

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JUNE 14, 2022

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeannie Scouten

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, John McKeown, Gary Winghart, Sanya Pelrah, Catherine Chandler, Olivia Woolheater, Dale Denning, Kevin Roberts, Adam DeGrace, Kelly Runniger, and Abby Barton.

Meeting called to order by Board President, Mrs. Mary Lou at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

Mrs. Allen read the following statement:

Public Participation - We are about to convene into the public comment period of our meeting. Any district resident wishing to speak during public session is required to sign in, stating your full name, address, contact information and the topic that you wish to discuss. If you have not signed in and you wish to speak, the District Clerk will bring the sign-in sheet over to you at this time.

We will insist that all speakers and members of the audience maintain civility and respect. The board will now entertain public comments for up to a maximum of 30 minutes. Each individual speaker will be allotted three minutes. Please be reminded that written comments or concerns to be shared with the Board may also be submitted or emailed District Clerk, Mrs. Catherine Chandler or to the Superintendent, Mr. Timothy Jenny at any time.

A Public Hearing was held for the following;

- Remsen CSD District-Wide Code of Conduct
- Remsen CSD Athletic Code of Conduct
- Remsen CSD District-Wide Safety Plan

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on May 10, 2022; and approve agenda dated June 14, 2022 with the following corrections:
6.3 Annual Budget Vote and Election -"voting on budget" amount should be \$13,986,284

7.5(a) substitute hourly rate for Madison Horn should be \$13.20 (minimum wage)

7.6 substitute hourly rate for Patrick Henry should be \$13.20 (minimum wage)

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer's and Budget Status Reports for period ended April 30, 2022; accept Revenue Status and Appropriation Status Reports; and approve budget transfers."

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

- Upcoming Events - Career Day, Evening of Excellence, Olympic Day, Kindergarten Celebration, Grade 6 Graduation, and the last day of school for the Elementary students.
- Seventh Grade Orientation - on June 3rd the sixth grade students walked to the high school. The students were able to meet the faculty and staff and take a tour of the high school.
- Field Trips - Students are given the opportunity to take field trips where they are able to have learning opportunities outside of the classroom. Students have been able to visit zoos, museums, aquariums, etc.
- Career Day and Olympic Day - Students will be able to learn about all of the different career options and opportunities. Olympic day, planned by Mr. Jones, will include a day of fun and exciting outdoor activities for students.
- Summer Programs - Throughout the summer there will be a variety of different programs for students to participate in. These include, STEAM Camps, Art Camp, Rams Academy, and Kindergarten Kickstart.
- In the Classroom - Sixth graders are working on reflection essays to reflect on their time at Remsen Elementary.

High School Principal's Report given by Sanya Pelrah included the following items:

- Team Workshop - The last Team Workshop of the school year was spent celebrating staff accomplishments and life events. There was also time spent writing positive notes to the students.
- Culture and Climate - The Culture and Climate committee had planned and put together the first annual Remsen Jr./Sr. High School Academic Awards Celebration.
- Recent Events - Toward the end of the school year there are several events happening in the High School. A few of the events that took place, celebration of top seniors and announcement of Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Grand March, Prom, and the Senior Trip to Lake George, NY.
- Clubs and Activities - the 10th grade class has had a successful year fundraising. The class had an end of the year picnic. National Honor students volunteered at the Alumni Dinner on June 11 and will be volunteering again at the Graduation Ceremony.

Dale Dening gave his Athletic Director's Report which included the following items:

- Spring Sports- Boys Varsity Golf, Girls Golf, Boys Track and Field, and Girls Track and Field all had athletes that were Section 3 qualifiers.
- Scholar Athlete Information - All five varsity sports teams qualified for the NYS Scholar Athlete Team Award.
- Fall Sports - Sign ups took place from June 6th to June 10th.
- Summer Camps - The RCS Volleyball Program will be hosting a volleyball camp in August during the day for interested athletes.

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following items:

- Capital Improvement Project - Phase IIB - High School stage curtains and rigging were replaced.
- 2022 Capital Outlay Project - Scope of Work - renovation of old High School boy's locker room into storage room.
- 2023 Capital Outlay Project - Goal is to replace Elementary Building Intermediate Wing student lockers along with \$10,000 of classroom floors/wall painting work.
- NYSSSED Building Condition Surveys - Are required by SED for 2022. Inspections have been completed.
- NYS Boiler Inspections - Boiler inspections were conducted on all 5 district hot water boilers on June 8th.
- Day to Day Operations - The custodial staff has done an excellent job keeping up with the busiest portion of the school year.

