

REMSSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Allen, Stephanie Karis, Patrick Nolan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeannie Scouten and Brian Parent

OTHERS PRESENT: Grace Hajdasz (Student Representative) Timothy Jenny,
John McKeown, Olivia Woolheater, Abby Barton,
Sam Nichols, Dale Denning, Gary Winghart, Adam DeGrace, Sanya Pelrah,
Kelly Runniger, Laura Boyd, and Mr. Boyd

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, Ms. Olivia Woolheater or to the Superintendent, Mr. Timothy Jenny at any time.

No public participation at this meeting

Athletic Director's report given by Dale Denning included the following items:

- **Important Dates** – Scholar Athlete Submission Deadline (December 5th) JV/Varsity Volleyball vs. ODY Fundraising Event (December 19th) JV Volleyball @ Morrisville – Eaton Tournament (December 29th)
- **Fall Sports** – NYSPHSSA Scholar Athlete Team Awards: Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country and Boys/Girls Varsity Soccer.
- **Winter Sports** – Current coaching vacancy: Modified Boys' Basketball
- **Current Roster Numbers** – Modified Volleyball (13), JV Volleyball (11), Varsity Volleyball (11), Varsity Basketball (14), Girls' Winter Track (12), Boys' Winter Track (15)
- **JV Volleyball Fundraiser** – JV Volleyball will be sponsoring a fundraiser on December 19th during their game vs. ODY to help support the Anita Steven Swan Human Society by asking all participants and spectators to donate.

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- **Varsity Boys' Basketball: Coaches vs. Cancer** – The Boys' Varsity Basketball team will be participating in the Coaches vs. cancer event on the weekend of January 13 & 14th in the Adirondacks.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from the meeting held on November 8, 2022; and it be further resolved that the Board of Education approve Warrants for Payment; Treasurer’s Report; accept Revenue Status Report; and Appropriation Status Report.”

Vote 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012(d) of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Laura Boyd, teacher of French, be appointed on tenure to the position of teacher in the foreign languages tenure area, who holds a valid New York State Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in the aforesaid tenure area, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District does hereby make this appointment effective January 3, 2023.”

Vote 3 yes; 0 no

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

- **Upcoming Events** – Pre-K – 4 Christmas Concert (December 14th) Parent Teacher Conferences – Elementary ½ Days (December 15th-16th) School Picture Retakes (December 16th) Trimester 1 Evening of Excellence (December 21st) Christmas Break (December 23rd – January 2nd) Spirit Week (January 17th – 20th)
- **50th Day of School** - November 17th was the 50th day of school. To celebrate, both students and staff dressed for the 50’s. The school was full of poodle skirts, slicked back hair, and letter jackets.
- **Evening of Excellence** – Tuesday December 20th the Elementary School will be celebrating students at the Evening of Excellence. Students will receive awards for Good Citizenship, Soaring to Success, Honor Roll, and High Honor Roll.
- **How Remsen Rams can Support Others** – During the week of December 5th, the Positivity Project focused on supporting others as part of the Other People Mindset.
- **Yeti Navigation Challenge** – Throughout the rest of December and into New Years, Mrs. Davis will be working with a number of classes to complete the Yeti Navigation Challenge. Students will be challenged to design and program or code a route that will get their Yeti from point A to point B.

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

- **Team Workshop & Instructional Focus** – Data-driven decision making will be the focus of the upcoming Team Workshops. The Instructional Committee will be asked for feedback as the workshop is designed.
- **Culture and Climate** – The 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast and Day of Gratitude were both a success. Students enjoyed coming together for a meal and having time to

talk with staff. The Culture and Climate Committee met on December 5th to plan and celebrate the holiday with students. This includes, Christmas door decorating, the Holly Days, a festive spirit week before Christmas Break.

- **Clubs and Activities** – (12th Grade) - The Delta Lake in has been reserved for prom. The prom committee has been established, and senior apparel has been designed by members of the class. (11th Grade) - Currently planning this year's Snow Ball. (FFA) – The Fruit Sale and Remsen in a Box fundraisers went well. FFA is currently preparing for a public speaking contest. (Drama Club) – “A Christmas Carol” was presented on December 9th at 7:00 p.m. and December 10th at 2:00 p.m. (International Club) – Students made bracelets with Spanish and French sayings for a fundraiser. The club is holding a holiday- themed craft and food event in December. (Mathletics) – Recently traveled to Oriskany last month for a competition. (National Honor Society) – On November 30, students volunteered at the Elementary School's information parents' night. National Honor Society students helped facilitate activities with the children. (Ski and Snowboard Club) – The club has doubled since last year. The club members are excited about hitting the slopes on Fridays starting in January. Student Council – The can drive was a success, with 10th grade obtaining the highest amount of donations. Student Council sold concessions at the play and will be providing holiday cheer to students and staff the week before Christmas.
- **Student Council Representative: Grace Hajdasz** - The can drive was a success. Over 800 items were donated. Each student was given a treat bag.

