

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Karis

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, John McKeown, Sanya Pelrah, Gary Winghart, Olivia Woolheater, Kevin Roberts, Adam DeGrace, Ann Marie Benedict, Kerry Taroli, Kelly Runniger

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

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Presentation from King & King was delivered by Kerry Taroli and Ann Marie Benedict. Building Condition Survey reports were distributed to each of the board members.

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.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved the minutes from the meeting held on August 9, 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: 4 yes, 0 no

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

- **Upcoming Events:** September 12th: First day of positivity project lessons.  
September 19th: Start of extended day programs. October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Band recruitment night.

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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.

- **Back to School Night:** Back to school night was a success. Teachers created a wonderful and welcoming experience for students. The custodial team had the building looking excellent.
- **First Week of School:** The first week of school began on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday morning was full of excitement from both students and staff. The week ended with assemblies given by Mr. Winghart, Miss Kistowski, and Mrs. Laurey to remind students of the school wide expectations and to introduce the positivity project.
- **Positivity Project:** The focus of the Positivity Project is on the 24 character strengths and 6 virtues of Positive Psychology. Students will participate in daily classroom lessons with each week focused on a different character.

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

- **Back to School Night:** Back to School Night was held Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup>. Students and parents were able to visit the classrooms, meet teachers, and drop off supplies. There was a Chromebook pickup, tables with clubs and sports information, and the ability to buy school apparel from the school store. Families were also able to enjoy complimentary hot dogs and hamburgers.
- **Team Workshop:** The first team workshop was held Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup>. The focus of this workshop was to bring all staff together. Staff worked to create an "All About Us" chart to acknowledge and celebrate the wide array of experiences, similarities, and differences.
- **Before and After School Programs:** Before and after school programs, Rams Can Soar and the Fitness Center are available for students.
- **Culture and Climate:** Student assemblies were held on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to remind students what a great year it will be and to review expectations from the Code of Conduct. Culture and Climate met on Thursday, September, 8<sup>th</sup> to begin planning ways to create a welcoming environment for all students.

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts included the following items:

- **2022 Capital Outlay Project:** Renovation of the old High School Boy's locker room into a storage room and SED approved vault. The general contractor's work is complete. Trane has installed HVAC controls which will include temperature and humidity control.
- **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.
- **NYSED Building Condition Surveys:** Required by SED for 2022. There have been extensive walk-throughs of all buildings and grounds. Inspections have been completed and we were given the final document at this meeting.
- **Day to Day Operations:** All of the summer cleaning, maintenance, and renovation work has been completed for the summer. All custodial staff did a great job preparing

the school and grounds for the new school year. The 5 student workers who helped throughout the summer did an amazing job. Craig Gallant is busy preparing soccer fields and cross country trails to be ready for the season

Transportation report given by Adam DeGrace included the following items:

- **Bus Inspections:** There were bus inspections on buses, 95, 97, and 98
- **Bus Fleet Updates:** The buses are in good condition. All buses have been undercoated. Currently making adjustments to the routes to bring ride time to an acceptable time frame. The new trainee has a scheduled road test for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September.
- **Bus Driver News:** All drivers are current on their qualifications.

Athletic Report as written in Board Packet. Athletic Director not present due to attending a Remsen athletic event.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the Jr./Sr. High Grading Policy.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

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 August 12, 2022 and August 16, 2022. Please be reminded that discussion of a specific IEP should be referred to Executive Session.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Emily Laurey as the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor for the 2022-2023 school year.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint certified, retired teacher Kim Kershaw for High School Special Education at the daily rate of \$220.00, retroactive to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, appoint retired school nurse, Eileen Hamlin as a Substitute Nurse for the 2022-2023 school year.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Danielle Kinsley from the position of Lunch/Recess Monitor retroactive to August 30, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Danielle Kinsley to the position of Teacher Aide retroactive to August 31, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Bus Driver, Brenda Carnnright retroactive to August 23, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jamie Dening from the position of the Girls’ Modified Soccer Coach for the 2022-2023 year.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Caryn Johnson from the position of Teacher Aide retroactive to August 8, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Alyssa VanLieshout as a substitute teacher.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Joshua Burkett from the position of cleaner affective September 9, 2022.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Information and Correspondence given to the Board included the following:

Soaring to Success – Board of Education Roundtable Remarks

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

Patrick Nolan: Excited to see school start up again and excited for the new year.

Jeannie Scouten: Complimented on how the back to school night was a hit for both students and parents.

Brian Parent: Commented on how great the Back to School night was. Gave recognition to Timothy Jenny, Sanya Pelrah, and Gary Winghart for all of their hard work to prepare for the new school year.

Mrs. Allen: Gave thanks to Superintendent Timothy Jenny for all that he does for the staff. Mrs. Allen talked about how Mr. Jenny sent a positive email to all staff before the first day of school.

Executive Session

	Matters that will imperil the public safety if disclosed
	Any matter that ma 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 6:56 p.m.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Patrick Nolan to return to regular session at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan to adjourn regular session at 7:32 p.m.