

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2021

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Allen, Stephanie Karis (here at 6:10 pm), Brian Parent, Patrick Nolan, Jeannie Scouten

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, Gary Winghart, Sanya Pelrah, John McKeown, Catherine Chandler, Kevin Roberts, Kelly Runniger

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Mary Lou Allen, Board Present, at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Michael Rossi of West & Company CPAs PC presented the district's audit for year ended June 30, 2021.

Public participation statement read and discussed.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on September 14, 2021, and approve agenda dated October 12, 2021.”

Unanimous vote

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 August 31, 2021; accept Revenue Status and Appropriation Status Reports; and approve budget transfers.”

Unanimous vote

Gary Winghart, Elementary Principal, gave his report which included:

- Upcoming Event – Elementary Parade of Costumes – October 29
- Elementary Spirit Week held September 27-October 1
- In the Classroom – Scary Circles in Art class; STEAM Toy Design Challenge with Mrs. Davis – 2nd graders; 5th graders experimenting with soda and Mentos to learn about chemical reactions;
- At the end of the month, students will be participating in a web (spider) design challenge. Students will work together to design a spider web which will be placed on school bulletin board.
- Young Rams Update – 27 students registered for Before School Program and 74 students registered for the After School Program.

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

- Team Workshop consisted of staff celebrations, developed a shared understanding of interventions and gathered staff's feedback on various aspects such as building-specific forms and topics for upcoming workshops.
- Instructional Focus – Ms. Pelrah regularly does classroom walkthroughs to experience and gauge classroom climate and teachers' instructional and curricular practices.
- Before and After School Programs are becoming increasingly popular. Data from the programs and reassessing needs will be reviewed the week of October 25th.
- Spirit Week was a success!
- Seniors participated in the corn maze at the Remsen Depot on October 12th.
- Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15)

Athletic Director's Report included in the Board packet. Mr. Dening at soccer game this evening. His report included Senior Recognition Nights, Pink Out Nights for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Winter Coaches.

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following:

- Capital Improvement Project – Phase II – The tank, pump set, and tank monitoring system have been installed and is currently in service. A final punch list inspection was conducted two weeks ago. New tank registered with the NYSDES and new permit posted onsite.
- 2021 Capital Outlay Project scheduled for Spring of 2022-SED has approved this project. We are waiting for preliminary drawings and specs to review from King & King.
- Fire & Safety Inspection conducted September 14, 2021. No violations to report. Certificate of Occupancy Permits have been received from NYSED for all 4 buildings and have been posted. Next year's inspection will be due September 1, 2022.
- Maintenance/Custodial/Grounds- We are catching up on interior and exterior building maintenance items. Grounds work difficult with the continued rains.

Transportation Report included in the Board packet. Adam DeGrace not here this evening as he was needed to drive bus to one of the sporting events. Report included the following:

- No new bus inspections.
- New bus is registered and in use. New radio system to be installed this month. Still looking for two bus drivers.
- All bus drivers are current on all qualifications.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on September 10, September 15, September 16, September 17, September 21, October 1, October 6 and October 7, 2021.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept audit for year ended June 30, 2021 as prepared and submitted by West & Company CPAs PC.”

Unanimous vote

Board of Education Policies – Section 4000 – Fiscal Management - First read

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Katey Secor as mentor for Michelle O’Connor for the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend of \$1,200.00.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint the following coach for the 2021-2022 school year: Girls Modified Basketball – Katey Secor.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education create position of Office Specialist II for the Remsen Central School District.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Timothy Hunt of Hinckley, NY to the position of substitute Cleaner at the hourly rate of \$12.50.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Veronica Strong of Remsen, NY to the position of substitute school nurse at an hourly rate of \$18.20 pending fingerprint clearance and Oneida County Civil Service approval.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept Notice of Intent to Retire of Linda M. Smith effective June 30, 2022.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education create position of Confidential Secretary to the District Superintendent.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jodi Richard as Modified Volleyball Co-Coach for the 2021-2022 season, with stipend to be split with co-coach Carina Mettelman.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Sarah Walker of Remsen, NY as Teacher Aide for Testing Center/ISS Room.”

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grant request of Amber Spatto for unpaid leave day on October 12, 2021.”

Information & Correspondence - School Board Recognition Week is October 18 – October 22nd. Thank you for your service, dedication and support!

Board Forum – Thank you to everyone who works hard every day with our students. Thank you as well to those who are keeping students safe. Thank you to those who give reports at every meeting.

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian Parent to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of

- collective negotiations pertaining to the CSEA Union pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law; and 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 Stephanie Karis to return to Regular Session at 9:22 p.m.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.