



# REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

*"All Remsen students will Soar to Success"*

### MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, Barry Yette, Sanya Pelrah, Jody Lamphere, Catherine Chandler, Joseph Bessm0er, Abigail Roberts, Dale Denning, Kelly Runniger, Richard Gallo, Rayne Ives, Carlleen Taylor, Trent Jenny, Colleen MacLachlan-Jenny

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

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Curriculum Presentation – An informative Agriculture and FFA curriculum presentation was given by Rayne Ives, FFA Advisor. Items discussed included the following:

- Grants and scholarships awarded to district and Mrs. Ives total \$133,000.
- Virtual Welders Program – received two grants of \$20,000.00 each. Mrs. Ives worked with a grant writer from Madison Oneida BOCES. The virtual welding equipment is shared with Waterville, West Canada Valley CSD and VVS. Each district has equipment for approximately 8-10 weeks. This equipment exposes students to the many aspects of welding and careers in the welding field.
- FarmBots
- Trout in the Classroom

Mrs. Allen read the following statement:

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 or to the Superintendent, Mr. Timothy Jenny at any time.

No public participation this evening.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from meeting held on October 8, 2024, approve agenda dated November 12, 2024; and be it further resolved that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s Report, Revenue Status Report, Appropriation Status Report, and approve budget transfers.”

Unanimous vote

Elementary Principal’s Report given by Jody Lamphere included the following items:

- Upcoming events for the remainder of November
- Positivity Project Assembly
- Halloween Costume Parade
- Soaring Students for the months of September and October
- Spirit Week held the week of October 7<sup>th</sup>
- Superintendent’s Conference Day included data training for staff and Poverty Simulation
- Elementary Student Council held a mock election for our students
- Team Workshop to be held on November 14<sup>th</sup>

High School Principal’s Report was given by Sanya Pelrah and included the following:

- Culture and Climate committee met on October 31
- YWCA gave bullying prevention presentations to all students in grades 7-12
- Veterans Day Concert held on November 7<sup>th</sup>
- JSHS clubs are busy with many activities and upcoming events

Dale Denning, Athletic Director, reported the following:

- Congratulation to the Boys varsity cross country team on their CSC Division 3 League Championship.
- Boys and Girls varsity teams participated in the Section III Championships on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Girls Varsity Soccer lost to LaFargeville in the quarter finals of the Section 3 tournament on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Denning received an email from the Lyme Central School Athletic Director complementing our hospitality and our team’s sportsmanship.
- First Team All-Stars: Varsity Girls Soccer – Jaiden Maher, Marissa Karis and Varsity Boys Cross Country – Ean Piaschuk, Burke Gates, Gavin Nelson, Ethan Karis, John Dickenson
- Winter sports practices will begin November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Remsen Sports Boosters will be donating \$1500 to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The money was raised during the month of October throughout their “Pink Out” events.

Facilities Report given by Joe Bessmer included the following items:

- Facilities and Grounds Team has been working on moving old chairs out of classrooms and replacing them with new ones. We are working on a plan for the elementary chairs to be replaced.
- High School maintenance team has been working on media center drywall repair where bookshelves came out. Project will be ready for paint soon.
- Electrical outlets added in room 315
- Gymnasium partition control boxes completed.
- Replacing and repairing window balancers as needed.

- Getting buildings and grounds ready for the winter season.

Transportation Report given by Kurt Crossett included the following:

- District short 3 full time drivers
- Cornice Technology made sight visit to view our electrical capacity for adding electric business. We have enough available power to add one charger before we need to invest in the infrastructure to add more power to the garage.
- Letter of intent to order two 66 passenger bus and one 20 passenger bus for the 2025-2026 year.

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education retroactively approve the 2024-2025 School District Special Patrol Officer Agreement between Oneida County, through the Oneida County Sheriff’s Office, and the Remsen Central School District.” 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 meeting on October 10, 2024.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Budget Developmental Calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the correction of real property taxes for parcel 142.002-7-1 at 12212 State Route 365, Remsen, as indicated in the enclosure from the Oneida County Department of Finance.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Abigail Roberts of Remsen, NY to the position of Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent effective December 2, 2024 at a starting annual salary of \$44,850, pending fingerprint clearance.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Abigail Roberts as the District Clerk effective December 2, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a starting annual stipend of \$3,000. Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Bobby Washington of Utica, NY as a substitute teacher effective November 13, 2024 at the daily substitute rate of \$110 per day, pending fingerprint clearance. Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Hunter Jones of Remsen, NY as the Boys’ JV Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 season, pending fingerprint clearance.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint John Bunker as the indoor coach/supervisor of three additional female indoor track athletes of the Holland Patent Central School District Indoor Track Team for the 2024-2025 Indoor Track season. The purpose of this appointment being for the supervision, guidance, and coaching of the three independent Holland Patent CSD Indoor Track athletes simultaneously with the Remsen Indoor Track Team during practices and for supervision of said athletes at local meets which include competitions at OCC, Hamilton College and Colgate University.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grant the request of Lacey Carino for one full unpaid leave day on Friday, October 18, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the request of Autumn Fasolino for Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) beginning on March 26, 2025 through June 27, 2025.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the request of Lauren Carpenter for Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) beginning on January 28, 2025 through May 7, 2025 with a return to work date of May 8, 2025.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the request of Rayne Ives for Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) beginning on January 21, 2025 through April 11, 2025 with a return to work date of April 14, 2025.”

Unanimous vote

#### Information & Correspondence

Genesis Group Celebration of Education - Congratulations to the following individuals:  
Education Distinguished Service: Mrs. Mary Lou Allen  
Outstanding Educator: Mrs. Lauren Carpenter

#### Soaring to Success – Board of Education Roundtable Remarks:

- Veterans Day Concert was great. It was put together well and it was nice to have the elementary and high school together. Parking for the event was very well organized. Thank you to Mr. Jenny for helping put this concert together.
- Thank you to Mrs. Cooper for putting together the goody bags for our student athletes when they head to sectionals.
- FFA and Agriculture Curriculum presentation this evening very informative.
- Thank you to Kurt Crossett for driving bus and securing necessary drivers for out of town events.
- Welcome back to Remsen Central School Joe Bessmer, Abbie Roberts and Hunter Jones!
- Thank you to Barry Yette for filling in for John McKeown.
- Thank you to Sarah Helmer for being our music substitute teacher.

No Executive Session for this meeting.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patarick Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.