiations: Mary Lou Allen and Brian Parent

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams”

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Madison Williams of Prospect NY as certified substitute teacher.”

Unanimous vote

Board Forum

- Remsen Teacher Center and Barn FOTA helped provide STEAM camp for our students No students were turned away. Teachers donated their time.
- Jim Reilly thanked Tom Waldron for his work on buses and bus routes.
- Mural painted by Jodi Richard at former grocery store front wall looks great!
- Healthy Kids Program – after school program
- Wyatt Jones will be receiving his Eagle Scout award on August 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the Elementary School. It was also mentioned that Carl Fransman achieved his Eagle Scout award earlier this year.

Motion by Mark Williams, second by James Reilly to go into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. for the sole purpose to discuss 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 Jim Reilly to return to Regular Session at 9:58 p.m.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m.