



REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
TUESDAY JUNE 11, 2024  
*"All Remsen students will Soar to Success"*

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tara Kennerknecht, Patrick Nolan, Mary Lou Allen,  
Stephanie Karis, Jeannie Scouten

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, John McKeown, Gary Winghart,  
Olivia Woolheater, Kurt Crossett, Kelly Runniger,  
Kevin Roberts, Sanya Pelrah, Kelly Countryman,  
Dale Dening, Carlleen Taylor, Richard Gallo,  
Shaylyn Dolly, Rachel Waterman, Nathan Leska,  
Jody Lamphere, Emily Inman

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Mary Lou Allen, Board President, at 6:55 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. As a reminder, discussion or comment about personnel matters, any district employee or any particular student is prohibited. Those concerns should be brought directly to the Superintendent.

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 this evening

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved the minutes from the meetings held on May 14, 2024 and May 28, 2024.; 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

Athletic Director’s Report given by Dale Denning: See attached

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts: See attached

Transportation Report given by Kurt Crossett: See attached

Elementary Principal’s report given by Gary Winghart: See attached

High School Principal’s Report given by Sanya Pelrah: See attached

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Gary Winghart effective August 4, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the term appointment of Jody Lamphere, of Poland, NY to the position of Administrator, commencing July 8, 2024 and ending August 4, 2024. During this period of time Jody Lamphere shall be compensated per the enclosed elementary principal agreement on a prorated basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the four (4) year probationary appointment of Jody Lamphere, of Poland, NY as the Elementary School Principal for the Remsen Central School District, in the tenure area of building principal, commencing August 5, 2024 and ending July 9, 2028, crediting her with time served as an Administrator in the District for the period of time from July 8, 2024 through August 4, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Shaylyn Dolly to the position Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$15.00 effective July 1, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Nathan Leska to the position Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$15.00 effective July 1, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the Remsen CSD District-Wide Code of Conduct 2024-2025.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the Remsen CSD Athletic Code of Conduct 2024-2025.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the Remsen CSD District-Wide Safety Plan 2024-2025.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on May 9, May 10, May 13, May 14, May 15, May 17, May 21, May 22, May 23, May 28, May 30, May 31, June 3, June 4, June 5, and June 6 2024. Please be reminded that discussion of a specific IEP should be referred to Executive Session.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept results of the May 21, 2024 budget vote and election as follows:

Budget (\$14,677,461.00): Yes 165; No 19

Proposition #1 (Bus Purchase): Yes 163; No 17

Proposition #2 (Didymus Library): Yes 166; No 16

Board of Education Member (Stephanie Karis): Yes 159; Write in 5

Unanimous vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 12-Month Employee Holiday Schedule.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 11, 2024 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, 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 21, 2024, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the specific object or purpose hereinafter described; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 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 \$255,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the specific object or purpose described herein, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. The specific object or purpose to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as “purpose”) is the acquisition of one (1) 66-passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$169,100, and one (1) 20-passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$85,900, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$255,000.

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 \$255,000, (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.

Section 5. 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.

Section 6. The Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$255,000, 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.

Section 8. 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  
Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request to allow one student to be considered as an independent athlete in the sport of Varsity Gymnastics for the fall of

