



REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10, 2024
"All Remsen students will Soar to Success"

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Allen, Tara Kennerknecht, Patrick Nolan,
Stephanie Karis (Arrived at 6:48)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeannie Scouten

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, John McKeown, Gary Winghart,
Olivia Woolheater, Kurt Crossett, Kelly Runninger,
Richard Gallo

Mr. John McKeown and Mr. Timothy Jenny presented the Budget workshop from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Mary Lou Allen, Board President, at 6:30 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. 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 Tara Kenneknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved the minutes from the meeting held on December 12, 2023; 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 made by Dale Denning and shared by Timothy Jenny: See attached

Facilities Report made by Kevin Roberts and shared by Timothy Jenny: See attached

Transportation Report given by Kurt Crossett: See attached

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the following policies

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Superintendent's Regulation for information only:

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Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution for Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Electricity:

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, *Remsen Central School District* (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the *Remsen Central School District* to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs *The District Clerk* to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity delivered to the delivery point of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity electricity not to exceed \$.0845 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2024, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Approving of Construction Management Services RFP

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District (the “Board”) has determined that it is in the best interest of the Remsen Central School District (the “School District”) to retain a Construction Manager to provide construction management and related professional services (“Construction Management Services”); and

WHEREAS, the School District previously issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for Construction Management Services; and

WHEREAS, the School District has received proposals in response to the RFP, diligently analyzed the proposals, and conducted interviews of selected candidates as part of the selection process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as a result of the RFP process has selected Construction Associates to provide Construction Management Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Board of Education approves the retention of Construction Associates to provide Construction Management Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the RFP and Construction Management services contract(s) to be entered into in the form approved by the School District's legal counsel.

Upon Board of Education approval, this resolution shall take effect immediately

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education meeting held on December 13, 2023. Please be reminded that discussion of a specific IEP should be referred to Executive Session.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation from Farm Credit Establishment, in the amount of \$300.00 for the Remsen FFA.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 10, 2024 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF 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 special meeting of such voters duly held on December 5, 2023, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the class of objects or purposes hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has, on September 12, 2023, duly determined and found the purpose hereinafter described constitutes a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act of the State of New York and the applicable regulations thereunder (“SEQRA”) which will not have a significant impact on the environment and such purpose is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of such Board of Education, as follows:

Section 1. The Remsen Central School District shall undertake certain capital improvements to the School District's existing school buildings and facilities, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the School District at special voter meeting on December 5, 2023.

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 \$7,680,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is certain capital improvements consisting of construction and reconstruction of existing school buildings and facilities within the School District (each such building being a class "A" (fireproof and certain fire resistant) building as defined in Subdivision 11 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of said Local Finance Law), various site improvements, and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the aggregate maximum cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$9,905,000; and (b) the Remsen Central School District's plan to finance the cost of said purpose is (i) to provide \$2,225,000 from the existing capital reserve fund for such costs; and (ii) to provide up to \$7,680,000 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 97 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is thirty (30) 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 \$7,680,000, 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 anticipation of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby shall mature within one year of the date of issuance thereof or such longer term as may be desired in accordance with the provisions

of the Local Finance Law, (c) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement, and (d) current funds will be provided prior to the issuance of the Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes herein authorized, to the extent, if any, required by Section 107.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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 as may be 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. An 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 sale and 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 authority to determine whether to accept bids electronically to the extent allowed by the Local Finance Law, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, all contracts for, and determinations with respect to credit or liquidity enhancements, if any, and to sell, issue and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and Local Finance Law, 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, Vice President 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. The President of the Board of Education is additionally authorized (but not required) to execute and deliver a financing agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and any other agreements and documents necessary to accomplish a financing, all as may be determined in the discretion of the President of the Board of Education.

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 issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds 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, at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially 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.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

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Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

First Read of Board of Education Policies:

8003	8102	7600
8001	8103	
8100	8104	
8101	8105	

Discussion of Policy:

8002

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Kelly Pouliot of Remsen, NY as a Substitute Teacher at the daily rate of \$100.00 and an After School Program Assistant at the hourly rate of \$16.00 effective January 11, 2024.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Hayden Flinchum of Boonville, NY as a Substitute Teacher at the daily rate of \$110.00 effective January 11, 2024.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Maximus Thomann of Rome, NY as a Substitute Teacher at the daily rate of \$110.00 effective January 11, 2024.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jean Wolcott of Forestport, NY as a Substitute Teacher at the daily rate of \$110.00 effective January 11, 2024. Pending fingerprint clearance.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

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 great the Remsen school website is. She said that she and others enjoy seeing the pictures from concerts, sporting events, and other activities.

