

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JUNE 8, 2021

VIA VIDEO/WEB CONFERENCING DISTRICT WEBSITE LINK

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Allen, Brian Parent, Stephanie Karis, Patrick Nolan,
Mark Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Jenny, Gary Winghart, Dan O’Bryan, John McKeown,
Catherine Chandler, Dale Denning, Kevin Roberts, Adam DeGrace,
Kelly Runniger, Carlleen Taylor

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

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

No questions or concerns from the public at this time.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held
May 11, 2021 and approve agenda dated June 8, 2021.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept
Treasurer’s Report and Budget Status Report for period ended April 30, 2021;
accept Revenue Budget Status Report and Appropriation Status Report; and
approve budget transfers.” Unanimous vote

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

- Upcoming Events – June 10 –Senior Walk Through; June 18 –No School-Juneteenth;
June 22-Olympic Day; June 23-6th grade graduation; June 24-PreK Drive Thru Event;
June 25-Last Day of School; June 27-High School Graduation
- Elementary Science Day Activities – Lisa Davis from OHM BOCES prepared a variety
of fun, engaging science/nature themed activities for our students to enjoy. Material kits
delivered to classes on June 3rd. Classes have a week to work through the self-paced
activities. Projects included: Design Your Own Bird Nest or Bird Feeder; Make Your
Own Card Stock; Connect with Nature; Nature Walk
- End of Year Events/Activities –Senior Walk Through; Elementary Musical Performance;
Trimester 3 Awards; Olympic Day; Grade 6 Graduation and PK Drive-Thru Event

JSHS Principal, Dan O'Bryan, gave his report to the Board which included the following:

- June Events
- Recent Highlights and Celebrations – High School Drama Club completed their performance and production of "Objection! Disorder in the Court" a virtual play by Brianna Dehn at the end of May. Mr. Dangler and all involved deserve a standing ovation.
- Seniors have been completing their Senior Projects and presenting to a panel about real world challenges in their career fields of interest. Thanks to Ms. Haley-Platt and Mr. Glass for developing the project and its challenges.
- Seniors doing walk through Elementary School on June 10th followed by picnic.
- Prom will be held on June 12th at Delta Lake Inn with grand march on campus prior to the event.
- Regents Exams will begin on June 17th with limited number of exams offered this year.
- High School Graduation will take place on June 27th.

Athletic Director, Dale Denning, gave his report to the Board which included:

- Spring Sports – We made it through spring sports season without contracting one case of COVID-19 among our student athletes
- Senior Nights held for Golf and Track & Field
- Post-Season Schedule – Varsity Track on June 3rd; Class D Sectionals on June 10th; Golf - 2 athletes qualified for sectionals (Brian Secor and Ellie Secor)
- Athletic Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 15th
- Athletic Code of Conduct is being revised and updated.
- Coaches Appreciation Days May 18-May 20, sponsored by Section III

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts which included:

- Capital Improvement Project – Phase II – High School 10,000 gallon FRP Underground Storage Tank – Beaver's Petroleum & Alternate Fuels Co plan to be on site on Monday, July 5th to begin removal process of existing fuel tank and related piping. Delivery date for the FRP tank is July 12th. Project completion scheduled for mid-August.
- 2022 Capital Outlay Project – SED approval has been received for this project. Scope includes renovation of the old boys' locker room into a district records storage room and corridor improvements. Project to begin spring of 2022
- Previous Capital Outlay Projects – Special Lite has replaced 4 exterior doors at the JSHS that had warranty issues. Two of the doors are not closing tight. A Special Lite representative was on site March 30th and has determined there was an installation issue with the door frame. BR Johnson of Syracuse has agreed to make necessary adjustments to the frame. As of this date, BR Johnson has not been on site to complete work.
- NYS Lead in Drinking Water Testing – Water samples have been drawn from faucets in both buildings to conform to the Lead in Drinking Water Testing for the 2020-2021 school year. Results are due to SED and the Oneida County Health Department by June 30, 2021. OHM BOCES Safety Office recommends we test all faucets that could possibly be used for drinking or cooking purposes. Drinking fountains have been closed pursuant to NYS guidelines, but will be tested at a later date after they are put back into service.

- Maintenance/Custodial/Grounds – Craig Gallant, new grounds worker, doing a great job. Custodial crews are still very busy with cleaning and disinfecting of district buildings.

