

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2020 – 7:00 PM

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MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, Gary Winghart, John McKeown, Daniel O’Bryan, Catherine Chandler, Kevin Roberts, Adam DeGrace, Kelly Runniger, Auditors from D’Arcangelo & Co.,LLP

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.

Auditor Presentation – Chip Clark and Nick Johns from D’Arcangelo & Co., LLP gave presentation of district’s audit for year ended June 30, 2020.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on October 13, 2020, and approve agenda dated November 10, 2020.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s Report for period ended September 30, 2020, accept Budget Status Report for period ended September 30, 2020; accept Revenue Status and Appropriation Status Reports; and approve budget transfers.”

Unanimous vote

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

- Parade of Costumes – October 30, 2020 via Zoom Parade of Costumes. Each classroom had Zoom session open and projected on Smart Board of the entire parade could be viewed. Session was recorded so a parade video could be made and shared for friends and families.
- Veteran’s Day Tribute-each elementary class will contribute to video that will be shared on our school website and social media. Classes have prepared songs, poems, artwork,

etc. that will be shared by students, compiled into a video and shared for community to view.

- Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Presentations – Grades PK-2 – Pedro the Penguin teaches students about fire safety and emergency preparedness. Pillowcase Project for Grades 3-6 discusses fire safety and other emergencies and teaches students how to create a pillowcase kit that can be used in the event of an emergency.
- Upcoming Events:
 - November 11 – Veterans Day
 - November 12 & 13 – Pillowcase Project and November 19 & 20-Prepare with Pedro (Red Cross Presentations)
 - November 24-Picture Retake and Early Dismissal Drill
 - November 25-November 27 – Thanksgiving Recess

Dan O’Bryan gave his High School Principal’s Report which included:

- High school students celebrated Halloween by dressing in costume
- Students in Mrs. Obernesser’s Foods classes have been cooking seasonal dishes
- Chromebook distribution has gone very well. Approximately 95% of students have completed forms and received a Chromebook.

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following:

- Phase 2 – Capital Improvement Project – Planning stage for Phase II of current project. Facilities committee has determined JSBS underground fuel oil storage tank replacement; JSBS stage sound improvements; elementary school storm water drainage issues along with ceiling tile/grid replacements in the intermediate wing corridors are top priority.
- 2021 Capital Outlay Project delayed due to financial concerns. NYS has given approval.
- Previous Capital Outlay Projects – Special-Lite has replaced 6 of the 9 exterior doors that had warranty issues at the JSBS.
- NYS Fire & Safety Inspection – No violations to report
- Maintenance and custodial crews have been extremely busy with the COVID-19 situation. Cleaning and disinfection taking place nightly.
- Summer grounds equipment being prepped for storage and winter equipment being prepped for snow season.
- Installation of varsity soccer field scoreboard and supporting structure attempted, but called off due to wet conditions.

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace included:

- No inspections scheduled for November. Next inspections in December
- Bus fleet up to date with periodic maintenance
- 19-A driver files are being updated as needed

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Mr. Jenny sent cost break out chart to board members via email.

Advisors would be paid on a pro-rata basis if school district goes to remote learning. It is recommended that the following extra-curricular clubs meet and begin activities:

12th grade advisor, FFA, Yearbook, Student Council, Athletics-Competition would be virtual, National Honor Society – induction would be virtual, International Club, Mock Trial – debates would be virtual, and Elementary STEAM Club.

Unanimous vote

Brian Parent asked when/if sports would begin. Section III has canceled indoor track. Basketball and volleyball are considered high risk sports.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept audit for year ended June 30, 2020 as prepared and submitted by D’Arcangelo & Co., LLP.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on October 16, October 28, October 30, November 3, November 5 and November 6, 2020.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education determines that it is in the interests of the 1 School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs John McKeown, Business Administrator, to sign the Agreement and/or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf.” Unanimous vote

First reading of the following policies:

SCHOOL BOARD OPERATIONS (2000)

- Policy 2001 – Board of Education Authority;
- Policy 2002 – Number of Board Members and Terms of Office;
- Policy 2003 – Qualifications of a Board of Education Member;
- Policy 2004 – Nomination and Election of Board of Education Members;
- Policy 2005 – New Board Member Orientation;
- Policy 2006 – Board Member Training;
- Policy 2007- Oath of Office;
- Policy 2008 – Resignation, Dismissal, Filling Vacancies;
- Policy 2009 – Reimbursement of Expenses for Board Members
(Conference Attendance)

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the following policies:
Policy 5306 –Protection of Student, Teacher, and Principal Personal Information
Policy 5404-Information Security Breach Policy; and
Policy 7500-Education Records – this policy replaces Education Records Policy that was adopted on October 12, 1982 which is to be deleted.”
Unanimous vote

Personnel- Administration would like to appoint long term substitute monitor for 2.5-3 hours per day. This is not creating a new position. It will extend the hours worked for one of our monitors. Board unanimously agreed to this appointment.

Information & Correspondence - SBI General Membership Meeting – November 12, 2020

School Board Recognition Week – certificates handed to board members with thanks for their service to the school community.

Transportation Aid Memo from NYSED – School districts many not receive state aid for March 13 – June 16, 2020. Schools were mandated to provide meals and learning packets via school transportation. This is approximately \$70,000 in state aid we will not receive, in addition to the \$30,000 withheld over the summer. Recommendation to leave fund balance where it is for now as fund balance amounts can be transferred at a later date if necessary, per BOE resolution passed in June.

Board Forum

- Audit was arduous process especially with John McKeown coming to Remsen on July 1st.
- Shout out to Wadas Foundation for scoreboard
- Veterans Day video will be posted on district's website
- High five to Amanda Kerr for finding substitutes – she's doing fantastic job. Thank you to Remsen's substitutes for their willingness to work for us
- High five to screeners on buses in the morning as well as screeners at both buildings who are taking temperatures prior to students coming into the buildings.
- New entrance signs at the bottom of the driveway. Thank you to Joe Griswold and Tom Levanti for installing them.

Mrs. Allen – Scoreboard looks great! Thanks to Joe and Tom for driveway sign installation. Grants – thank you to Remsen teachers for securing grants and being so involved with our students and community. Thank you to John McKeown for doing amazing job preparing district's audit.

Mark Williams – go to depot to see train – Jodi Richard and students have painted famous people's portraits in windows of one of the rail cars.

Stephanie Karis – the daily morning screeners always have smiles on faces and are so welcoming to the students. Thank you to teachers for taking on extra responsibility.

Brian Parent – Halloween costume parade was great to see. Thank you to hardworking administration. Looking forward to the day when we can have sports.

Patrick Nolan – thank you to Gary for video so parents could see their children participate in Halloween festivities.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.