

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Budget Workshop took place 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 recited by all present.

No public participation.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on December 8, 2020; approve agenda dated January 12, 2021 with the following addition: 7.7 – Request for Unpaid Leave Days.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, 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 November 30, 2020, Revenue Status and Appropriation Status reports and approve budget transfers.”

Unanimous vote

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

- Upcoming Events – January 12-14 – Computer Based Testing practice
January 18 – Martin Luther King Day; February 15-19-Mid-Winter Recess
February 22 – 100th Day of School
- Holiday Concert Celebration Video
- Evening of Excellence
- Computer Based Testing Simulation – Grades 3-8 ELA and Math assessments are planned to be administered in the Spring. Students from Remsen will take a brief, ungraded assessment and gain hands on experience with the online platform. This is scheduled for January 12-14.

Daniel O'Bryan, JSHS Principal, gave his report which included the following:

- National Honor Society induction ceremony via Zoom took place on December 16th. Molly Barton, Remsen alumna, delivered keynote speech describing how her experiences at Remsen and its NHS chapter helped prepared her for challenges of college and her future career.
- Senior athletes participated in Zoom ceremony on December 21st where they learned the new scoreboard would be dedicated to their sacrifices and altruism.
- Mr. Bunker has provided safe physical activity for students through Zoom Athletic Conditioning Program. Open for students in grades 7-12.
- Mrs. Izzo will be receiving over 15 books and other resources for her classroom project "Libros en Espanol". Project funded through Donors Choose organization.
- Student Council activities included Holiday Sweater Day and the delivery of Candy-Grams to all students and staff in JSHS building. Snowflake Scavenger Hunt will happen in January.
- Science Fair in the planning stages.

Facilities Report, given by Kevin Roberts, included the following:

- Capital Improvement Project – Phase II – Planning stage underway. While waiting for SED approval, we had to file an addendum for the underground storage tank which is taking additional time. Engineers have been onsite and discussing scope of work details.
- 2021 Capital Outlay Project delayed due to financial concerns. SED approval for this project has been received.
- Previous Capital Outlay Projects – Special-Lite has replaced 6 of the 9 exterior doors that had warranty issues. The remaining 3 doors should be replaced in Spring.
- Maintenance/Custodial/Grounds – New Ford dump/plow truck has been put into service. Four custodial team members out at once due to COVID-19 quarantine. Remaining custodial workers moved around for coverage. Several employees from other departments stepped up to assist with the cleaning and disinfecting of the buildings.

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace included:

- Bus Inspections – Buses 88, 95, 97 and 98 had DOT inspections and all passed.
- Bus Fleet Updates – fleet in good shape and periodic maintenance is caught up. With the help of new mechanic, we are tackling in depth work that was being sent out in the past.
- Bus Driver News – Bill Roberts returned to work from injury. Carole Blystone out on medical leave.

Dale Dening, Athletic Director, gave his report which included the following:

- Jade Dening – All State Honorable Mention-Cross Country
- Soccer scoreboard – On December 21, 2020, RCS held virtual dedication ceremony with the fall 2020 senior athletes. Scoreboard made by possible by the Edwin J. Wadas Foundation, was dedicated to the fall senior athletes and to their fellow outdoor athletes from the spring and fall 2020 seasons. Senior student athletes honored were Taylor Anderson, Brady Coe, Jade Dening, Ryan Graves, Hailey Jewett, Morgan Jones, Griffin Klossner, Dan Lehman, Madelyn McCormack, Hunter Prosser, Josh Rowlands, Kylie Singer, Emma Skermont, and Jamie Ultsch

- Fitness Center – we are still waiting for the arrival of equipment
- Winter Sports at Remsen “on pause” until further notice
- Center State Conference moving forward with bowling. High risk sports (Cheerleading, Basketball and Hockey) are still up in the air pending guidance from NYSPHSAA and Section 3. Alpine and Nordic skiing are beginning.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopt the following policies:

