

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APRIL 5, 2022

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Meeting called to order by Board President, Mary Lou Allen, at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Mrs. Allen read the following statement:

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 Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on March 8, 2022; and approve agenda dated April 5, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Revenue Status Report, Appropriation Status Report; and approve budget transfers.”

Unanimous vote

(Treasurer’s and Budget Status Reports unavailable for tonight’s meeting)

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby appoints Gary Winghart to tenure in the tenure area of building principal, effective July 1, 2022.”

Unanimous vote

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

- Team Workshop held on April 4th where focus was on team building and continuing our circle work with a focus on maintaining positive relationships with students.
- High School Instructional Committee currently collecting information and discussing ways to bring more consistency to our grading practices.
- 7th and 8th Grade Science Fair held on March 9th was a success. 13 students moving on to the Regional Science Fair at Utica University.
- Senior Switch Day held on March 15th. Grades 5-12 Band and Chorus Concert held on March 16th. National Honor Society held induction ceremony on March 24th.

Student Council President, Abby Barton, reported there will be a blood drive on May 5th. There will be an "Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt" the week after spring break.

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

- Boonville Elks Club donated bicycle helmets for all our Kindergarten students. On April 8th, students will participate in a bicycle safety lesson and will be presented with a bike helmet to take home. Thank you to Boonville Elks for their generous donation.
- Grades 3-8 NYS ELA Assessments – This year all students in grades 3-6 took assessment online using NYS computer based testing platform.
- Evening of Excellence held on March 28th.
- Promethean Board Training held on March 18th. Two Education Consultants from Promethean provided professional development for our staff on the use of the new boards.
- Rock Climbing in PE – Students have spent the last few weeks rock climbing in PE with Mr. Jones. Students are provided with the opportunity to learn and strengthen climbing, jumping and tumbling skills.

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

- April 4th – Modified Spring Sports Practices begin
- Coaching Appointments – Jim Wilder-Varsity Baseball; Michele Izzo-Modified Softball and Dan O'Bryan-Girls Varsity Track & Field
- No modified baseball offered this year due to low interest

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following:

- Capital Improvement Project – Phase IIB – Scope of work will be the high school stage curtains and rigging. R. Alexander Construction of Marcy NY was low bidder and are tentatively set to begin over April break.
- 2022 Capital Outlay Project – Renovation of old JSBS Boys' locker room into storage room and SED approved vault – Construction begin February 22nd. Demolition at 80%. Contractors not onsite since February break. Project must be completed by June 30th.
- 2023 Capital Outlay Project – Plan is to replace student lockers in the elementary intermediate wing. Flooring will be replaced in several areas that were not done in the last capital project.
- SED Building Condition Surveys – Walk-throughs of all buildings completed. Still need to conduct roof area and grounds inspections.

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace included the following:

- Inspections done on buses 89, 97, 98 – all passed
- Bus Fleet Update – Bus 88 removed from service as it is consuming oil and corrosion is getting worse. This bus is being replaced. Too costly to repair.
- Bus drivers current on qualifications. Yearly physicals completed.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on March 14, March 24, March 29 and March 30, 2022.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt budget for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$13,986,284.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the Property Tax Report Card for 2022-2023.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Temporary Use Agreement allowing Remsen Central School District to use County of Oneida Optical Scan Voting Systems, privacy booths, as well as other ancillary equipment, supplies and services related thereto for school election May 17, 2022, in the amount of \$800.00.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District (the “Board”) has considered the effect upon the environment of the proposed 2022-2023 Capital Outlay Project work, including but not limited to the following:
Locker reconstruction and replacing flooring at the Elementary School.

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the scope of the project and has further received and considered the advice of its architects with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c), now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education as follows:

1. The Proposed Action does not exceed thresholds established under 6 NYCRR Part 617, the State Environmental Quality Review Act, (SEQRA).
2. The Board hereby determines the Proposed Action as a Type II action in accordance with the SEQRA regulations.
3. No further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA.
4. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

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

WHEREAS, The 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 Central School named below wishes to appoint the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to advertise for bid, accept, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 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 Central School listed below authorizes the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Central School listed below agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (3) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).
Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Jessica Johnson-Rowlands for medical leave of absence for the period June 6 – June 24, 2022.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Rayne Ives for leave of absence beginning on June 13, 2022 through June 24, 2022.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Carina Mettelman as mentor for Dalila Hasanagic at a stipend of \$1,200.00 to be prorated for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Amanda Bolos of Remsen, NY as substitute teacher, pending receipt of fingerprint clearance.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:
“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jessica Batson of Poland, NY as substitute teacher.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis:
“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Maria Ultsch of Remsen, NY as substitute School Nurse.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:
“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Elizabeth Bellinger as JV/Varsity Volleyball Scorekeeper for 2021-2022.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:
“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint the following coaches for Spring 2022 season: James S. Wilder – Varsity Baseball
Michele Izzo – Modified Softball
Dan O’Bryan – Varsity Girls Track Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:
“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Valerie Falchi of Poland, NY as substitute teacher.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:
“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve hourly rate of pay of \$21.63 for Tracy Butler, for long-term substitute nurse commitment.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:
“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Leian DiNitto, Office Specialist II, to the position of Junior Senior High School Administrative Assistant including CSE secretarial responsibilities effective July 1, 2022.” Unanimous vote

Information & Correspondence – Special BOE meeting will be held on April 26, 2022 for the sole purpose of nomination of persons for BOCES Board and voting on BOCES budget for 2022-2023.

Board Forum: Mrs. Allen congratulated Mr. Winghart on tenure. Mr. Jenny thanked Mr. Dening for helping out with Varsity Baseball until we found a coach. Mr. Jenny thanked Kevin Roberts for coordinating all custodians while short staffed. Congratulations to Mr. Winghart!

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to go into Executive Session at 7:25 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 Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan to return to Regular Session at 7:57 p.m.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.