

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

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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, Daniel O'Bryan, Gary Winghart, John McKeown, Catherine Chandler, Adam DeGrace, Kelly Runniger

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

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Public Hearing – Remsen Central School District Wide School Safety Plan

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meetings held on August 11 and August 24, 2020; approve agenda dated September 8, 2020, with the following addition: 7.12 Salary Correction.” 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 July 31, 2020; accept Revenue Status Report and Appropriation Status Report.” Unanimous vote

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

- Virtual Back to School Night attended by approximately half of our students.
- Opening day went very well. All students screened prior to entering the building.
- Incredible community support by parents transporting their children to school
- Spirit week will be held September 28 – October 2

High School Principal’s Report given by Dan O’Bryan included the following:

- Thank you to the members of the Board of Education for their support
- New student orientation held August 27
- Back to School Night held September 2

No report from Mr. Dening tonight. Mr. Jenny stated that Section III has reached out to districts for their input on fall sports. There will be an announcement on Friday, September 11, 2020 on

Section III's decision. If Section III elects to have sports, individual districts can then decide whether they want to participate or not.

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following:

- Maintenance and custodial crews have worked diligently this summer to clean and disinfect all buildings. Rooms have been moved and reconfigured. It is very challenging to adhere to all SED and DOH requirements.
- Grounds – new access road from bus garage to rear of elementary school parking lot. Thank you to the Town of Remsen for their assistance with this. Traffic signs added
- Smart Bond – all outstanding punch list items have been completed.
- Capital Improvement Project – Facilities committee determined High School 10,000 gallon underground fuel oil storage tank replacement, JSHS stage sound improvements, elementary storm water drainage issues, along with ceiling tile/grid replacement in the elementary school intermediate wing corridors are top priority.
- Current Capital Outlay Project – JSHS Health & Fitness Center renovation project completed. We are waiting for the arrival of new equipment.
- 2021 Capital Outlay Project – plans being developed for the next project which includes renovation of the old boys locker room into a district records storage room and renovations to the basement floor back hallway.
- Previous Capital Outlay Project – Special-Lite had new replacement exterior doors for the JSHS gym and stage area ready to install and found the news doors had some of the same problems as the previous ones with delamination issues.

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace included the following:

- Bus Inspections to be conducted on September 18 on buses 90, 91, 89 and 92
- Fleet ready – all routes complete. Assigned seating this year
- All drivers current on 19-A qualifications. Several Behind the Wheel Road Tests need to be completed. These could not be conducted over the summer as students need to be on the bus for the tests to be done.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and Business Administrator are authorized to temporarily transfer funds from the Repair, Employee Benefit Accrued Liability, Retirement Contribution, and Capital Reserves to cover costs attributable to COVID-19, pursuant to Local Finance Law and subject to the requirements and limitations stipulated therein.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent:

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Section 487 provides that solar or wind energy systems or farm waste energy systems are exempt from real property taxation for a period of fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Real property Tax Law Section 487 further provides that certain micro-hydroelectric energy systems, fuel cell electric generating systems, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment systems, electric energy storage equipment and electric energy storage systems, and fuel-flexible linear generator electronic generating systems will be exempt from real property taxation for a period of fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Section 487 permits a school district to adopt a resolution providing that the exemption under Real Property Tax Law Section 487 shall not apply within its jurisdiction to such energy system projects which begin construction subsequent to the effective date of such resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to adopt a resolution opting out of the tax exemption under Real Property Tax Law Section 487.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The tax exemption made available by Real property Tax Law Section 487 with respect to any solar or wind energy systems or farm waste energy systems shall not be applicable within the boundaries of the Remsen Central School District.
2. The tax exemption made available by Real Property Tax Law Section 487(2) with respect to systems, including but not limited to, any micro-hydroelectric energy systems, fuel cell electric generating systems, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment systems, electric energy storage equipment and electric energy storage systems, and fuel-flexible linear generator electronic generating systems shall not be applicable within the boundaries of the Remsen Central School District.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately. Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare the following listing of computer equipment declared excess and obsolete and that same be properly disposed: seven Dell Inspiron P24T laptops; one Dell Latitude E6400 laptop; one Dell E5410 laptop and one Dell E6400 laptop; one 3M projector; one Panasonic projector; one NEC projector; three monitors; two Optiplex desktops; one Dell Laser printer; two HP Laserjet printers; one Ploycom conference cam and one NEO Alphasmart.” Unanimous vote

First read of Remsen Central School District-Wide School Safety Plan

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept resignation of Nicholas Byrne as Boys Varsity Soccer Coach.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Anne Reilly for medical leave of absence for the 2020-2021 school year.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jamie Barnard of Remsen, NY to a four year probationary appointment as Teacher Assistant at a salary per RTA contract.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jennifer Provost of Remsen, NY as Elementary School Monitor at an hourly rate of \$12.50.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Caryn Johnson of Remsen, NY as Elementary School Teacher Aide at an hourly rate of \$12.79.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Caitlin Fenton as long term substitute to fill vacancy created by leave of absence of Anne Reilly at the rate of \$100.00 per day.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jessie McCauley of Remsen, NY as School Bus Attendant at an hourly rate of \$12.50.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent:

“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 Dana Percia of Marcy, NY, who holds valid NYS Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in the Chemistry 7-12 area in the public schools of New York State, to the position of Chemistry teacher in said tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence on September 9, 2020 and to expire on June 30, 2024; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mrs. Dana Percia, during her first year of this appointment be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the agreement between Remsen Teachers Association and the Board of Education at Step 4, Column C.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve leave request of Madison Horn, School Bus Attendant, from on or about September 21, 2020 until approximately November 16, 2020.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Leian DiNitto of Barneveld, NY as Junior Senior High School Teacher Aide, pending receipt of fingerprint clearance, at an hourly rate of \$12.50.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jenny Tyre of Remsen, NY as Elementary School Teacher Aide at an hourly rate of \$12.50.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the salary of the Junior-Senior High School Principal, Daniel O’Bryan, which is \$90,485.00 for the period September 9, 2020 through June 30, 2021.” Unanimous vote

No information or correspondence for this month’s meeting.

Board Forum:

- Mrs. Allen stated that she is very happy to see so many community members walking the track and playing disc golf.
- Mrs. Karis is glad students are able to be back in school. Great job, everyone, in making this happen!
- Mr. Parent thanked everyone for their efforts in opening school back to students and staff.
- Mr. Jenny thanked the many parents (80-100 cars) for transporting their children to school this morning. All parents waited patiently for screeners to take temperatures and giving their children the okay to enter school. This afternoon many parents were early in picking up their children. Mr. Jenny thanked the Town of Remsen for their assistance in creating the access road from the back of the bus garage into the rear portion of the elementary school parking lot.
- First day back very successful!

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis 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 _____ second by _____ to return to Regular Session at _____PM

Motion by _____ second by _____ to adjourn the meeting at _____PM