2024 sports season with all fees, expenses, and transportation provided by the parents of said athlete.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare one timpani drum set as an excess item.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law Section 2034 (6)(b) that more than six months have elapsed since May 16, 2023 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 authorized the District Clerk to destroy official ballots cast, spoiled, and unused in the May 16, 2023 Annual District Budget Vote and Board of Education Election.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Michelle Krul of Forestport, NY to the position of Substitute Teacher effective June 12, 2024 at the daily rate of \$110.00.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the request of Danielle Kinsley for unpaid leave days taken on June 18, 2024 and June 20, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the request of Autumn Fasolino for half unpaid leave days taken on May 17, 2024 and May 22, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the request of Lisa Gregory for Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) beginning May 13, 2024 through May 31, 2024 with a return to work date of June 3, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jaden Guo to the position Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$15.00 effective July 1, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Molly Southwick to the position Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$15.00 effective July 1, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jaedyn Wilcox to the position Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$15.00 effective July 1, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Abbie Tyson to the position Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$15.00 effective July 1, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Pricilla Heburn of Remsen, NY as a retired teacher substitute at the daily rate of \$150 and tutor at the hourly rate of \$32.00.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Nina Griswold of Remsen, NY to the position Substitute Bus Driver effective June 12, 2024 at the hourly rate of \$18.22.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the four (4) year probationary appointment of Gary Winghart, as the Technology Curriculum Coordinator for the Remsen Central School District, in the tenure area of Technology Curriculum Coordinator, to commence on August 5, 2024 and to expire on August 6, 2028; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Gary Winghart shall be compensated per the enclosed Technology Curriculum Coordinator agreement.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Leian DiNitto effective June 28, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, 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 per the enclosed Employment Agreement effective June 11, 2024."

Unanimous vote

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Kevin Roberts as Clerk of the Works for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$270.55 per day, effective July 1, 2024."

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Stephanie Karis:

"RESOLVED: that the Board of Education appoint Robin Hajdasz of Remsen, NY as a substitute Senior Clerk at the daily rate of \$152.00, effective July 1, 2024."

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Stephanie Karis:

"RESOLVED: that the Board of Education appoint Sanya Pelrah as the "new principal mentor" for the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend of \$1,440."

Unanimous vote

Information and Correspondence -

- Mr. Timothy Jenny thanked everyone for helping to play a role in Remsen receiving the School Safety Excellence Award.
- High School Graduation – Friday June 21, 2024 in the High School Gymnasium at 7:00 P.M. Please let Mr. Jenny know if you plan to attend as a Board Member
- A letter was written by Mrs. Carlleen Taylor demonstrating her appreciation for Bus Driver Mrs. Donna Worden and how well she did driving the students to their field trip.
- Mr. Richard Gallo thanked the Board members for their service and gave each member a coupon book. Mr. Gallo also thanked the Board for their assistance in restarting the Ski Club. He mentioned that the Ski Club had a great winter and are looking forward to next year. Mr. Gallo also stated that Remsen was the only school that had zero issues at Woods Valley and our kids are to be commended.

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:

Mrs. Tara Kennerknecht: Mrs. Kennerknecht commented on how fast the school year went by and celebrated her first complete year as a board member.



Mrs. Jeannie Scouten: Mrs. Scouten said that the Senior Sundaes was a nice event. She said it was great to hear about the senior plans after graduation.

Mr. Patrick Nolan: Mr. Nolan said that the elementary spring concert went very well this year and that the music teacher is going a great job.

Mrs. Stephanie Karis: Mrs. Karis commented on how fast and busy the school year was. She also thanked the staff for the amazing year.

Mrs. Mary Lou Allen: Mrs. Allen commented how everyone at Remsen puts their best foot forward every day. She also thanked staff for all that they do every day. Mrs. Allen then thanked Mr. Kevin Roberts for all he has done in his years working at Remsen and that everyone appreciates his hard work.

Mr. Timothy Jenny: Mr. Jenny congratulated Mrs. Kennerknecht for her first completed year as a Board member. Mr. Jenny congratulated all of the retirees and thanked them for their years of service. Mr. Jenny also mentioned that the retiree dinner will be June 26<sup>th</sup> at Delta Lake Inn. Mr. Jenny emphasized why it is important to recognize student success and achievement referring to the academic and athletic awards ceremony. Mr. Jenny then congratulated the top seniors. Mr. Jenny then thanked the Board of Education for another great year and also thanked Mrs. Mary Lou Allen for being the Board President. Mr. Jenny thanked Mr. Gary Winghart for all of years as the Elementary Principal and commented on how impactful he has been. Lastly, Mr. Jenny thanked Mr. Kevin Roberts and told him that the district appreciates everything that he has done and will continue to do.

Motion by Tara Kenneknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten to enter executive session at 8:08 p.m. for 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.

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Stephanie Karis to return to regular session at 8:37p.m.

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan to adjourn regular session at 8:38 p.m.