



REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2024
"All Remsen students will Soar to Success"

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tara Kennerknecht, Patrick Nolan, Jeannie Scouten,
Mary Lou Allen, Stephanie Karis (Arrived at 6:04
p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, John McKeown, Gary Winghart,
Olivia Woolheater, Kurt Crossett, Kelly Runninger,
Richard Gallo, Kevin Roberts, Sanya Pelrah, Kelly
Countryman, Carlleen Taylor, Dale Dening, Lorraine
Hefner, Susan Bartholomew, Rick Lavallee

Mr. John McKeown and Mr. Timothy Jenny presented a Budget Workshop from 6:00 p.m. to 6:16 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Mary Lou Allen, Board President, at 6:16 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 Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved the minutes from the meeting held on February 13, 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

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 Stephanie Karis:

Board of Education Policy - Second Read and Adoption – RECOMMENDED ACTION
– Approve the following: “RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the following policy;

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Unanimous vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on February 9th, February 12th, February 13th, and March 3rd 2024. Please be reminded that discussion of a specific IEP should be referred to Executive Session.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Remsen Central School District Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the meeting schedule for 2024-2025 as follows: July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, May 20 (Budget Vote), and June

10; and be it further resolved that all board meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Tax Cap for 2025.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election:

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

“RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE 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, LESS TRADE-IN VALUE, IF ANY, AND THAT SUCH COSTS, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL BE RAISED BY THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH TAX, DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS MAY BE NECESSARY NOT TO EXCEED \$255,000 SHALL BE ISSUED, OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENTER INTO AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT IF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE IN THAT METHOD.”

2. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed for authorized indebtedness providing for payment of the acquisition of school buses at an estimated aggregate maximum cost of not to exceed \$255,000. Such taxes shall be levied upon all the taxable property of the District, shall be levied in annual

installments and shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.

3. The District Clerk or the Clerk’s designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of the annual meeting of the School District.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

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Unanimous vote

Board of Education Policies – First Read

8107 8200 8202 8203 8204

Superintendent’s Regulation Information only:

8204.1

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the resolution for the State Environmental Quality Review Capital Outlay Project:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District (the “Board”) has considered the effect upon the environment of the proposed 2024-2025 Capital Outlay Project work, including but not limited to the following:

Remove existing VCT stage flooring, wall base, and rubber tile on ramp, stair treads, and risers at the Jr/Sr High School. Install new wood flooring on the stage, wall base, and rubber flooring on ramp, stair treads, and risers at the Jr/Sr High School.

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the scope of the project and has further received and considered the advice of its architects with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c), now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education as follows:

1. The Proposed Action does not exceed thresholds established under 6 NYCRR Part 617, the State Environmental Quality Review Act, (SEQRA).
2. The Board hereby determines the Proposed Action as a Type II action in accordance with the SEQRA regulations.
3. No further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA.
4. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Remsen Central School District 2023-2024 Workplace Violence Prevention Program, to become appendix E of the District Wide School Safety Plan.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election:

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

“RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE DIDYMUS THOMAS LIBRARY TO THE SUM OF \$59,500 PER YEAR; TO LEVY TAXES IN THE SAID AMOUNT OF \$59,500 ANNUALLY; AND TO PAY OVER SUCH MONEYS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DIDYMUS THOMAS LIBRARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE DIDYMUS THOMAS LIBRARY.”

2. The District Clerk or the Clerk’s designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of the annual meeting of the School District.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

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Unanimous vote

Susan Bartholomew and Rick Lavalley spoke about the library and discussed the need to increase the appropriation to the sum of \$59,500 per year.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Superintendent of the Remsen Central School District and the Elementary School Principal, Gary Winghart effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Superintendent of the Remsen Central School District and the Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Sanya Pelrah effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Railey Ehart of Remsen, NY as a Substitute Teacher at the daily rate of \$100.00 effective March 13, 2024, pending fingerprint clearance.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Shannon Meeker of Remsen, NY as an unpaid Volunteer Coach for the 2024 Varsity Golf season.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the request of Anne Reilly for Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) beginning on February 26, 2024 through March 19, 2024 with a return to work date of March 20, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Enrique Carrasco of Remsen, NY as a Bus Driver at the hourly rate of \$20.25 retroactive to March 4, 2024.”

Vote: 3 yes, 1 abstained

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education withdraw the appointment from the February 13, 2024 Board of Education meeting of Matthew Murphy as a substitute teacher.”

Unanimous vote

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 commented on how special Remsen is to have such involved principals and how thankful everyone is for all that they do for the students.

Mr. Timothy Jenny: Mr. Jenny thanked the Didymus Thomas Library for all that they do for the students, staff, and community.

Mr. Jenny then thanked Mr. John McKeown for all of his help preparing and presenting the budget workshops this year.

Lastly, Mr. Jenny discussed how well the musical; Cinderella went on March 1st and 2nd. He explained how the musical is a great opportunity for all students to get involved from the set building, backgrounds, lights, and musically.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Tara Kennerknecht to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.