

REMSSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 2022

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Allen, Brian Parent, Patrick Nolan, Jeannie Scouten, Stephanie Karis: arrived at 6:16 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Grace Hajdasz (student representative), Timothy Jenny, John McKeown, Sanya Pelrah, Gary Winghart, Olivia Woolheater, Kevin Roberts, Adam DeGrace, Kelly Runninger, Dale Dening, Michael Rossi, Jennifer Helmer, Tricia Singer

Meeting called to order by Mary Lou Allen, Board President, 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 the year ended June 30, 2022.

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.

Public Participation: Jennifer Helmer discussed player's safety and the appeal process.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved the minutes from the meeting held on September 13, 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.”

Unanimous vote

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

- **Upcoming Events:** October 7<sup>th</sup>: Superintendent's Conference Day. October 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>: Spirit Week. October 31<sup>st</sup>: Parade of costumes. November 10<sup>th</sup>: Veteran's Day Concert, November 11<sup>th</sup>: Veteran's Day, November 15<sup>th</sup>: Elementary School Picture Day, November 23-25<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Break
- **Elementary School Spirit Week:** October 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> was Spirit Week. Monday was mismatched day, Tuesday was wear your favorite animal, Wednesday was wild hair or hat and Thursday was Black and Orange Day.
- **Fourth Grade Band Recruitment:** Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ms. Dornburgh held the grade four band recruitment night, fourth graders attended and were able to gain exposure of the band instruments and learned how to sign up and be a part of band.
- **Around the Building:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Project - Each year, Ms. Richard has the sixth graders create a unique project based on their interests, personalities and their names. Students use the letters of their last name and create designs that include the letter from their name. Steam Projects - Mrs. Davis provides the students fun and engaging activities
- **Positivity Project:** Lessons are being taught daily in classrooms, students are making connections to lessons and events throughout the day.

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

- **Team Workshop:** October's Team Workshop focused on curriculum mapping. Staff were given time to collaborate with their peers. The Positivity blast has begun where staff send personalized notes to students acknowledging and appreciating them.
- **Instructional Focus:** The Instructional Committee met on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Feedback was provided and they helped plan new segments for Team Workshops.
- **Culture and Climate:** The Culture and Climate Committee met on October 5<sup>th</sup> to continue to plan to post positive sayings on all mirrors and is continuing to plan for positive sayings that will be hung on the walls throughout school.
- **Clubs and activities:** The 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes did well at Barnfest. 10<sup>th</sup> Grade won the award for entrepreneurship.

Drama Club - Has casted and will start rehearsals for A Christmas Carol. The show opens on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Drama club will also be selling poinsettias starting October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Yearbook - Has met and elected their officers. Student photographers will be attending events to capture Remsen Students at their best.

National Honor Society – Students met and voted on officers for the year. National Honor Society plans on doing a village-wide leaf raking towards the end of the month.

International Club - Has hosted two meetings and had

their officers voted in. They will be meeting 10/26 to celebrate El Dia de Los Muertos

Student Representative report given by Grace Hajdasz included the following items:

- Student council will be hosting a homecoming dance.

- Students were eager to participate in the different days during spirit week

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following items:

- **2023 Capital Outlay Project:** The plan is to replace the Elementary Intermediate Wing student lockers along with \$10,000 of classroom floor/wall painting work to make this project aid able. K2 is working on the documents.
- **Day to Day Operations:** A new cleaner, Randell Dolly has been hired who is a recent graduate from Remsen. Another Substitute Cleaner Zach Prosser will also be starting on 10/12/22. It has been very busy in both of the buildings and all of the other custodial staff has done a great job stepping up to keep day to day operations running smoothly.  
A draft has been made for a replacement schedule for major buildings and grounds equipment in order to keep up to date with equipment and to help assist with the budgeting process.

Transportation report given by Adam DeGrace included the following items:

- **Bus Inspections:** There were no recent bus inspections, we are expected to have them at the end of this month.
- **Bus Fleet Updates:** The buses are in good condition. The new bus delivery will take place at the end of December.
- **Bus Driver News:** All drivers are current on their qualifications. The new trainee has passed their road test and has been assigned to a bus run. More and more students are beginning to take the bus as transportation to and from school. There will be a cold weather run stop list sent to the village high school students within the next week.