Mr. Timothy Jenny: Mr. Jenny gave high fives to Mr. Kurt Crossett the transportation director for his hard work and filling in as a driver.

Lastly, Mr. Jenny highlighted how great all of the students are and how fortunate we are to have such great students. Mr. Jenny wished all present a happy and healthy 2024.

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Stephanie Karis to enter executive session at 7:14 p.m. for the Superintendent’s informal midyear evaluation.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan to return to regular session at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by Patrick Nolan second by Tara Kennerknecht to adjourn regular session at 7:29 p.m.

Elementary Report

Remsen Elementary January Update



Remsen CSD Goals

- Ensure each child has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential in a global society.
- Hire, support, develop and retain high quality staff.
- Develop, maintain and improve resources within a fiscally sound and responsible budget.
- Improve the transparency and communication with the district and community.

Upcoming Events

January 8 - Wishtree Reading Event Kick-off

January 9 - Budget Workshop and BOE Meeting

January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 23 - Elementary Family Night

January 29-February 2 - School Spirit Week

February 7 - Beginning Band and Chorus Concert

February 9 - Elementary Drama Club Production



Christmas Concerts

The Pre-K through grade 4 concert on the 13th of December and the grade 5 through 12 concert on the 20th both went very well. The Pre-K through grade 4 concert is always fun with each grade level singing holiday/winter themed songs full of movement and excitement. The grade 5 through grade 12 concert was wonderful with each ensemble performing a great selection of holiday themed songs. The addition of staff and community participation with the high school chorus and band was a lot of fun, as well as the sing along at the end of the concert.

Evening of Excellence

The Trimester 1 Evening of Excellence went very well. Students and their families were invited for the ceremony to celebrate our students achievement during the first trimester. Over 90 awards were presented to our students in Pre-K through grade 5, including our three new Essential Area Awards.



For the first time, students received the Art Star Award, the Performance Arts Award and the Participation and Sportsmanship Award for excellent participation and effort in each of the essential areas.

Around the School

Learning about "Capacity"

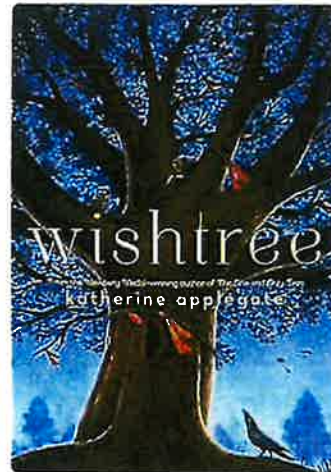
Our kindergarteners have been learning about capacity. Discovering that different size and shape containers can hold different quantities even if it looks like they are holding the same amount of something. They are also learning about different measuring tools and units of measure.

"I Have A Dream" Art Projects

In the art room, Mr. Smith has some of his classes working on a neat "I have a dream" project where they are incorporating dreams that they have for the future into a portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

One School, One Book - Wishtree

On January 8th, we will be kicking off our One School, One Book reading event. This week, acorns have been hidden throughout the elementary and over the weekend, a large oak tree will magically sprout up in the front lobby. On Monday, classes will receive a special message that will include directions on how to access an introduction to our book for this year. Each week students will read through chapters, answer trivia questions and enjoy reading through our book together.



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FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Gary Winghart
Remsen Elementary Principal



Remsen Central School
Jr./Sr. High School Update
Sanya Pelrah, Principal
1/9/24

Team Workshop

During the January Team Workshop, we had a team-building activity, time for staff to work collaboratively on instructional planning and data, and continued our positivity blast with positive notes home to students.

Instructional Focus

I am working with the Instructional Committee to plan the staff-led professional development session that we will host in March. This is a great opportunity for staff to learn and share strategies and knowledge with their colleagues.