- Policy 2100 – Powers and Duties of the Board
- Policy 2101 – Annual Organizational Meeting
- Policy 2102 – Duties of the District Clerk
- Policy 2103 – Duties of the District Treasurer
- Policy 2104 – Duties of the Tax Collector
- Policy 2105 – Duties of the Extra-Curricular Treasurer
- Policy 2106 – Duties of the School Attorney
- Policy 2200 – Legal Qualifications of Voters at School District Meetings
- Policy 2201 – Annual District Meeting and Election
- Policy 2203 – Voting Machines
- Policy 2300 – Rules of Order for Board Members
- Policy 2301 – Regular Board Meetings
- Regulation 2301.1 – Agenda Format
- Policy 2302 – Special Meetings of the Board of Education
- Policy 2303 – Quorum of the Board
- Policy 2304 – Minutes
- Policy 2305 – Executive Session
- Policy 2306 – Public Participation at Board Meetings
- Policy 2307 – Board of Education Committees
- Policy 2400 – Policy Development
- Policy 3001 – District Organization
- Regulation 3001.1 – District Organization Chart
- Policy 3002 – Legal Status of the Superintendency
- Policy 3100 – Administrative Action in Absence of Board Policy
- Policy 3200 – Administrative Evaluation

Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on December 3, December 4, December 7, December 15, December 16 and December 18, 2020.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grant leave request of Lauren Carpenter from on or about February 25, 2021 through and including May 27, 2021.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept Notice of Intent to Retire of Debbie Roscup effective June 30, 2021.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Amy Sears of Boonville, NY as substitute teacher at rate of \$90.00 per day.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Kelly Countryman as Senior Class Co-Advisor with Jamie Dening. Stipend for this assignment will be split between the two co-advisors.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jessie A. McCauley of Remsen, NY as cleaner substitute at a rate of \$12.50 per hour.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Notice of Intent to Retire of A. William Roberts, Bus Driver, effective August 1, 2021.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grant request of Carina Mettelman for two unpaid leave days (February 12 and February 22, 2021).” Unanimous vote

Information given to the Board for their information was the School Boards Institute 2021 NYS Legislative Position Paper.

Board Forum – Mr. Jenny thanked the Remsen Alumni Association for awards given to our students. He also thanked the Remsen VFW who purchased gifts for every child in the elementary school. These gifts were delivered by our transportation department. Remsen CSD did remote learning for December 21 and December 22nd. Thank you to Adam DeGrace for coordinating and the bus drivers and monitors for delivering student materials, VFW student gifts and five day meal kits from our cafeteria. Mr. Jenny thanked the entire staff of maintenance workers for their efforts in cleaning and disinfecting our buildings. Thank you to those staff members who pitched in to help clean and disinfect when our JSHS crew was on quarantine. Mr. Jenny thanked our parents who drive our students to school daily as well as the parents who are working with their children who are remote learning at home.

Mark Williams thanked Mr. Jenny for “holding everything together” for staff and students.

Brian Parent is proud of our district and how well student learning continues.

Stephanie Karis is proud to be part of our district and the BOE team.

Patrick Nolan stated that everyone is doing a great job.

Mary Lou Allen thanked Gary Winghart and Dan O’Bryan for working so hard to maintain positivity in both our schools.

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Stephanie Karis to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

	Matters that will imperil the public safety if disclosed
	Any matter that may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer
	Information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed.
	Proposed, pending, or current litigation
	Collective negotiations pertaining to the _____ Union pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law
X	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.
	The preparation, grading, or administration of exams
	The proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition, sale, or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of these things.
	Discussing student records made confidential by federal law (FERPA or IDEA)
	Hearing an appeal of a student suspension
	Hearing an appeal of an employee grievance
	Seeking legal advice from our attorney, which is made privileged by law

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan to return to Regular Session at 8:19 p.m.

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.