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

- **Senior Nights:** The following teams celebrated their senior nights:  
Varsity Boys' Soccer – October 4<sup>th</sup>  
Varsity Cross Country – October 5<sup>th</sup>  
Varsity Girls' Soccer – October 7<sup>th</sup>  
All homes games are covered by chaperones – a special thank you to staff for stepping in when needed.
- **Facilities and Fields:** Thank you to the Wadas Foundation. New scoreboards have been installed in the gymnasium with new shot clocks. A wireless sound system is scheduled to be installed on our track facility by Big Apple Music. There are three soccer fields that have been lined and are useable.
- **Winter Sports:** Current coaching vacancies: Boys' Modified Basketball and JV Boys' Basketball. Coaches for the upcoming seasons: Varsity Boys' Basketball: Jim Wilder, Varsity Cheerleading: Kate Runniger, Indoor Track: John Bunker, Varsity Volleyball: Amy Piaschyk, Modified Volleyball: Jodi Richard, Girls' Modified Basketball: Katey Secor.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from the meeting held on September 28th, 2022. Please be reminded that discussion of a specific IEP should be referred to Executive Session.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the application for corrected tax roll for parcel 84.000-1-17.3 be approved.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the audit for the year ended June 30, 2022, as prepared and submitted by the West & Company CPAs PC and associated corrective action plan.”

Unanimous vote

Capital Improvement Project timeline discussion

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Randell Dolly as a Substitute Cleaner retroactive to October 3, 2022 at the rate of \$13.20.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Randell Dolly to the position of Cleaner effective October 11, 2022 at the rate of \$14.60.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Zachary Prosser to the position of Substitute Cleaner effective October 11, 2022 at the rate of \$13.20.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Brad Smith for medical leave of absence from October 13th through November 25th 2022.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education reinstate Jamie Dening as the Girls’ Modified Soccer Coach for the 2022 season.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Madison Horn from the position of Cleaner effective October 7, 2022.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Mckayla West to the position of substitute teacher for the 2022-2023 school year.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jim Wilder as the Boys’ Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 season.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Sydney Maciol to the position of substitute teacher for the 2022-2023 school year.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Sarah Helmer as the Girls’ JV Volleyball Coach for the 2022-2023 season.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jessie McCauley to the position of monitor effective October 12, 2022 at the rate of \$13.20.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint retired Special Education Teacher, Nadine Corrigan to the position of Long-Term substitute for the Special Education open teaching position effective October 11, 2022 at the daily rate of \$220.00”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint DeAnna-Marie Guido to the position of Substitute Aide/Monitor pending fingerprint clearance.”

Unanimous vote

Information and Correspondence given to the Board included the following:

- School Board Appreciation Week was celebrated.
- Cards made by students were distributed to all of the board members.
- Timothy Jenny handed out School Board Appreciation certificates to each of the board members.

Soaring to Success – Board of Education Roundtable Remarks

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

Jeannie Scouten: Complemented Principal Gary Winghart’s “One School, One Book” Project. Jeannie commented on the Positivity Project and noted on how impactful it is for students. Jeannie also showed her appreciation towards Sanya’s positive notes to students.

Stephanie Karis: Gave her appreciation to Kevin for all of the maintenance and preparing the fields for sporting events. She also gave thanks to Adam DeGrace, Gary Winghart, and Sanya Pelrah for all they do to keep the school functioning.

Mary Lou Allen: Mary Lou pointed out the new signs on the track. She commented on how they are nice welcoming signs but also stated the rules that are in effect when using the track.

Executive Session: Parent request to go into Executive Session and,

	Matters that will imperil the public safety if disclosed
	Any matter that may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer
	Information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed.
	Proposed, pending , or current litigation
	Collective negotiations pertaining to the Union pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law
x	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.
	The preparation, grading , or administration of exams
	The Proposed acquisition, sale- or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition sale or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of these things.
	Discussing student records made confidential by federal law (FERPA or IDEA)
	Hearing an appeal of a student suspension
	Hearing an appeal of an employee grievance
	Seeking legal advice from our attorney , which is made privileged b law

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to enter executive session at 7:17 p.m.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten to return to regular session at 9:50 p.m.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Brian Parent to adjourn regular session at 9:51 p.m.