



REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

*"All Remsen students will Soar to Success"*

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Karis

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, John McKeown, Olivia Woolheater,  
Kurt Crossett, Kelly Runniger, Sanya Pelrah, Jody  
Lamphere, Dale Denning, Carlleen Taylor, Erika  
Kistowski, Emily Laurey, Meghan Dineen, Kelly  
Countryman, Richard Gallo, Easton Kistowski  
(Remsen's Therapy Dog)

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

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

The Student Support Team presented to the Board

Mrs. Emily Laurey: Mrs. Laurey shared information about school social work to the board and what her role entails. She explained that she provides individual counseling services to students under the committee of special education and 504 accommodation plans, acts as a link between school, home, and community by conducting home visits when needed, completes social/developmental history for CSE eligibility and then tri-annual thereafter, and contributes and coordinates with staff on the creation of behavior plans.

Ms. Erika Kistowski, Elementary School Counselor: Ms. Kistowski shared all of the services that are offered to students in the Elementary school including, individual counseling, 6<sup>th</sup> grade academic plans, group counseling, lunch groups, family nights, positivity project coordinator, and conflict resolution. Ms. Kistowski also shared information about the benefits of having a therapy dog Easton and how much the students enjoy seeing him.

Mrs. Meghan Dineen: Mrs. Dineen shared her plans for transcripts for students and how to break it down for them. She also shared that she assists students with college/employment applications, regents/SAT/AP exams, master scheduling, and McKinney Vento Liasion.

The student support team finished their presentation by discussing future plans and goals.

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 August 13, August 15, and August 19 2024. and it be further resolved that the Board of Education approve Warrants for Payment; Treasurer’s Report; accept Revenue Status Report; Appropriation Status Report, and budget transfers.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Elementary Principal’s report given by Jody Lamphere: 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: See attached

Transportation Report given by Kurt Crossett: See attached

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Sandra Pineiro of Rome, NY to the position of School Monitor at the hourly rate of \$15.50 retroactive to September 4, 2024.”

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Miranda Dornburgh effective September 18, 2024.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Suzanne Winghart of Holland Patent, NY to the position of Certified Substitute Teacher at the daily rate of \$150.00 effective September 11, 2024.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint retired Bus Driver Dennis Quackenbush of Remsen, NY to the position Long Term Substitute Bus Driver at the hourly rate of \$25.00 retroactive to September 1, 2024.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education amend Leian DiNitto’s start date from August 29, 2024 to August 30, 2024.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Jennifer Martin as the Elementary School Based Intervention Team Coordinator as a pilot program for the 2024-2025 school year at an annual stipend of \$3,000.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grant John McKeown, Business Administrator, Military Leave of Absence from October 7, 2024 until November 21, 2024 pursuant to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Berry Yette as an interim Business Administrator from October 7, 2024 until November 21, 2024 at the daily rate of \$100.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Olivia Woolheater from CSE Secretarial Responsibilities effective September 30, 2024.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Meghan Spadaro as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2024-2025 Modified Volleyball season.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Meghan Spadaro as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2025 Modified Softball season.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Kelly Countryman as a Substitute Clerical Worker retroactive to August 23, 2024 at the hourly rate of \$15.50.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Robert Staskoski as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2024 Cross Country Season.”

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

Information and Correspondence -

OHM-SBI Information and 2024-2025 Calendar of Major Events

Community Building Use Requests (Information Only)

Building Use – Good News Club: Elementary Art Room. Wednesdays from 2:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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 Kelly Countryman for always stepping up especially with substituting in the High School Main Office.

Mrs. Tara Kennerknecht: Mrs. Kennerknecht said that she appreciates all of the student engagement that the High School and Elementary Principals do for the students.

Mrs. Jeannie Scouten: Mrs. Scouten said that the back to school nights went well. She also said she appreciated all of the activities and fun that is offered to the students.

Mr. Timothy Jenny: Mr. Jenny thanked the Student Support Team for coming in to present to the Board of Education. Mr. Jenny commented on how much they do for all of the students and how the therapy dog Easton is great for the students. Mr. Jenny said he is looking forward to see the great things that Mrs. Meghan Dineen will do. Mr. Jenny said that it has been a great opening to the school year and that it is a testament to our great team. Mr. Jenny then shared the theme for the school year and explained the stars that each Board member had in front of them.

Mrs. Mary Lou Allen: Mrs. Allen also thanked Mr. Jenny and commented on how excellent his Superintendent's Conference Day message was.

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.