

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MAY 10, 2022

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Allen, Jeannie Scouten, Brian Parent, Patrick Nolan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Karis

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, John McKeown, Gary Winghart, Sanya Pelrah, Catherine Chandler, Olivia Woolheater, Dale Denning, Kevin Roberts, Adam Degrace, Kelly Runninger, Abby Barton, and James Joslyn

John McKeown and Timothy Jenny held the Budget Hearing presentation from 6:00 p.m to 6:40 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Board President, Mrs. Mary Lou Allen at 6:40 p.m following the budget hearing.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to go into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. for 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 Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to return to regular session at 7:08 p.m.

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 to the district clerk, Mrs. Catherine Chandler or to the Superintendent, Mr. Timothy Jenny at any time.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

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“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from the meeting held on April 5, 2022; and approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 26, 2022; and approve agenda dated May 10, 2022 with the following additions:

Teacher resignation

Approval of settlement agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; treasurer's report and budget status report; accept Revenue Status Report, Appropriation Status Report: and approve budget transfers.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

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

- Grades 3-8 NYS Math Assessments - This year, all students in grades 3-6 took the assessment online using the NYS computer based testing platform
- All Kids Bike Program - All Kids Bike Program will be introduced into the PE program, thanks to Edwin J. Wadas Foundation for the generous donation.
- STEAM Club - Students have had the opportunity to choose their own project and will present their projects to their families at the STEAM fair.
- Presidential Research - Each student selected the president that they would like to conduct research on. This allows students to learn in depth about the specific president's life, work, their family, and interests.
- Elementary Student Council - In April Student Council, put together an egg hunt for each of the elementary classrooms, each egg contained a positive/inspirational quote.
- Young Rams - The Young Rams afterschool program continues to have 60 students. With the warmer weather approaching the students will be spending more time outside engaging in activities such as building bird houses.

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

- Team Workshop - Team Workshop held on May 2nd to focus on how to continue to teach in a way that supports all students.
- Instructional Focus - The Instructional Committee is working to finalize a grading policy for the High School that will provide consistency and help to encourage equitable practices.
- Culture and Climate - Held a meeting on May 5th to finalize the plans for the newly established Academic Awards ceremony which will be held June 2, 2022.
- Clubs and Activities - Plastic film collection, organized by FFA is proving to be a success. FFA is also preparing to sell plants at the Budget Vote on May 17th. Yearbooks are completed, students are awaiting their arrival so sales can begin. NYSSMA Solo Festival will be held May 13th and 14th. Students grades 5-12 will be representing Remsen.

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

- Senior Nights - As the season comes to a close there will be senior nights held for all senior athletes on the varsity baseball, varsity softball, and varsity men and women track teams.
- Edwin J. Wadas Foundation - An enormous thank you to Edwin J. Wadas Foundation. Remsen will be receiving another grant in the amount of \$45,917.20 which will aid in the purchase of new equipment which includes, 2 new indoor scoreboards for the gymnasium, Premier Pole Vault Pit with a weather cover, 15 hurdles for the track, and 2 hurdle carts.

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following,

- Capital improvement Project - Phase IIb - Scope of work- High School stage curtains and rigging replacement R. Alexander Construction used Syracuse Scenery Co. as a subcontractor. Rigging delivery is scheduled for mid-May.
- 2022 Capital Outlay Project - Scope of work - Renovation of old High School boy's locker room into a storage room and SED approved vault. R. Alexander Construction is almost complete, just awaiting a delivery of one wooden door. Currently working on a plan for racks/storage systems that we will make ourselves to save the district money, in order to utilize the space as best as possible.
- 2023 Capital Outlay Project - The plan is to install stacked lockers which are 3' in height each but wider to accommodate book bags, which will increase the existing locker count, providing more room for growth. There must be \$10,000 worth of aidable construction work within the building. The decision has been made to replace the floors that were not done in the last capital project .
- NYSSSED Building Condition surveys - There has been extensive walkthroughs of all buildings and grounds. Inspections will be concluded soon and King and King can compile a report.

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace included the following:

- Bus inspections: Received D.O.T rating for this year which resulted in a 100% pass rate.
- Bus Fleet Updates: The bus fleet continues to be in good condition.

Old Business:

Mr. McKeown gave a brief overview of tax factor analysis in response to a question regarding the same.

Motion Jeannie Scouten, second by Brian Parent:

‘RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations for the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on April 4, April 5, April 6, April 7, April 21, April 22, April 26, April 28, April 29, and May 2, 2022.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

**WHEREAS,**

It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Remsen Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Remsen Central School named below wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and providing the information to their Board of Education who will made the awards; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Remsen Central School Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School listed below authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned items, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School listed below agrees to (1) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that it will award contracts based on information provided from the bid; (3) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare as surplus the following unrepairable musical instrument: Scherl & Roth **Double Bass**, Model R62E3, Serial # 6087367, and remove the same from inventory.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept donation from the Wadas Foundation in the amount of \$45,917.20 for two new scoreboards in the gymnasium and new track equipment.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“**WHEREAS**, it is the plan of a number of PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS and the MADISON-ONEIDA BOCES (the “BOCES”) during the 2022-2023 school year to bid jointly for the purchase of various types of computers and technology commodities (the “Commodities”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Remsen Central School District (“the School District”) is desirous of participating in the joint bidding of the Commodities, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Article 5-G; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board of Education has received and reviewed the Cooperative Bid Procedures (“the Procedures”) governing its right and responsibilities should it elect to participate in the joint bidding of commodities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in accordance with Cooperative Bid Procedures the Board of Education agrees to award bid purchase item purchases according to the recommendation of the BOCES if such award is in the best interest of the school district.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve OHM BOCES Contract for Rental of Facilities for one classroom to be used for Distance Learning purposes for the 2022-2023 school year, for the rental fee of \$1,000.00.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the final notice of retirement of Russell Haynes effective June 30, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the final notice of retirement of Nancy Gleasman, Teacher Assistant, effective June 30, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Christine Walker, Bus Driver, effective April 30, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Tracy Taylor, Bus Driver, effective April 27, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Carina Mettelman for leave of absence for the 2022-2023 school year.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the final notice of retirement of Kim Kershaw effective June 30, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Brenda Rogers for medical leave of absence from May 23 through June 5, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Christine Walker as substitute School Bus driver at the rate of \$18.22 per hour.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Debbie Roscup as long term substitute teacher effective May 2, 2022 to cover leave of Amber Spatto.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the letter of resignation of Amber Spatto, elementary teacher effective retroactive to May 1, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of Remsen Central School District hereby approves the settlement agreement dated May 10, 2022, authorizes the President of the Board and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the same on behalf

of the District, and approves the payment of monies pursuant to the terms of the agreement and as set forth contained therein.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Board Forum: Mrs. Allen thanked the administration for being a part of the Remsen town clean up.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for the purposes of discussion of the Superintendent's evaluation.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to return to Regular Session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m