

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Lou Allen

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, Gary Winghart, Sanya Pelrah, John McKeown,
Dale Dening, Kevin Roberts, Adam DeGrace, Catherine Chandler,
Kelly Runninger

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Stephanie Karis, Board Vice President, at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

No public participation.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meetings held on August 10 and September 8, 2021; approve agenda dated September 14, 2021 with the following additions: Personnel – 7.10 – Appointment of Office Specialist II and 7.11 Appointment of School Nurse Substitute.” Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s Report and Budget Status Report for period ended July 31, 2021; accept Revenue Budget 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 items:

- A successful Back to School Night held on September 2nd and great start to the 2021-2022 school year.
- Elementary piloting a new ELA program in grades K-2 called SuperKids. SuperKids is a comprehensive ELA program that includes reading, writing, and phonics program designed for K-2.
- Upcoming: Spirit Week – September 27 – October 1; Supt Conference Day-October 8; BOE Meeting – October 12 and Elementary Parade of Costumes-October 29

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

- Back to School Night held on September 2nd was well attended.
- Team Workshop held September 2nd
- Before and After School Programs offered at JSHS. Rams Can Soar Program will be held before school from 6:30-7:30 or after school from 2:35-5:30. This program begins

September 13th and transportation will be provided Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. and Monday – Friday at 5:30. A teacher will be supervising during this time to assist students with their work, check in and support them in reaching academic success.

- Fitness Center access begins September 20th from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m and 2:45-4:30 p.m.
- Incentive Program initiated on September 9th. Students can earn tickets for honor/high honor roll, exceptional attendance, most improved and student of the quarter. Teachers have additional tickets to give out to acknowledge positive behaviors throughout marking period. First drawing will be held the week of November 15, 2021.
- Student Assemblies held on September 10th to review Code of Conduct.

Dale Dening, Athletic Director, gave his report which included the following:

- Fall Sports Coaches and Rosters discussed. We have 9 dual-sport athletes. Girls Soccer program low on number both in modified and varsity. Boys Soccer program increasing. Cross County has two full varsity squads.
- Elementary Soccer field may be unplayable due to wet conditions. All Modified games may be played away this year.
- Recertification night will be held on September 16th for all district coaches for First Aid, CPR and AED.
- Sports Combines – Cross County with Old Forge (Old Forge will provide transportation to all meets) and Modified Field Hockey with Holland Patent.
- Thank you to the Brandi Murphy and Christine Helmer for getting the snack shack running again during our home soccer games.

Kevin Roberts gave Facilities Report which included:

- Capital Improvement Project – Phase II – High School 10,000 gallon FRP Underground Fuel Oil Storage Tank installed and currently in service. Blacktopping and striping completed the week before school started. Contaminated soil pile stored at the JSHS parking lot removed to designated landfill on September 3rd. Barton & Loguidice have compiled punch list which needs to be completed. When Beaver's personnel transferring fuel oil from the temporary to permanent tank, fuel was spilled onto recently poured concrete slab and surrounding ground. The spill was not reported by Beaver's employees. Kevin reported spill to NYS DEC. DEC came to district on August 16th. Contaminated soil removed to DEC's satisfaction and disposed at Beaver's expense. Oil stain on the concrete slab cleaned and sealed. Barton & Loguidice stated there will be no negative impact on the concrete.
- 2021 Capital Outlay Project – SED approval of project which includes renovation of old boys' locker room into district records storage room and corridor improvements in the area. Project to begin in Spring of 2022
- Fire & Safety Inspections will be conducted September 14th by certified Codes Officer from the OHM BOCES Safety Office.
- Maintenance/Custodial/Grounds – Crews have done great job with normal summer work and moving classrooms. Grounds work somewhat behind due to excessive rain in July & August

Superintendent of Schools handed out American Rescue Plan and Learning Loss Grant Report and discussed this report. This is a three year plan and will be placed on district's web site.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the American Rescue Plan and Learning Loss Grant Report.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the Remsen CSD District-Wide School Safety Plan for 2021-2022.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on August 16 and August 20, 2021 and accept recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from meeting held on August 20, 2021.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the combining contract with Holland Patent Central School District for the sport of Modified Field Hockey.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education establish the “Michael Woolheater’s Music In Schools Fund” and accept donation of \$7,550.00 from Lauren Woolheater and Jessica Kokoszki, his wife and his daughter, to establish said fund in accordance with the attached criteria.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jamie Dening as Girls Modified Soccer Coach.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that Deborah Geci be appointed to the position of Purchasing Agent, with the Superintendent, Timothy Jenny, to act in the absence thereof, for the period August 30, 2021 – June 30, 2022.” The Superintendent and School Business Administrator will be the authorized representatives designated to enter into contracts with vendors.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the rate of pay of Thomas Willis at \$19.35 per hour.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept resignation of Madison Horn as School Bus Attendant.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept resignation of Frank Mongiello, Cleaner, effective September 2, 2021.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that R. G. Timbs, Inc. be appointed as fiscal advisor for the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that Sanya Pelrah be appointed Title IX Compliance Officer for the period July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“WHEREAS, Section 30-2.9 of the rules of the NYS Board of Regents requires certification of Lead Evaluators for the purpose of conducting evaluations of teachers and principals in accordance with the requirements of Section 3012-d of the NYS Education Law, which governs annual professional performance reviews; and

WHEREAS, the individual identified below has successfully completed the training requirements prescribed under Section 30-2.9(b) of the Rules of the NYS Board of Regents; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby certify that the following individual has successfully met the requirements prescribed by the NYS Board of Regents as qualified lead evaluator: Sanya Pelrah”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Sanya Pelrah as a member of the Committee on Special Education.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Leian L. DiNitto of Barneveld, NY to the position of Office Specialist II, effective September 20, 2021 at an annual salary of \$29,000.00.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Tracy L. Butler of Poland, NY as substitute School Nurse, at the rate of \$18.20 per hour.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Information and correspondence given to the Board included the following:

- School Boards Institute – Executive Committee
- School Boards Institute – 9/23/21-General Membership Meeting
- Thank You from Mary Bessmer

Board Forum – Thank you to everyone for opening school. Thank you to the Transportation Department for all their hard work. After School Program is exciting and hopefully, many students will participate. Mr. Jenny stated that there are over 50 participants in the elementary After School Program. Thank you to Jim Wilder for coaching both modified and varsity girls

soccer until a modified coach was found. Thanks to Jamie Dening for coaching girls modified soccer. Thank you to the COVID team of 2 principals and 2 nurses- It takes many hours of work to figure who is to be quarantined after a single COVID case diagnosed.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.