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace included the following:

- Inspections done on buses 88, 95, 97 and 98. All buses passed.
- Bus Fleet Updates – new bus scheduled for delivery on August 19th
- Bus Driver News – Rainer Beers passed road test. 19A files updated.
- Affidavit of Compliance filed with NYS DMV

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on May 7, May 10, May 11, May 12, May 17, May 18, May 19, May 20, May 21, May 24 and May 26, 2021 and accept recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from meetings held on May 13, May 17 and May 26, 2021.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 8, 2021 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF A SCHOOL BUS, AUTHORIZING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Remsen Central School District, New York, at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on May 18, 2021, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the specific object or purpose hereinafter described; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Remsen Central School District has undertaken or shall undertake certain capital expenditures, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. The Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$150,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the specific object or purpose described herein, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. The specific object or purpose to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as “purpose”) is the acquisition of one (1) 54-passenger school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$150,000.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum aggregate cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$150,000, (b) the Remsen Central School District plans to finance the cost of said purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance

of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to, and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. The Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$150,000, and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipating of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the Remsen Central School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 9. The faith and credit of the Remsen Central School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. And annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 10. The power to further authorize the issuance of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, whether to authorize the receipt of bids in an electronic format, and to sell and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same.

Section 11. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the

date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022 as follows: July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 5, April 26, May 10, May 17 (Budget Vote) and June 14; and be it further RESOLVED, that all board meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept results of the May 18, 2021 vote as follows: Budget (\$13,598,332) Yes-166 (158 +8 absentee) No-47 (44 +3 absentee); Bus Purchase – Yes 177 (169 + 8 absentee) No 36 (33 +3 absentee) Board Member – Jeannie Scouten 189 (181 + 8 absentee).”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Contractual Agreement between the Remsen Central School District and the Remsen Teachers’ Association for the period July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2026.”

Unanimous vote

Mr. Jenny read letter as follows: “Dear Remsen Teachers’ Association:

On behalf of the entire Remsen Central School District, the Board of Education, and our Remsen community, thank you. Thank you for your dedication, your work ethic, and your willingness to go above and beyond for our Remsen Rams. Thank you for working like you have never had to work before, through a pandemic that turned the world upside down.

The last two years have been like no others. However, in the midst of it all; adversity, loss, exhaustion, fear, and frustration, you never took your eye off the ball. Together we worked tirelessly to ensure that we could keep our students safely in-person the entire year. Together we learned. Together we struggled. Together, we persevered.

And as if all of that was not enough, you still took the time to thoroughly and thoughtfully develop and negotiate a new contract. The amount of time and energy that the RTA devoted to help produce the final agreement that we signed tonight is to be commended.

The District and the Board of Education understand and appreciate the compromises made by all to reach a thoughtful, responsible, and appreciative, 5-year contract.

Your overwhelming vote of approval for the new contract speaks volumes to your character, commitment, and support. More so, it is abundantly clear that the Remsen Teachers’ Association believes in Remsen Central School. Please know that we also believe in you!

With utmost respect and gratitude, Timothy Jenny, Superintendent”

First read of the RCS District Code of Conduct for 2021-2022

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the disposal of these surplus items: 2001 GMC 22 passenger bus and 55 gallons of Dextron III transmission fluid.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Rachael Cook of Poland, NY as substitute teacher.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept resignation of Lauren Haley-Platt effective June 30, 2021.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the notice of intent to retire of Catherine Chandler effective December 31, 2021.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“Be it RESOLVED that the position of Senior Account Clerk, a competitive class title in the NYS Civil Service system, be created effective June 8, 2021.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District hereby amends 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 7, 2026.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Contractual Agreement between the Superintendent of Remsen Central School District and the Elementary School Principal, Gary Winghart effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Contractual Agreement between the Superintendent of Remsen Central School District and the Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Daniel O’Bryan effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“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 Carlleen Taylor of Remsen, NY who

holds valid NYS Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in the English 7-12 area in the public schools of New York State, to the position of English 7-12 teacher in said tenure area for a probationary period of three years, to commence on September 1, 2021 and to expire on June 30, 2024; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carlleen Taylor, during her first year of this appointment be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the 2018-2026 agreement between Remsen Teachers Association and the Board of Education at Step 6, Column A.”
Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Joshua Prosser, Custodian, effective June 3, 2021.”
Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Dana Percia, effective June 30, 2021.”
Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jessica Sbiroli, effective June 30, 2021.”
Unanimous vote

No information/correspondence to share this meeting.

Board Forum: Mary Lou Allen thanked Mark Williams for his years of service to the district. He will be missed as board member. Brian Parent also thanked Mark for his service to the BOE and the community. Congratulations and thanks to Dale Dening for his work with our student athletes. Thank you to Mrs. Runniger for her work on the RTA contract.

Mr. Jenny thanked Mark for his service on the Board of Education. Students and staff are better off thanks to your efforts with both the BOE and Alumni Association.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to go into Executive Session at 7:50 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 Mark Williams to return to Regular Session at 9:14 p.m.

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

