

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 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, Kelly Runniger, Dale Denning, Melissa
Woolheater, Olivia Woolheater, Paige Loveric, Abby Barton

Budget Work Session from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Mrs. Allen read the following statement to all present:

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.

No public participation this evening.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on January 11, 2022 and approve agenda dated February 8, 2022.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s Report and Budget Status Report for December, 2021; accept Revenue Status Report, Appropriation Status Report and approve budget transfers.”

Unanimous vote

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

- Upcoming Events
- 100th day of school – February 15
- Valentines for Healthcare Heroes – In celebration of Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school, we will be sending 100 valentines to healthcare professionals in the area. All students will write a letter or draw a picture (or both) to let them know why we are so thankful for them.
- In the Classroom – Winter/Olympics STEAM Activities – Lisa Davis busy with students with variety of winter/winter Olympics themed activities. Some classes have designed bobsleds to shoot down a slippery slope using a paper roll, straws and other materials and must be designed to protect the driver while safely making it down the slope. Figure skating projects include designing a skater and using magnets to move skater around the "ice" (paper plate).
- Physical Education-Cross Country Skiing and Sledding – Mr. Jones has been taking classes out to enjoy winter weather by spending time skiing or sledding down school hill.
- Multi-Digit Subtraction-In second grade Mrs. Secor has been working with students on multi-digit subtraction. A special guest snuck into the room and surprised students by doing their classwork. Students discovered the guest had made a few errors. All students had fun reviewing the work, making corrections and sharing with their peers how to correctly solve the problem.

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

- Team Workshop – February 7 will focus on strengthening our work together as team. We are also continuing our book study of *What Great Teachers Do Differently*.
- Instructional Focus – Committee scheduled to meet February 4 to discuss curriculum mapping and other instructional topics that our committee may provide guidance for, both in the short term and long term.
- Snowball held on January 29
- Culture and Climate Committee received feedback from the Diversity Group regarding how best to acknowledge Black History Month. We will focus on the origin of Black History Month which will be read during morning announcements. The Diversity Group also created a Black History Month soundtrack featuring a wide array of African-American artists which will play during passing time.
- Clubs and Activities-FFA – Four students are competing in the District 5 Leadership Development Event on February 5. Ski Club has enjoyed 4 weeks of skiing and snowboarding so far. 10th grade class busy planning future fundraisers. Senior Gear now available to order from the school store for our 12th grade class.
- Acknowledgments-Rayne Ives participated in a training program for a new middle school agriculture curriculum and will be field testing this before it is released this summer. She is one of only 40 teachers in the country selected to participate.

Athletic Director's Report given by Dale Denning included the following:

- February 5-Indoor Track & Field Sectional Championships @ OCC; February 9-Center State Conference AD Meeting @Waterville; February 10 – Senior Night (Varsity Basketball vs. Oriskany) and February 16- Seeding meeting for B/G Basketball.

- Winter Sports-Varsity Volleyball seeded #6 in the Class D Sectional Tournament and is hosting MPH on February 2nd in preliminary round game. Varsity Basketball is undecided if they will participate in the open sectional tournament. Indoor Track & Field competed at the CSC League Championships on January 28th. Individual and team winners include: Julia Dening won the 55m sprint and is currently ranked #9 in Section 3; 4 x 400m (Girls) – Relay team of Alexia Helmer, Marissa Karis, Julia Dening and Grace Hajdasz; 4 x 200m (Boys) – Relay team of Taylor Hollenbeck, Wyatt Ehart, Hayden White and Noah Skermont was victorious. Volleyball Seniors honored on January 28th.
- Spring Sports-Sign-ups for spring sports February 7-11. Coaching vacancies included Modified Softball, Modified Baseball; Varsity Baseball

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included:

- Capital Improvement Project – Phase IIB-Scope of work will be JSHS stage curtains and rigging. R. Alexander Construction, Marcy, NY was low bidder.
- 2021 Capital Outlay Project – Renovation of old JSHS boys’ locker room into storage room and SED approved vault. R. Alexander Construction, Marcy, NY was low bidder. Construction scheduled to begin over February break.
- Previous Capital Outlays – B. R. Johnson from Syracuse was on site February 1st to install two sets of double exterior doors on the JSHS gym. Manufacturer, Special-Lite, replacing these under warranty.
- NYSSSED Building Condition Surveys required by SED for 2022. Zoom meetings held to discuss each of the 3 buildings. Walk through scheduled for Elementary and Bus Garage February 2nd. Ongoing process as we need good weather to inspect roofs and grounds.
- Facilities Committee Meeting – Meeting scheduled for February 9th to discuss and decide on the scope for the next Capital Outlay Project.
- Day to Day Operations – Custodial crews busy with day to day cleaning and disinfection process, especially with all the ongoing games and events.

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace included:

- Bus Inspections for buses 10, 92 and 89
- Bus Fleet Updates – Fleet in good shape. Suburban is having transmission issues and is being sent out for repair.
- Bus Driver News – Drivers up to date on qualifications. Adam will finish SBDI training this month. School registered as a federal driving facility with Adam being accepted as a Federal driving instructor. This allows us to train new people as we see fit and keep our drivers current on any new federal qualifications.

Mr. Winghart gave a demonstration of the Promethean Board which has been purchased for our classrooms to replace the white board/projector set-up.

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 January 14, January 18, January 25 and January 26, 2022.”

Unanimous vote

First read of remaining Board of Education policies - Section 5000 - Support Operations

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare as surplus the unrepairable musical instruments listed below and remove them from inventory.”

Conn Trumpet	Serial # GC921494	
King Trumpet	Serial # 264938	
Holton French Horn	Serial # 49353	
Sansone French Horn	Serial # 2598	
Conn Trombone	Serial # L6855	
Holton Trombone	Serial # 14520	
Pan American Trombone	Serial # 672051S	Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

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

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Olivia Woolheater, of Remsen, NY, to the position of Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent effective February 28, 2022.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Jamie M. Dening to take March 24 and March 25, 2022 as unpaid leave days.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Bradley E. Smith to take February 16, February 17 and February 18, 2022 as unpaid leave days.”

Unanimous vote

Information & Correspondence given to the Board for their information included the following:

NYS Comptroller – Fiscal Stress Report
BOCES Annual Meeting – April 6, 2022
Special Meeting – April 26, 2022

Board Forum – Mrs. Karis thanked the principals for all activities that are provided to students. Mr. Jenny thanked Mr. Winghart for all the work he did to secure interactive classroom sample boards for teachers to try out in the spring of 2021. He was responsible for requesting the boards to be delivered to the district, scheduling times for each classroom to try out these boards and making arrangements for them to be picked up.

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis to go into Executive Session at 7:10 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 Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan to return to Regular Session at 7:34 p.m.

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Stephanie Karis to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.