

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MAY 11, 2021

VIA VIDEO/WEB CONFERENCING DISTRICT WEBSITE LINK

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Karis

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Jenny, John McKeown, Gary Winghart, Dan O'Bryan, (here at 6:15 PM) Kevin Roberts, Adam DeGrace, Catherine Chandler, Kelly Runniger, Dale Dening (here at 7 PM)

Virtual presentation of 2021-2022 Budget given by Superintendent Tim Jenny and School Business Administrator, John McKeown at 6:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

No public participation

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meetings held on April 13 and April 27, 2021, and approve agenda dated May 11, 2021.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s Report and Budget Status Report for period ended March 31, 2021; accept Revenue Budget Status Report and Appropriation Status Report; and approve budget transfers.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

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

- Classroom Updates – Since April 26th our Kindergarten groups have been combined into a single classroom so students and teachers are now together for the full school day. This change provides more instructional time and a “typical” school day experience for students. May 6th was our first day of offering in-person learning for all Remsen students Pre-K through Grade 12. Pre-K students have been learning remotely since the beginning of the school year.
- STEAM learning activities have been brought into Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms by Mrs. Lisa Davis using the book 6 Sticks by Molly Coxe. Students are challenged to use their imagination and creativity to build something with only 6 popsicle sticks. Mrs.

Davis reads the story to the class so they can compare and discuss their creations with the creations of the characters in the story.

- Book Vending Machine is now fully stocked thanks to our Remsen PTG and additional donations from Ms. Jodi Richard.
- NYS assessments in Math, ELA and Science will be administered this spring. Students in grades 4-6 will be taking the computer based assessments and our third grade students will be taking the paper-based assessment. May 10th will be 3-8 Math Assessment and June 7th will be Grade 4 Science Assessment.

Dan O'Bryan, High School Principal, gave his report which included the following:

- On Saturday, April 17th, Jodi Richard coordinated the Remsen community clean-up. Special thanks to her efforts for this project.
- First round of Pfizer COVID vaccination clinic was conducted April 24th with second dose scheduled for May 15th. Thanks to Kevin Roberts for coordinating facilities as well as Superintendent Jenny, Village Mayor Marty Flint and the Oneida County Health Department.
- NYS 3-8 ELA exam was conducted on April 26th which was the first time JSHS students completed exams via computer based testing.
- Mrs. Ives and the FFA held a plastic film recycling drop-off for Earth Day. Over 500 lbs. of plastic film was collected for recycling. Thanks to Mrs. Ives for planning event and Mr. DeGrace for assisting with collection and transportation.
- A Promethean ActivPanel Titanium has been available to teachers for their use of instructional technology in classes. They will compare other devices in the coming weeks.
- Senior Shadow Switch Day was held on May 7th

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

- Fall 2 Sports completed without contracting one case of COVID-19.
- Senior Nights held April 15, April 19 and April 20
- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athletes – NYSPHSAA honors teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. Team's average GPA for 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90%. Remsen qualified 5 out of 6 Varsity Teams for the Scholar-Athlete Team Certificate.
- Spring Sports – we are not offering a Modified or Varsity softball program this year due to low numbers
- Spring Sports Coaches are Scott Jones (JV Baseball), John Bunker (Boys Varsity Track), Amy Nelson (Girls Varsity Track) and Katey Secor (Varsity Golf)
- Center State Conference (including Remsen) sticking to 2 spectators/athlete for spring sports. This is for all track meets and baseball games.
- Coaches Appreciation Days – May 18 – May 20 – sponsored by Section III

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following:

- Phase II Capital Project – Meeting with Beaver's Petroleum, King & King and consulting engineers Barton & Loguidice. Beaver's Petroleum plans to be on site July 5th to begin

removal process of existing fuel tank, related piping and equipment. Beaver's has obtained July 12th delivery date for the fiberglass tank and estimates completion date to be mid-August.

- 2022 Capital Outlay Project – SED approval received for this project which will begin in the spring of 2022
- Previous Capital Outlay Projects – Special Lite has replaced 4 exterior doors at the JSHS which had warranty issues. Two doors still not closing tight which has been determined to be an installation issue.
- NYSED Lead in Drinking Water Testing – water samples have been drawn from faucets in both Elementary and JSHS buildings. Test results due to SED and Oneida County Health Department by June 30th. Water usage way down due to COVID-19 situation and drinking fountains all closed per NYS guidelines.
- Maintenance/Custodial/Grounds – Craig Gallant started his new position of grounds worker on April 29th. Custodial crews busy with cleaning and disinfection process as 100% of our students are back in classrooms.

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace included the following:

- No bus inspections this month.
- Bus Fleet Updates – Scheduled maintenance up to date. Working to resolve issues from 19-A audit which included years 2018, 2019 and early 2020.
- Bus Driver News – one driver out due to illness and one out due to death in family

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on April 13, April 15, April 16, April 19, April 21, April 22, April 26, April 27, April 28, April 29, April 30, May 3 and May 4, 2021; and accept recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from meetings held on May 5, 2021.”

Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law Section 2034(6)(b) that more than six months have elapsed since the June 9, 2020 school board election and budget vote; and there have been no challenges or proceedings commenced; that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District hereby authorizes the District Clerk to unseal and open the ballot box and destroy official ballots cast, spoiled, and unused in the June 9, 2020 Annual District Budget Vote and Board of Education Election.”

Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education establishes the Eleanor Nelson Morey Scholarship which gives a \$500 annual scholarship to a senior who has decided to pursue a teaching career.”

Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education establishes the Shortt and Sweet Scholarship which gives a \$300 annual scholarship to a senior who has decided to pursue a nursing career.”

Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jenny Tyre,
teacher aide, effective April 16, 2021.” Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Autumn Fasolino for
an unpaid leave day on June 1, 2021.” Vote-4 yes; 0 no

Information & Correspondence - Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election will be held on
May 18, 2021 from 1:00 – 8:00 PM in the Elementary School Cafeteria.

Board Forum Items from Mr. Jenny:

- Thank you to scholarship donors.
- We Are Remsen video to include all staff and students
- Congratulations to Valedictorian Morgan Jones and Salutatorian Jade Dening
- COVID-19 survey on district’s webpage
- Sundaes were served to staff in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week as well as School Nurse Week, Administrative Professionals Day, Custodian, Transportation and Cafeteria staff as well.

- Mary Lou Allen thanked the administrators, facilities and transportation supervisors for attending every board meeting to give their reports. It is much appreciated.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for
the purpose of discussion of RTA negotiations.

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Brian Parent to return to Regular Session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian Parent to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.