

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Karis, Brian Parent

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, Gary Winghart, John McKeown, Catherine Chandler, Kevin Roberts, Adam DeGrace, Abby Barton, Kelly Runniger, Robert Batson

Mrs. Mary Lou Allen, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Mrs. Allen read the following statement regarding 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.

No public participation at this meeting.

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on November 9, 2021 and approve agenda dated December 14, 2021.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

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

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

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

- Soaring Students of the Month – each month two students from each grade level are nominated by their teachers for Soaring Student of the Month. These students have demonstrated that they are working hard in school and *Soaring to Success*.

- Extracurricular Updates – Elementary Student Council – Students in grades 4-6 have voted and our student council members have been chosen. First meeting was held December 14, 2021.
- Elementary Drama Club – Elementary Drama Club has begun to prepare to present the play “Storyville” by Lorraine Thompson. Roles have been decided. Club members are working hard to learn their lines. The play will be presented later in the school year.
- Elementary STEAM Club – Our Elementary STEAM Club has begun exploring and learning together. On December 9th, club members learned about electromagnets, building their own magnets and competing to see who could make the longest chain of paper clips held together by their electromagnets. Chains were made up to 73 paperclips.
- Young RAMS – We continue to have 50-65 students each evening for Young Rams. Students have been working on a variety of winter/Christmas themed activities and projects. “Teach Me Something Tuesdays” have begun where Remsen staff members prepare a lesson and activities for our Young Rams on a topic of their choice. On December 7th, Ms. Boyd prepared a French presentation completed with French activities and a French snack.
- SuperKids Update – Our SuperKids pilot is going very well in grades K-2. Students enjoy learning with the SuperKids characters. Teachers are enjoying systematic approach to reading instruction and the fact that the program is very well planned and thought out. Everything is linked and related in a way that makes sense and is good for students.
- Pop Art – Cube Art – Lisa Davis is visiting classrooms to teach students about the Pop Art Style and a modern artist named Thank You X from LA. Students design their own cube based on something they are thankful or grateful for in the Pop Art style. All cubes are being collected and assembled to create a building wide mural.
- Holiday Tour Around the World – Classrooms have chosen a country to study throughout the month of December. Each classroom will be researching and compiling a presentation to show how a special holiday like Christmas (or similar) is celebrated. There will be a physical display as well as a video recorded presentation by students. Physical displays will be outside the classroom with a QR code linked to the recorded video. Each class will receive an iPad that they can use to “tour the world” by scanning the QR code, watch the video and view the display.

High School Principal’s Report included the following:

- Team Workshop – We continued book study of *What Great Teachers Do Differently*. Staff collaborated to create a presentation reflecting the essential points made in assigned chapters. We also continued staff shout-outs and celebrations taking time to acknowledge even the “small wins”.
- Instructional Focus – First meeting of the High School Instructional Committee was held on December 14, 2021. We will establish our purpose, identify strengths, areas for growth, and how we will support the district-wide work of the Leadership and Learning Council.
- Culture and Climate – On November 23, we had a Thanksgiving Breakfast where staff served students. Staff shared why they were grateful for their students in classes throughout the day. Committee decided to make this an annual tradition. Holiday Spirit Week will be held December 21-23 as well as a classroom door decorating contest. The committee has also been asked for feedback related to high school celebrations and the

Ram ticket initiative. We want to make sure these are meeting our students' needs and expectations.

- Clubs and Activities
 - Mock Trial – new case was released and group is meeting to decide on roles
 - Student Council – hosted productive food drive with over 1000 donations
 - International Club – hosting a Buche de Noel decorating contest
 - Ski & Snowboard Club – has 18 members signed up to enjoy winter season
 - Diversity Group – is designing and voting on motto to establish focus of group
 - Drama Club – has begun rehearsals for *The Comedy of Terrible Errors* to be presented in March
- Acknowledgment – Rayne Ives received a scholarship and grant for the CASE curriculum as well as a \$2300 grant to order supplies for Agriculture Technology class.

Athletic Director's Report included in BOE packet which included Winter Coaches, Winter Sports Rosters and Winter Season Protocols for all CSC schools.

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following:

- Facilities Committee met on December 7th to discuss and develop planning for the following: Phase II-Fuel Tank Closeout; Remaining Funds from Phase II; Current Capital Outlay; 2022-2023 Capital Outlay; Building Condition Survey and Future Capital Improvement Project.
- Capital Improvement Project – Phase II – 10,000 gallon FRP Underground Fuel Oil Storage Tank – Beavers Petroleum has submitted final pay application.
- 2021 Capital Outlay Project – PreBid Meeting held on November 23, 2021. Bid opening on December 7 with 5 contractors bidding.
- Previous Capital Outlay – we are again having issues 2 sets of double exterior doors in the JSHS gym where the exterior finish is bubbling up. Factory reps to be on site this week to investigate.
- Day to Day Operations – Custodial and grounds crews have been busy with snowfall as well as seasonal events such as concerts and sporting events.

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace which included the following:

- Bus Inspections this month on buses 11, 94, 96, 99 and 12
- Bus Fleet Updates – we have started getting quotes for bus 88 replacement as there is expected delays in delivery of new buses. Changes – dual hand rails and stainless steel mirror brackets. Quotes for replacement Suburban have been difficult as no one wants to give state bid price due to vehicle shortage.
- Bus Driver News – our drivers are current and up to date on qualifications. New driver doing great. Adam completing school bus driver instructor certification.

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on November 4, November 9, November 17, November 30 and December 8, 2021; and accept recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from meetings held on December 6, 2021.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Tax Collector’s Report As submitted and approve the return of unpaid taxes to Oneida County and Herkimer County.”
Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“**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).”
Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the withdrawal of the construction bid by Whitton Construction, LLC of Governor, NY, obtained on December 7, 2021, is hereby approved and considered void.”
Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education award General Construction Contract To the low bidder, Richard E. Alexander Co., Inc., of Marcy, New York in the following amount: Base Bid: \$85,880.00; Alternate GC-1 – not taken; Total Bid - \$85,880.00.”
Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

First Read of Board of Education Policies –Section 5000-Support Operations

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Laura Holmes Boyd for leave beginning on or about February 22 through May 16, 2022.”
Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Emily Laurey for unpaid leave day taken November 29, 2021.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept Notice of Intent to Retire of Eilleen Hamlin effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept Notice of Intent to Retire of Russell Haynes effective June 30, 2022.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept Notice of Intent to Retire of Carol Hamlin, effective July 1, 2022.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve change of retirement date of Catherine Chandler until January 31, 2022.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint Scott Jones as Boys Modified Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 season.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Shannon Meeker as unpaid Girls Modified Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2021-2022 season.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

No Information & Correspondence

Board Forum – Mr. Jenny stated there has been increase in positive COVID cases this week and last. Mr. Jenny thanked cleaning crews for doing extra cleaning between events in both buildings.

Mr. Nolan glad to see concerts taking place and how excited students were to perform.

Mrs. Scouten excited about the Holiday Tour Around the World project.

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.