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace included the following items:

- Bus Inspections - Inspections for buses 12, 99, 98, and 94 have all passed.
- Bus Fleet Updates - The fleet is in excellent condition. As the end of the school year approaches, they will be preparing for summer maintenance.
- Bus Driver News - Mr. Beers is attending training in Oklahoma for level 1 tech. on International Company buses and cummins. Justine Johnson is currently going through the driver training program.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations for the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on May 3, May 4, May 5, May 11, May 12, May 13, May 16, May 17, May 18, May 19, May 20, May 23, May 25, May 26, May 31, June 1, June 2, and June 3 2022.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Brian Parent presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Stephanie Karis:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 14, 2022 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, AUTHORIZING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Remsen Central School District, New York, at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on May 17, 2022, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the specific object or purpose hereinafter described; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Remsen Central School District has undertaken or shall undertake certain capital expenditures, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. The Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$253,018, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the specific object or purpose described herein, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. The specific object or purpose to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as “purpose”) is the acquisition of two (2) 66-passenger school buses, at an estimated maximum cost of \$126,509 each, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$253,018.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum aggregate cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$253,018, (b) the Remsen Central School District plans to finance the cost of said purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to, and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. The Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$253,018, and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipating of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the Remsen Central School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 9. The faith and credit of the Remsen Central School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. And annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable

real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 10. The power to further authorize the issuance of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, whether to authorize the receipt of bids in an electronic format, and to sell and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same.

Section 11. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

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Motioned by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepted results of the May 17, 2022 budget vote and election as follows: Budget (13,986,284) Yes - 163; No - 41; Proposition #1 (Purchase

of two 66 passenger school buses) Yes - 170; No - 34; Board of Education member - Mary Lou Allen - 182 votes”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motined by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved the BOE meeting dates for 2022-2023: July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13, 2022 and January 10. February 14, March 14, April 4, April 25, May 9, May 16, and June 13, 2023.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

First Reading of the following policies:

Remsen CSD District-Wide Code of Conduct.

Remsen CSD Athletic Code of Conduct

Remsen CSD District-Wide Safety Plan

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education awarded the bid for trash removal to Bliss Environmental Services, Inc. in the amount of \$24,600.00 for the period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved the sports combine with Town of Webb Union Free School District for Cross Country 2022-2023 at the modified and varsity levels for both boys and girls teams.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law Section 2034(6)(b) that more than six months have elapsed since the May 18, 2021 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 hereby authorized the District Clerk to destroy official ballots cast, spoiled, and unused in the May 18, 2021 Annual District Budget Vote and Board of Education Election.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District hereby amends the Superintendent’s Employment Agreement between the Board of Education and Timothy Jenny as follows; Paragraph 3 titled “Term of Employment” shall be modified to extend the term of this agreement through June 13, 2027.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Raymond Siple effective May 12, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Timothy Hunt effective May 27, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grant unpaid leave day to Mary Bessmer for travel purposes on May 25, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Madison Horn to the position of Substitute Cleaner at the hourly rate of \$13.20 per hour retroactive to May 23, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Madison Horn to the position of Cleaner at the hourly rate of \$14.50, effective June 14, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Patrick Henry to the position of Substitute Cleaner at the hourly rate of \$13.20, retroactive June 1, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Justine Johnson to the position of Bus Driver at the hourly rate of \$19.71.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint certified retired Remsen teacher Bonnie Grogan as a classroom teacher volunteer.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Russell Haynes of Inlet, NY and Kim Kershaw of Rome, NY as substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Caitlin Fenton effective July 15, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Information and Correspondence:

MVCC Letter - thank you for allowing MVCC students to observe RCS Teachers.

Board Forum:

Mary Lou Allen thanked Sanya Pelrah, Gary Winghart, Kevin Roberts, Dale Denning, and Adam DeGrace for their detailed reports every month.

Catherine Chandler was thanked for her 37 years of service at Remsen Central School as she is retiring June 30, 2022.

10.0 Executive Session – Margaret Davis staff award, scheduled Parent Meeting, and

	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 Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to begin executive session at 7:45 p.m for discussion of Margaret Davis award and Parent Meeting.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent to return to regular session at 9:55 p.m

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis to adjourn regular session at 9:56 p.m.