REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JUNE 13, 2023

"All Remsen students will Soar to Success"

MINUTES

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

Stephanie Karis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeannie Scouten

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, John McKeown, Sanya Pelrah, Gary

Winghart, Olivia Woolheater, Kevin Roberts, Kelly Runninger, Carlleen Taylor, Dale Denning, Kyle

Smith, Chloe Williams, Alissa Lawson

Meeting called to order by Mary Lou Allen, Board President, at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Mrs. Allen read the following statement: 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 District Clerk, Ms. Olivia Woolheater or to the Superintendent, Mr. Timothy Jenny at any time.

No public hearing this evening

Public Speaking for:

Remsen CSD Code of Conduct

Remsen CSD Athletic Code of Conduct

Remsen CSD District-Wide School Safety Plan

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved the minutes from the meeting held on May 9, 2023; and it be further resolved that the Board of Education approve Warrants

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for Payment; Treasurer's Report; accept Revenue Status Report; and Appropriation Status Report."

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Elementary Principal's report given by Gary Winghart included the following items:

- Upcoming Events: June 6th P2 Assembly, June 8th 6th Grade Orientation, June 9th Elementary Career Day, June 12th End of Trimester 3, June 13th Senior Walk in the Elementary building, June 14th Pre-K through 3rd grade spring concert. June 16th Last day of Young Rams after school, June 19th Juneteenth (No School), June 20th Olympic Day, June 20th Evening of Excellence, June 21st Kindergarten Celebration, June 22nd Grade 6 Graduation, June 23rd High School Celebration.
- Positivity Project Assembly: On Tuesday June 6th, the end of the year Positivity Project took place in the Elementary. Students in Pre-K through 6th came together to celebrate the first year of the positivity project. Students discussed what they learned about the positive character strengths and the other people mindset.
- Elementary Career Day: On Friday June 9th, the elementary students engaged in Career Day. Presenters came and presented to the students in Pre-K through 6th Grade. The careers included everything from musicians, farming, carpentry, computer science, meteorologist and firefighting. We each had to make a special schedule so that every grade was able to see the baby goats.
- Around the School: Power of Words: Mrs. Davis organized a variety of Spring/Positivity Project activities for classes to participate in. Some of the classes created positive word art to display in the front lobby. Spring Positivity Flowers: The Elementary Student Council put together an activity for each of the classrooms. Each class was asked to create a flower that incorporates one of the 24 positive character strengths.

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

- **Team Workshop and Instructional Focus:** The last Team Workshop of the year was a time for the end of the year necessities which included, going over proctoring expectations and testing schedules.
- Culture and Climate: Grand March and Prom took place on May 6th. On May 19th, students were celebrated who achieved high honor roll, honor roll, most improved, and student of the quarter. The Post Grad Celebration took place on May 22. This was an opportunity to celebrate each senior. The Valedictorian, Grace Hajdasz and Salutatorian Julia Dening were announced along with the top seniors. Olympic Day was held on June 2; this was a fun event for all students. The High School also began a new tradition honoring teachers who are retiring that year by giving them a special framed document with input from the students. On June 8th, sixth grade students were invited to the High School for an orientation.

• Clubs and Activities:

12th grade: The Senior Trip to Niagara Falls took place on June 9th. The students enjoyed at meal at the Hard Rock Cafe, which was covered for any student that attended.

11th grade: The 11th grade class has been busy planning for next year. The students have selected a date for prom, a class hike, and a senior class trip.

10th Grade: Students had a donut party to celebrate their hard work fundraising.

<u>Drama Club:</u> The Diversity Club has created a summer raffle basket and is selling tickets.

The basket will be raffled off on June 13th.

<u>FFA</u>: Seven students attended the NYS FFA Convention on May 18th. The students participated in Food Science, leadership workshops, and an Agriscience Fair. Several of the students placed first in their division.

<u>National Honor Society</u>: Students volunteered at the Alumni Banquet on June 10th. The students will also be volunteering at Olympic day at the Elementary School.

<u>Yearbook</u>: The High School Yearbooks are in and students are excited to view them. <u>Student Council</u>: The senior class won the Remsen Cup with their performance during the tiebreaker on Olympic Day. They will be receiving pizza during lunch.

