

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2021

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patrick Nolan

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, Gary Winghart, Sanya Pelrah, John McKeown, Catherine Chandler, Kevin Roberts, Adam DeGrace, Kelly Runniger, Dale Dening, Abby Barton and Sam Nichols

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 Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on October 12, 2021, approve agenda dated November 9, 2021 with the following additions: 7.5-Appointment of Boys JV Basketball Coach and 7.6-Appointment of Cleaner.”
Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s Report and Budget Status Report for period ended September 30, 2021; 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:

- November 10 – Veterans Day Concert November 12 – Elementary Picture Day
- November 23 – End of the First Trimester November 24-26 – Thanksgiving Break

- December 1 – Elementary Report Cards sent home with conferences on December 2 & 3
- December 8 – Elementary Christmas Concert
- Elementary Parade of Costumes held on October 29th. Students paraded around the building and outside on the track where parents gathered to watch.
- 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 they are working hard in school and *Soaring to Success*.
- In the Classroom – PK students made “stumpkins” for Halloween which were on display in the front lobby. Mrs. Secor’s students took pumpkins home to decorate so that it resembled a favorite book character. 6th graders have been working on their entries for the Annual Patriots Pen Essay contest through the VFW.
- World Kindness Day is November 13th. Throughout November, we will be growing a “kindness tree” in the elementary lobby. Students and staff will have the opportunity to write down an act of kindness that they have experienced while at school to add to the tree.

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

- Team Workshop – we began book study of *What Great Teachers Do Differently* by Todd Whitaker. We also took time to do celebrations, staff shout outs and the student-focused positivity blast where staff choose one or two students and write an encouraging note. Goal is for all students to get an individualized positive note from a staff member.
- Instructional Focus – Walkthroughs continued and are now inclusive of instructional suggestions I have for each teacher. Teacher observations are beginning. Instructional Committee is a shared decision-making committee made up of teacher-volunteers that I will be starting in the next month to help support and promote best practices at the JSHS.
- Culture and Climate – Culture and Climate Committee is a shared decision-making team that I have initiated. A variety of teachers have volunteered for the committee and first meeting took place on November 4 where we began to identify a purpose statement and prioritize action items to promote a safe, welcoming and student-focused school community. Per student interest, we are piloting a Diversity Group whose mission is to provide a safe and inclusive space for all.
- Clubs and Activities – FFA had three seniors attend FFA National Convention in Indianapolis. FFA fundraisers include “Remsen in a Box” and a fruit, cheese and sausage fundraiser. Students planning for Leadership Development Contests in January.
- International Club elected officers. Their recent activities included Eiffel Tower building activity and making Dia de Muertos Calaca masks.
- Mathletics had competition in October where students collaborated and used problem-solving skills. This competition held virtually with other schools.
- Class of 2022, 2023 and 2024 have held elections and are planning fundraising events.
- Ski Club – Details are being finalized to provide this opportunity for students this winter.
- Veterans Day Concert, which will be a ticketed event, planned for November 10th.

Athletic Director’s Report given by Dale Dening included the following:

- November 6th – Cross Country Sectional Championships
- November 15th – All JV/Varsity Winter Sports begin

- Fall Season All-Stars: Julia Dening, Grace Shufelt, Grace Hajdasz (Girls Varsity Soccer) Owen Long and Ben Becker (Boys Varsity Soccer); Ellie Bartlett and Grace Shufelt (Cross Country)
- Soccer Recognition – Julia Dening and Grace Shufelt named to Section 3 All-Star Selection Team
- Winter Season Protocol – At the start of the winter season, Remsen will be limiting the number of spectators at each of its home contents (modified volleyball games). No concessions by Sports Boosters and no food/drink allowed in the building at any time. Locker rooms may be used by the visiting team to change before and after contest. Female physical education office will be used as separate changing facility for officials. Social distancing will be enforced for all spectators/athletes.

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included:

- Capital Improvement Project – Phase II – 10,000 gallon Fuel Oil Storage Tank – The tank, pump set and tank monitoring system have been installed and currently in service. Punch list items to be addressed include O& M manuals and as built drawings. Grass seed did not take which Beaver’s will take care of in the spring.
- 2021 Capital Outlay Project – Renovation of old boys’ locker room at JSHS and alternate to renovate rear hallway in that area. Pre-Bid Meeting on November 23rd; Bid Opening on December 7th
- Maintenance/Custodial/Grounds Operations – Improvements this past month include new installation of vertical blinds in 4 rooms at the elementary school; new LED lighting in the high school boiler room; new LED bulbs in the 6 front driveway post lights; installation of photo control sensor on bus garage exterior light system to replace outdated timers

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace included:

- Inspections on buses 88, 95, 97 and 98 – all buses passed
- Bus Fleet Updates – In house body work done on bus 88 by Rainer Beers
- New radio system will be completely installed this month
- All bus drivers are current on all qualifications.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Section 4000 – Fiscal Management board policies.”
Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

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 October 15, 2021 and accept recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from meetings held on October 26, 2021.”
Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Corrective Action Plan for Year Ending June 30, 2021.”
Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare the following as surplus equipment:
2003 Ford F550 7.3l diesel vin#1FDAF57P33ED85303.” Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 Budget
Development Calendar.” Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the tentative agreement
by and between the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000
AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Oneida County Educational Local #896 Remsen CSD
Unit – 7769 and the Remsen Central School District.” Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Danielle Kinsley of Remsen, NY
to the position of School Monitor at the hourly rate of \$12.50.”
Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Autumn Fasolino for
family leave of absence to begin on or about February 10, 2022 until May 20, 2022.”
Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Tracy M. Taylor of Poland, NY
to the position of regular School Bus Driver at the hourly salary of \$18.95.”
Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Aleena A. Hatch of Ohio, NY
as certified substitute teacher.” Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Ryan Helmer of Frankfort, NY
as Boys JV Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 season.” Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Timothy Hunt of Hinckley, NY
to the position of full-time Cleaner, effective November 15, 2021.”
Vote – 4 yes; 0 no

BOCES Board of Education Vacancy letter given to the Board for their information.

Board Forum included the following:

- Mr. Jenny thanked Kevin Roberts and CSEA members for their work in negotiating CSEA contract. Adam DeGrace has completed training to do bus driver training/certification here at RCS.
- Orange Picnic Tables - Last year the school store (CEO Linda Smith) purchased metal picnic tables for student use. The maintenance department put them together over the summer and placed them outside, behind the technology wing. The tables were red with black bases as that was the closest color that the store was able to select at an affordable price. Thanks to the kindness of Mr. Smith and Mr. Dave Marcoullier (Cou), the tables were transported to Dave, who graciously painted the red tabletops and seats Remsen Orange! High fives and thank you to Dave Marcoullier for painting our tables and for Mr. and Mrs. Smith helping to arrange for it all to happen!
- Autumn Leaves created by the 4th graders for School Board Appreciation Week were distributed to the Board as a “thank you”
- Mrs. Allen thanked both Gary Winghart and Sanya Pelrah for their leadership.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis to go into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. for the sole purpose of discussing student records made confidential by federal law (FERPA or IDEA)

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten to return to Regular Session at 7:07 p.m.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.