

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2021

VIA VIDEO/WEB CONFERENCING - DISTRICT WEBSITE LINK

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Parent

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, Gary Winghart, John McKeown, Catherine Chandler, Kevin Roberts, Adam DeGrace, Dale Denning, Kelly Runninger

Budget work session from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mary Lou Allen, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag recited by all present.

Public Hearing took place concerning the proposed revised District-wide school safety plan, containing pandemic protocols as required by an amendment to the law. The new section will be titled “Communicable Disease Public Health Emergency Continuation of Operations Plan.”

No public participation.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on February 9, 2021; approve agenda dated March 9, 2021, with the following additions: 7.9-Appointment of Substitute Teacher; 8.1-OHM BOCES Cooperative Board Replacement of Board Member; and 8.2-SBI Presentation.”

Vote- 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Mark Williams:

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

Vote- 4 yes; 0 no

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

- In School “Snow Days” held on February 25 & 26. K-2 students enjoyed snow tubing, making snow volcanoes and a warm cup of hot chocolate. Grades 3-6 participated in snow tubing, snowshoeing and cross country skiing and a warm cup of hot chocolate.
- March is Read Across America month. We celebrated the first week of March by participating in clothing themed days.

- March Reading Madness
- Thank you to our Transportation Department

High School Principal's Report given by Tim Jenny as Mr. O'Bryan had family commitment this evening. Items in Mr. O'Bryan's report were as follows:

- Remsen FFA celebrated National FFA Week
- National Math Works Math Modeling (M3) Challenge Competition
- Student Incentive Rams Ticket Drawing
- Remsen Middle School Science Fair
- All 7<sup>th</sup> graders returned to school March 8<sup>th</sup>
- Custodial Crew
- Remsen High School Family

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following:

- Capital Improvement Project – Phase II – We have received approval and SED building permits for Phase II. Bid opening conducted on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bids were higher than expected. King & King is reviewing them. There is still a question as to whether the underground fuel oil storage tank will be available on our timeline.
- 2021 Capital Outlay Project – delayed due to financial concerns
- Previous Capital Outlay Project – Special Lite has replaced 6 of the 9 exterior doors that had warranty issues. Still waiting for installation of the remaining 3 doors.
- Maintenance/Custodial/Grounds – Crews on stringent cleaning and disinfection schedule. Challenge at the high school as athletics beginning. Grounds worker position is being advertise as Mr. Levanti has resigned.

Transportation Report given by Adam Degrace included the following:

- Bus Inspections on buses 10, 92, 93, 89. Bus 92 did not pass due to “check engine” light coming on. Bus 92 will be inspected on March 11, 2021.
- Fleet in good shape. Bus 93 has been returned to service.
- Bus Driver news – All drivers up to date on qualifications. Mike from Oneida BOCES will come to Remsen and help with an internal audit of 19-A files.

Athletic Director's Report given by Dale Dening as follows:

- Winter Sports – practices going well. Modified Sports time schedule
- Live streaming of varsity home games – mixed reviews from community
- Cooperation with opponents regarding masks
- Senior Nights
- Winter coaches staying current with their certifications by getting COVID-19 testing every 14 days
- Appointment of new Modified Volleyball Coach for this season only – Greg Roos
- Fall 2 Sports beginning March 14 (Varsity) and March 29 (Modified)
- Fitness Room/Equipment
- Congratulations to our Senior Athletes

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meeting held on February 1, February 9, February 10 and February 11, 2021.”  
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, THAT THE Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of one (1) 54 passenger school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$150,000, less trade-in value, if any, and that such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$150,000 shall be issued, or the school district may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the school district to finance the purchase in that method.”  
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt required policy #0014 – Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathroom Facilities.”  
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Remsen Central School District Calendar for 2021-2022.”  
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Remsen Central School District nominates Mr. William Miller as the NYSSBA Area 5 Director for the next two year term effective January 1, 2022.”  
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the bid for audit services received from West & Company CPAs PC of Gloversville, NY in the amount of \$17,000.00 be accepted.”  
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

First Read of Board of Education Policy entitled “Communicable Disease Public Health Emergency Continuation of Operations Plan.”

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education award Fuel Equipment Contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Beavers Petroleum Equipment Co., Inc., of Horseheads, NY for the amount of \$339,986.00.”  
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept notice of retirement of Christine Prusak, effective June 30, 2021.”  
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Kelly Countryman for unpaid leave day on March 19, 2021.” Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept resignation of Carina Mettelman as Modified Volleyball Coach for the 2021 season.” Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Frederick Chilluffo of Camden, NY as certified long term substitute to fill vacancy created by leave of Lauren Carpenter effective February 25 – June 1, 2021.”  
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept resignation of Thomas Levanti, Grounds worker, effective March 12, 2021.” Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jodi Richard as Modified Volleyball Coach.” Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Gregory Roos as Modified Volleyball Coach.” Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Sean Hamlin as Boys Varsity Soccer Coach.” Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Tayah Hummel of Remsen, NY as substitute teacher, pending receipt of fingerprint clearance.”  
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Information and correspondence given to the Board for their information:

- OHM BOCES Cooperative Board – Replacement of Board Member
- SBI – March 18, 2021 Presentation

Board Forum

- Thank you for bringing the 7<sup>th</sup> graders back. Thank you to Gary for doing as much as you do to make the students’ day great.
- Thank you to everyone for bringing the 7<sup>th</sup> graders and Seniors back to school.
- Testament to all who have helped students stay in school since September
- Thank you to Mr. McKeown for all his hard work on next year’s budget

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Stephanie Karis to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.