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

- Important Dates: June 1st Section 3 State Qualifiers: Track & Field. June 4th & 5th Boys golf NYS Championships at Mark Twain Golf Course. June 4th & 5th Girls Golf NYS Championships at Edison Club. June 8th JV/Varsity Athletic Awards Ceremony and Section 3 Classification committee meeting. June 12th Section 3 Scholar Athlete Awards Dinner at OCC.
- **Spring Sports:** The varsity teams; Varsity Golf, Varsity Softball, Varsity Boys Track and Field, and Girls Track and Field had 75% of the roster with at least a 90% grade average.
- Varsity Track and Field: The Boys Varsity Track & Field Team won the Center State Conference Division Championship as well as the Section 3 Class D Championship. The Girls Varsity Track Team placed 5th out of 17 competing schools. Remsen had 7 athletes qualify for the Section 3 NYS qualifier which was held at CNS on June 1st. Varsity Baseball The team lost to West Canada Valley in the 1st round of the open sectional tournament. Varsity Softball Competed in their regular season and did not enter sectionals. Varsity Golf Congratulations to Ellie Secor and Brian Secor for their trèmendous seasons.
- Summer Sessions: Coach Wilder will be holding open gym sessions for basketball on Mondays throughout the summer beginning on June 26th through August 7th. The Volleyball coaching staff will be hosting a volleyball camp during the week of August 14th through the 17th for all of our students here at Remsen and surrounding districts. Coach Bunker will be holding a weight training/conditioning program twice during the summer which will be one week each.

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following items:

- 2023 Capital Outlay Project: New Elementary lockers. All of the lockers have been installed as of June 3rd.
- Next Capital Improvement Project: The scope of work has been determined. The district is working on financial piece.

- Lead in the Drinking Water Testing: The NYSDOH has lowered the threshold for lead in the applicable water outlets from 15ppm to 5ppm. This new round of testing must be completed between 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2025. The testing must be conducted on a triannual basis after the test is completed. Currently awaiting direction from the OHM BOCES Safety Office on further guidance.
- Easter Sunday Electrical Brown Out: We suffered damage from the electrical brown out on Easter Sunday. Voltage dropped to around 60 volts in the area and lasted around 4 hours. The brown out damaged the 2 Variable Speed Pump Drive Controllers at the High School. The speed pumps have been disassembled with the help of Trane technicians and are waiting for parts to rebuild.
- **Department Updates:** One of our retirees has been filling in for our injured grounds worker. There has been bus drivers appointed as sub grounds workers to provide backup.

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Brian Parent

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the following policies:

7100	7200		7202		7500
7101	7201		7205		7601
Delete:	7103	7401	7501	7502	

Superintendent's Regulations for information only

7201.1	7203.1	7500.2
7201.2	7204.1	7500.3
7201.3	7205.1	7500.4
7201.4	7500.1	

Delete: 7501.1 7502.1

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on May 5, May 8, May 11, May 12, May 15, May 16, May 17, May 18, May 19, May 22, May 23, May 24, May 25, May 30, May 31, June 1, June 7, 2023. Please be reminded that discussion of a specific IEP should be referred to Executive Session."

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 13, 2023 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF A SCHOOL BUS, AUTHORIZING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN

CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Remsen Central School District, New York, at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on May 16, 2023, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the class of objects or purposes hereinafter described; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1</u>. The Remsen Central School District has undertaken or shall undertake certain capital expenditures, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.
- Section 2. The Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$151,888, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor.
- Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is the acquisition of one (1) school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$151,888.
- Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum aggregate cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$151,888, (b) the Remsen Central School District plans to finance the cost of said purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to, and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.
- <u>Section 5</u>. It is hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is five (5) years.
- <u>Section 6</u>. The Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$151,888, and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds.
- Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipating of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement.

<u>Section 8</u>. It is hereby determined and declared that the Remsen Central School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 9. The faith and credit of the Remsen Central School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. And annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 10. The power to further authorize the issuance of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, whether to authorize the receipt of bids in an electronic format, and to sell and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same.

Section 11. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept results of the May 16, 2023 budget vote and election as follows: Budget (\$14,315,125) Yes-182; No-38, Proposition #1 (Bus Purchase) Yes-190; No-28, Proposition #2 (Capital Reserve) Yes-183; No-37, Board of Education member — Tara Kennerknecht — 210 votes.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis

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 119-0, 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: 4 yes; 0 no

First Read of the following policies:

Remsen CSD Code of Conduct Remsen CSD Athletic Code of Conduct Remsen CSD District-Wide School Safety Plan

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education Adopt the Contractual Agreement between the Superintendent of Remsen Central School District and the Business Administrator John McKeown from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2028.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and Business Administrator are authorized to deposit \$100,000 in surplus General Fund fund balance into the TRS reserve effective June 30, 2023.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and Business Administrator are authorized to deposit \$1,000,000 in surplus General Fund fund balance into the Capital Reserve, authorized by public referendum on May 16, 2023."

