



REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 14, 2024

"All Remsen students will Soar to Success"

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tara Kennerknecht, Patrick Nolan, Mary Lou Allen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Karis, Jeannie Scouten

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, John McKeown, Gary Winghart,
Olivia Woolheater, Kurt Crossett, Kelly Runninger,
Kevin Roberts, Sanya Pelrah, Kelly Countryman,
Dale Dening, Susan Bartholomew, Anne Reilly,
Lorraine Hefner, Richard Gallo, Jack Lombardi

Mr. John McKeown and Mr. Timothy Jenny presented the Budget Hearing from 6:00 p.m. to 6:33 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Mary Lou Allen, Board President, at 6:34 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.

Public hearing for:

Remsen CSD District-Wide Code of Conduct 2024-2025
Remsen CSD Athletic Code of Conduct 2024-2025
Remsen CSD District-Wide School Safety Plan 2024-2025

No public participation this evening

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved the minutes from the meetings held on April 9, 2024 and April 16, 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.”

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

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

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

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

Facilities Report given by Kevin Roberts: See attached

Transportation Report given by Kurt Crossett: See attached

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education retroactively approve the 2023-2024 School District Patrol Officer Agreement between Oneida County, through the Oneida County Sheriff’s Office, and the Remsen Central School District. Note: This contract was provided to the district from the county on April 11th, 2024.”

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on April 2, April 3, April 4, April 5, April 9, April 11, April 15, April 16, April 17, April 18, and May 3, 2024. Please be reminded that discussion of a specific IEP should be referred to Executive Session.”

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

WHEREAS there has been proposed a "NEW YORK STATE MUNICIPAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION ALLIANCE PLAN DOCUMENT" pursuant to Section 50 3-a of the Workers' Compensation Law (hereinafter "the Plan"); and

WHEREAS the Remsen Central School District is eligible for membership in the Plan; and

WHEREAS the Remsen Central School District has made an independent investigation of the Plan and reviewed the Plan document, and has concluded that it would be in the interests of the Remsen Central School District to participate therein; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Remsen Central School District enter into membership in the Plan pursuant to Section 50 Subdivision 3-a of the Workers' Compensation Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Mrs. Mary Lou Allen be and hereby is authorized and instructed to execute the Plan's charter document on behalf of the Remsen Central School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the custody of all joint Plan moneys by the Plan Administrator under the Plan be and the same hereby is approved.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

RESOLVED, that the Remsen Central School hereby elects, pursuant to Subdivision 3-a of Section 50 of the Workers' Compensation Law, to become a self-insurer as to Workers' Compensation claims against this Municipality; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 50 Subdivision 3-a of said Workers' Compensation Law, notice of such election shall be filed forthwith with the Chairman of the Workers' Compensation Board, Self-Insurance Section; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this election shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

WHEREAS, the Remsen Central School District (the "District") has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to retain an architect to provide necessary architectural and related services in connection with its 2023-2024 Capital Outlay Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a request for proposals awarded to King + King Architects, the District wishes to contract with King + King Architects for the purposes of providing architectural and related services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the School District's legal counsel, Ferrara Fiorenza, PC and King + King Architects have jointly prepared a contract for architectural services relative to the Project (a copy of which has been shared with the Board);

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Board of Education approves the retention of King + King Architects to provide professional services and proceed with the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract approved by legal counsel and previously shared with the Board of Education.
2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board or the Superintendent of Schools to enter into the approved contract with King + King Architects on behalf of the Board of Education and take all steps necessary or convenient to proceed under the contract in connection with the Project.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

WHEREAS, the Remsen Central School District (the “District”) has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to retain a construction manager to provide necessary construction management and related services in connection with its 2023 Capital Improvement Project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a request for proposals awarded to Construction Associates, the District wishes to contract with Construction Associates for the purposes of providing construction management and related services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the School District’s legal counsel, Ferrara Fiorenza, PC and Construction Associates have jointly prepared a contract for construction management services relative to the Project (a copy of which has been shared with the Board);

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Board of Education approves the retention of Construction Associates to provide professional services and proceed with the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract approved by legal counsel and previously shared with the Board of Education.
2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board or the Superintendent of Schools to enter into the approved contract with Construction Associates on behalf of the Board of Education and take all steps necessary or convenient to proceed under the contract in connection with the Project.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

WHEREAS, the Remsen Central School District (the “District”) has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to retain an architect to provide necessary architectural and related services in connection with its 2023 Capital Improvement Project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a request for proposals awarded to King + King Architects, the District wishes to contract with King + King Architects for the purposes of providing architectural and related services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the School District’s legal counsel, Ferrara Fiorenza, PC and King + King Architects have jointly prepared a contract for architectural services relative to the Project (a copy of which has been shared with the Board);

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Board of Education approves the retention of King + King Architects to provide professional services and proceed with the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract approved by legal counsel and previously shared with the Board of Education.
2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board or the Superintendent of Schools to enter into the approved contract with King + King Architects on behalf of the Board of Education and take all steps necessary or convenient to proceed under the contract in connection with the Project.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

First Read of the following polices:

Remsen Central School District-Wide Code of Conduct 2024-2025
Remsen Central School District Athletic Code of Conduct 2024-2025
Remsen Central School District-Wide Safety Plan 2024-2025

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the sports combine with Town of Webb Union Free School District for Cross Country 2024-2025 at the modified and varsity levels for boys and girls.”

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grant the request of Robin McCormack for unpaid leave from May 9, 2024 – May 10 2024.”

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Brittany Austin effective June 30, 2024.”

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Daniel Polce effective May 21, 2024.”

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the request of Christine Farber for Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) beginning May 6, 2024 through May 21, 2024 with a return to work date of May 22, 2024.”

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grant the request of Lacey Carino for unpaid leave for a half day on March 18, 2024 and a full day on May 17, 2024.”

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

Information and Correspondence -

- Annual Budget Vote and BOE Member Election May 21, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria
- Senior Capstone Project: The class of 2024 Senior Seminar Class invited the Board of Education Members to view their Capstone Project on June 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the High School Library

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. Mary Lou Allen: Mrs. Allen thanked the Administration, Mr. John McKeown and Mr. Timothy Jenny for all of their hard work putting together the 2024 budget presentation.

Mr. Timothy Jenny: Mr. Jenny thanked the custodial crew for their quick and hard work taking care of the old desks. Mr. Jenny then thanked Mr. Kurt Crossett the Transportation Director for helping with bus runs due to short staff. Mr. Jenny also shared that the Remsen Track Invitational meet went well. Mr. Jenny also congratulated the 2024 Valedictorian, Mr. Brian Secor and Salutatorian, Leila Ward. Mr. Jenny also shared that Remsen hosted this years' All County. It was a great event and excellent turnout. Lastly, Mr. Jenny thanked Mr. John McKeown and the Board of Education for being a part of creating the budget.

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht to enter executive session at 7:15 p.m. for the Superintendent's Evaluation and 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 Patrick Nolan to return to regular session at 8:02 p.m.

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht to adjourn regular session at 8:03 p.m.