Culture and Climate

- Before winter break, we had a spirited four days with our holiday spirit week, hot chocolate and cookies during lunch (the cookies were made by the cafeteria staff), selfies with Santa, and a drawing for an Amazon gift card was done at each lunch period the day before break.
- On January 5, the Center for Family Life and Recovery came in to do a presentation to grades 7-12 about the dangers of vaping.
- Clubs and Activities
 - 12th grade - They have reserved the hotel and all activities for the senior trip. They have also reserved the Town of Trenton Park for the senior picnic on June 3.
 - 11th grade - They planned the Snowball and are planning for next year's Barnfest.
 - 10th grade - They are continuing to plan for the Valentine's Dance and for next year's Barnfest.
 - FFA - They will be attending a leadership program on January 20 and students are currently preparing for the February 3 District 5 Leadership Development contests in Hamilton.
 - Diversity Club - At their January 9th meeting, they will start working on the Crush for Your Crush Valentine's fundraiser. Their next Elevating Students Voices workshop is on January 19 at BOCES.
 - Drama Club - Their previous fundraisers were successful and they are now beginning rehearsals for *Cinderella*.
 - National Honor Society - They are in the planning stages for a parents' night around Valentine's Day where elementary students could enjoy activities at school allowing parents an evening out.
 - International Club - They started their third fundraiser, are planning for el Dia de los Reyes Magos (Three Kings Day), and are going to take a group to the Syracuse Crunch Hockey' French Night.
 - Athletics - Their latest competition was in Oneida on Saturday. They have had a fun season and are excited for the last two competitions.
 - Mock Trial - Their first meeting was on January 3. Students will select their roles in the case and then work on learning their parts.
 - Music Department - The winter concert was a success. Several staff and community members played with the band and sang with the chorus.
 - School Store & Work-Based Learning - The school store will be opening in the near future. They are organizing, inventorying, and holding interviews for students interested in working at the store. In addition to preparing for this, Mrs. Muzio, the school store advisor, will be working with

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Mrs. Ives, the work-based learning coordinator, to identify and document these experiences for students.

- Student Council - December was full of holiday cheer. Student council organized an ornament decorating station during lunch periods for students before the break. The students put together a candy gram for all students and staff in the high school. Students also put together a little ornament gift for all of the teachers in both the high school and elementary school to let them know how much they are appreciated.
- Yearbook - The students are diligently working on designing the pages.

2023 Holiday Fun



Dale Dening Athletic Director's Report



Section III January 2024



RAMS ATHLETICS

Important Dates

January 8: Boys Modified Basketball Begins

January 10: CSC Athletic Directors Meeting

Winter Sports

Modified Girls Basketball - No team this year (lack of numbers with sign-ups)

Modified Boys Basketball - preliminary sign-ups with practices beginning on Jan. 8th - looks like we will have 2 full teams this year

-Congratulations to our Girls varsity volleyball team for winning the Queen Classic Tournament (CCL/CSC) held at SUNY Morrisville on December 16th. Participating teams from the Central Counties League and the Center State Conference were in attendance.

-On Jan 11th before the varsity volleyball game vs. Adirondack, our volleyball program will be holding a special ceremony honoring those faculty and staff that have had a direct impact on our student-athletes of the junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams. This will be a part of Teacher Appreciation Night sponsored by the volleyball program.

Senior Nights Announced:

Monday, January 29th - Varsity Volleyball vs. ODY

Tuesday, February 6th - Varsity Basketball vs. Dolgeville

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Chaperones for winter contests - The majority of our winter home contests are covered by chaperones this winter. We are needing coverage for just 4 boys modified basketball games in February and March.

Spring Sports

-Sign ups for all spring sports will be taking place throughout the week of January 15th-19th in all high school physical education classes.





REMSEN CENTRAL

SCHOOL DISTRICT

FACILITIES REPORT

1/9/2024 BOE Meeting

2023 Capital Outlay Project

Elementary Lockers- A. E. Alexander Construction still has a couple cosmetic issues to rectify. A final inspection will then have to be completed by King & King

2024 Capital Outlay Project

Scope of work involves security measures including lockdown blue lights, 911 dialers, and adding remaining exterior doors to the doors ajar program. Day Automation will head up this job and will not require bidding as these services are already on NYS Contract. Project has been approved by SED. They are waiting on some equipment but are hoping to start the project in 2-3 weeks. Hewitt Young Electrical will now be the electrical sub-contractor

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Next Capital Improvement Project:

The next step is to appoint a construction management firm, which is on the agenda tonight. A project kickoff meeting is scheduled for January 11th. This will include representatives from the district, King & King, and engineers from mechanical and sitework firms.

General Updates

Our groundsworker Craig Gallant is back to work from his injury. Retiree Dave Buhite will stay on board for a while to help us get caught up on backlogged maintenance tasks. The weather has been very un-winter like so that's helping us get caught back up also.



Board of Education Transportation Report

Remsen Central School District

1-9-24

- Donna Worden and Trevor Stevens are in the process of training to get their license.
- Brad Smith has officially retired, so we are very short on drivers.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Crossett
Bus Dispatcher