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law Section 2034(6)(b) that more than six months have elapsed since May 17, 2022 school board election and budget vote; and there have been no challenges or proceedings commenced; that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District hereby authorizes the District Clerk to destroy official ballots cast, spoiled, and unused in the May 17, 2022 Annual District Budget Vote and Board of Education Election.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District hereby amends the Superintendent's Employment Agreement between the Board of Education and Timothy Jenny as follows; Paragraph 3 titled "Term of Employment" shall be modified to extend the term of this agreement through June 12, 2028.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Dalila Hasanagic effective June 30, 2023.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the leave of absence for Craig Gallant from May 10, 2023 through June 30, 2023'

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Barney Sweeney to the position Substitute Grounds worker at the hourly rate of \$18.00, retroactive to May 30, 2023."

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Daniel Polce to the position Substitute Grounds worker at the hourly rate of \$18.00, retroactive to May 30, 2023."

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept unpaid leave for Autumn Fasolino on May 8, May 10, and May 31, 2023.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Ellie Secor to the position Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$14.20 effective June 26, 2023

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Ean Piaschyk to the position Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$14.20 effective June 26, 2023.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Nathan Leska to the position Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$14.20 effective June 26, 2023.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Glen Lafave to the position Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$14.20 effective June 26, 2023.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Sage Kerr to the position Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$14.20 effective June 26, 2023.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan

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 Chloe Williams of Barneveld, NY who holds valid NYS Certification in Childhood Education (Birth-6th grade), permitting her to teach subjects in the Elementary Education tenure area in the public schools of New York State, to the position of teacher in said tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence on September 1, 2023 and to expire on June 30, 2027; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chloe Williams, 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: 4 yes: 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan

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 Alissa Lawson of Cold Brook, NY who holds valid NYS Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), permitting her to teach subjects in the Elementary Education tenure area in the public schools of New York State, to the position of teacher in said tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence on September 1, 2023 and to expire on June 30, 2027; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alissa Lawson, 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 A.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, 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 Kyle Smith of Boonville, NY who holds valid NYS Certification in Art, permitting him to teach subjects in the Art tenure area in the public schools of New York State, to the position of teacher in said tenure area for a probationary period of three years, to commence on September 1, 2023 and to expire on June 30, 2026; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kyle Smith, during his 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 11, Column A.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Tina Marie Oyer Ponce as a substitute teacher at the daily rate of \$140.00.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Taylor Anderson as a substitute teacher at the daily rate of \$100.00

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

High School Graduation - Friday June 23, 2023 in the High School Gymnasium

Soaring to Success - Board of Education Roundtable Remarks

Board members reflected on and shared their thoughts about activities and events that occurred over the past month:

Mr. Timothy Jenny: Mr. Jenny read a letter addressed to the Board of Education that expressed the gratitude of students for the approval of their Senior Class Trip. Mr. Jenny also mentioned how well the Top Senior Sundaes event went and thanked the Board of Education members for their participation. Mr. Jenny also thanked Sanya for her contribution to the event. Mr. Jenny also commented on how well the academic and athletic awards went. Then, Mr. Jenny talked about how well the 7-12 Spring Music Concert went and that people were impressed with the students. Then, Mr. Jenny reminded the Board Members and staff members that Board Meetings will take place in the High School Library through September. Lastly, Mr. Jenny thanked Mr. Brian Parent for his years of service on the board and his contributions throughout the years.

Mr. Brian Parent: Mr. Parent thanked Mr. Jenny for coordinating the Top Senior Sundaes. Then Mr. Parent gave thanks to both Principal Sanya Pelrah and Principal Gary Winghart for all of the end of the year events. Lastly, Mr. Parent gave appreciation to the facilities and maintenance staff.

Mrs. Stephanie Karis: Mrs. Karis said that it was great to see all of the student athletes recognized at the Athletic Awards Ceremony. Mrs. Karis also thanked Brian for his years of service on the Board.

Mrs. Mary Lou Allen: Mrs. Allen gave thanks to Carlleen Taylor for organizing the capstone project for the seniors. Mrs. Allen also told Brian that she was thankful for his service and that he will be missed.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis to enter executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to return to regular session at 9:02 p.m.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan Motion to uphold the determination of the Superintendent in the matter of the student discipline appeal. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to adjourn regular session at 9:03 p.m.