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following items:

- **2023 Capital Outlay** – The goal is to replace the Elementary Building Intermediate Wing student lockers. The bids were opened on November 22nd and R.E Alexander was the lowest bidder and we are all set to go.
- **Next Capital Improvement Project** – Preliminary discussions on the scope of work for the next major Capital Improvement project has begun. A Facilities meeting is scheduled for December 8th. Work is going to be prioritized on the results on the recent building condition and our own lists.
- **Day to Day Operations** – The grounds are currently in winter mode and have been busy after the last three storms. Building maintenance is still trying to be caught up due to the previous staffing shortage. Currently, fully staffed. The two newest cleaners are working out well. It has been extremely busy with all of the sports, concerts, drama club production, and normal afterschool events.

Transportation Report given by Adam DeGrace included the following items:

- **Bus Inspections** – On December 21st, there will be bus inspections on buses 10, 12, and 92
- **Bus Fleet Updates** – The bus fleet is in good condition. The new buses are expected to be delivered around the beginning of January.
- **Bus Driver News** – All of the drivers are current on their qualifications.

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the following policies, with revisions and deletions as indicated on the enclosure:

6001	6100 (Delete)	6200 (Delete)
6002	6101 (Delete)	6201 (To be renumbered 6100)
6003	6102 (Delete)	
6004	6103 (Delete)	
6005 (Delete)	6104 (To be renumbered 6100)	
6006 (Delete)	6105 (To be renumbered 6101)	
6007 (To be renumbered 6005)	6106 (Delete)	
6008 (Delete)	6107 (Delete)	

6300	6400	6500
6301	6401(Replace with new 6401)	6501 (Delete)
6302 (Delete)		
6303 (Delete)		

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Superintendent's Regulations for information only:

6003.1 (Delete)	6300.1	6400.1	6401.1 (Replace with new 6401.1)
6003.2 (Delete)	6300.2	6400.2 (Delete)	
	6300.3		
	6300.4		
	6300.5		

Discussion of Capital Reserves for Upcoming Capital Project

- Mr. McKeown and Mr. Jenny discussed the recommendation to fund an additional Capital Reserve in preparation for the upcoming Capital Improvement Project. A potential referendum in May to create said reserve was also discussed.

Discussion of Capital Project Scope Items

- Mr. Jenny shared with the Board that the facilities team had been working with the architects and engineers to work on prioritizing items on the project list. He shared that while there are many items on the project list, the team must work to prioritize the most important project items to fit within the envelope of an upcoming Capital Project. Mr. Jenny invited board members to share any thoughts or priority areas that they had at the top of their list so that he could bring these items back to the facilities team as they continue to work on the project scope.
- Mrs. Allen proposed that the BOE continue to have the facilities team, in coordination with the facilities director, Mr. Kevin Roberts, complete the prioritized list to share with the Board.
- Mrs. Karis stated that the athletic fields should be considered since they are unplayable when it is very wet with such poor drainage. She reminded everyone that a game had to be canceled halfway through due to poor field conditions and that the modified field was not playable.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on November 4, November 7, November 9, November 16, November 18, November 22, and December 6, 2022. Please be reminded that discussion of a specific IEP should be referred to Executive Session.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

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

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7204 0015

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Superintendent’s Regulations for information only:

6600.1 0013.1 0013.2

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education Award General Construction Contract to the low bidder, Richard E. Alexander Co., Inc., of Marcy, New York in the following amount: Base Bid: \$91,880.00: Alternates GC-1 - GC-4 - None Taken; Total Bid - \$91,880.00."

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the Remsen Central School District Professional Learning Plan 2022-2027."

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted and approve the return of unpaid taxes to Oneida County and Herkimer County.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Emily Laurey for unpaid leave day taken November 28, 2022.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Chloe Williams as a long term substitute for Pre-K Teacher Brittany Austin, effective February 27, 2023.”

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the enclosed hourly rate wage adjustments, effective December 31, 2022, due to the New York State Minimum Wage Increase."

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jamie Denning as mentor for the HS Special Education Teacher, Erin Muzio at a stipend of \$1,200 prorated for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year."

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Information & Correspondence

- Mrs. Mary Lou Allen reminded everyone about the upcoming School Board Institute on Monday December 19th.

Soaring to Success – Board of Education Roundtable Remarks

The Board Members reflected and shared their thoughts about the activities and events that occurred over the past month.

Stephanie Karis: Mrs. Karis thanked everyone for their hard work. She thanked the principals for their detailed reports that discussed all of the activities that are provided for students each month.

President Mary Lou Allen: Mrs. Allen pointed out how thoughtful it is that each principal recognizes each student's birthday.

Timothy Jenny: Mr. Jenny commented that everyone appreciates Kevin Roberts and his team, Adam DeGrace and the Bus Drivers, and other staff's hard work. Mr. Jenny also commented on how well Remsen did for the Project Elfin. The Elfin Project works to collect food, toys, and clothing for families in need within the community. Mr. Jenny gave thanks to all of the staff, students and community members who made donations. Mr. Jenny also gave thanks to the student representative, Grace Hajdasz for organizing the food drive as the Student Council President.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no