

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2021

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Allen, Brian Parent, Patrick Nolan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Karis, Jeannie Scouten

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, Gary Winghart, Daniel O'Bryan,
John McKeown, Catherine Chandler, Kevin Roberts,
Adam DeGrace, Kelly Runniger, Rachael Cook,
Erika Kistowski

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

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Public Hearing - Remsen CSD District-Wide School Safety Plan 2021-2022

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meetings held on July 13, 2021 and August 5, 2020; approve agenda dated August 10, 2021 with the following additions: 7.10- Resignation of JSHS Principal and 7.11 – Appointment of Tax Collector.”

Vote – 3 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 June 30, 2021; accept Revenue Budget Status Report, Appropriation Status Report and approve Budget Transfers.”

Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

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

- Upcoming Events – Rams Summer Academy – Week 2 (August 9-12)
Pre K Meet & Greet (August 23) Kindergarten Orientation (August 30)
Superintendent’s Conference Days (September 1 & 2) First Day of School (September 7)
- Back to School Night will be held on September 2nd. Students and families will have opportunity to come to the Elementary School to see their classrooms, meet teachers and walk thru the building.
- Summer Programs have gone very well. The second week of Rams Summer Academy will take place August 9-12.
- Equipping Classrooms – Chromebooks and iPads will be placed in classrooms so that every student will have device to use in school. These devices will stay at school and be available for students to use for class work and assignments during the school day.

- Current classroom projection/white board equipment that has become outdated will be replaced with interactive Promethean brand displays. This new technology will provide teachers and students with reliable, high quality, flexible, interactive display equipment that will last for years and will provide new opportunities for display, interaction and connectivity in the classrooms.

High School Principal's Report given by Dan O'Bryan included the following:

- August Events – Last day of Summer Session (August 5); Motivation and Physical Fitness with Mr. Bunker (August 9 – 12); Varsity Fall Sports begin (August 23); Modified Fall Sports begin (August 30)
- Summer Session took place July 6-August 5th and provided students with opportunities for credit recovery and credit accrual through OHM BOCES programming. Students were able to complete a Driver's Education course and gain course credits as well as the additional benefits that Driver's Education provides. Credit recovery session took place in the JSHS and utilized an online platform for students to engage in coursework with the support of BOCES instructor Ms. Estey.

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following:

- Capital Improvement Project – Phase II – High School 10,000 gallon FRP Underground Storage Tank – We discovered approximately 125 yards of contaminated soil from the previous tank removal in the late 80's. The area of excavation has been cleaned up to DEC's approval and will dispose of those soils at a designated landfill. This spill number, which has been active since the late 80's, will remain active as future excavations could reveal more contaminated soil.

New tank was installed and during the backfill process, Kevin noticed two types of stone were being used. This was a red flag as the specs call for a specific type of stone mixture. Kevin asked the Barton & Loguidice engineer on site that day about it. The engineer checked and found one of the stone types being used for backfill was not approved. Beaver's supplier ran out of the spec stone and substituted another. The engineer had the tank removed and all stone used for the backfill was discarded. In order to fulfill the warranty, the tank manufacturer had to come on site to re-certify the tank for re-installation. The new tank was re-installed on August 2nd.

We are now getting prices on extending the blacktop area further than originally planned for this project for the front driveway area.

- 2021 Capital Outlay Project – SED approval has been received for this project with start date in the spring of 2022. Project's scope includes renovation of the old boys' locker room into a district records storage room and corridor improvements in that area.
- Maintenance/Custodial/Grounds – Grounds worker has had surgery on broken finger and hopes to be back at work soon. Custodial crews busy with summer cleaning and maintenance work.

Schallenberg Excavating has made final repairs to the water main shut-offs in the front north driveway leading up to the high school which broke last winter. This area is to be paved along with the paving for the new oil tank area.

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace included the following items:

- Inspections on buses 89, 92 and 10 took place recently. All three buses passed.
- Bus Fleet Updates – Undercoating on all buses and equipment almost completed. Suburban is in body shop for painting doors. New bus scheduled for delivery on August 19th. A new radio system has been purchased.
- 6 month refresher course for all drivers will take place on September 2nd with Holland Patent CSD.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt Remsen Central School Athletic Code of Conduct for 2021-2022 as presented.” Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve tax levy of \$5,534,568 for the 2021-2022 school year.” Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint the following mentors for the 2021-2022 school year:

Mentor for Carlleen Taylor -Julia Cooper;
Mentor for Kate Runniger -Susan Becker;
Mentor for Rachael Cook - Jennifer LaBella;
Mentor for Amy Sears - Kathleen Maguire and Jennifer McEvoy-Stack with stipend to be split; and
Mentor for Erika Kistowski - Kathleen Nebush and Emily Laurey with stipend to be split.” Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Thomas Willis of Remsen, NY as regular bus driver with pay rate of \$18.95 per hour.” Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Roberta Smith of Holland Patent, NY as substitute bus driver with pay rate of \$18.22 per hour.” Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Raymond Siple of Remsen, NY as cleaner with annual salary of \$26,246.00.” Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Deborah Geci of New Hartford, NY as Senior Account Clerk effective August 30, 2021.” Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept resignation of Wendy J. Sudol, Office Specialist I and Tax Collector effective August 13, 2021.” Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District, pursuant to Section 2509 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Timothy Jenny, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Rachael Cook of Poland, NY who holds valid NYS Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in the Elementary Education area in the public schools of New York State, to the position of Math / ELA teacher in said Elementary Education tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence on September 1, 2021 and to expire on June 30, 2025; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rachael Cook, during her first year of this appointment be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the 2018-2026 agreement between Remsen Teachers Association and the Board of Education at Step 1, Column R.” Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Erika Kistowski of Whitesboro, NY to the position of Elementary School Counselor, for a probationary appointment of four years, to commence on September 1, 2021 and to expire on June 30, 2025; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Erika Kistowski, during her first year of this appointment be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the 2018-2026 agreement between Remsen Teachers Association and the Board of Education at Step A-4.” Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Ashley Wollaber as substitute school monitor and substitute teacher aide, at an hourly rate of \$12.50.”
Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Daniel O’Bryan, JSHS Principal, effective August 23, 2021, in order to return to Secondary Science classroom teacher.”
Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Robin Hajdasz to the position of Tax Collector effective August 16, 2021.”
Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

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

- NYAAE letter – Rayne Ives
- SBI Calendar for 2021-2022

Board Forum

- Mr. Parent enjoyed seeing students out running with Mr. Bunker during Summer Session.
- Mrs. Allen thanked the committee for all their work in the selection of the new JSHS Principal.
- Mr. Jenny thanked the teachers for their help with our summer programs. Thank you to the cafeteria staff who provided breakfast and lunch for the students that participated in the programs. Thank you to Adam and drivers for providing the transportation.

- Congratulations and welcome to our new JSHS Principal, Sanya Pelrah. Thank you, Mr. O'Bryan for stepping up to fill the principal role for 2020-2021.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to go into Executive Session at 6:35 PM for the 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; and to discuss Superintendent's Goals and Evaluation. Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian Parent to return to Regular Session at 7:35 PM
Vote – 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM
Vote – 3 yes; 0 no