



REMSSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025
"All Remsen students will Soar to Success"

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Allen, Patrick Nolan, Stephanie Karis (6:12 pm),
Jeannie Scouten, Tara Kennerknecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, John McKeown, Abigail Roberts, Jody Lamphere,
Sanya Pelrah, Joe Bessmer, Kurt Crossett, Kevin Roberts, Kelly
Runninger

Mr. McKeown and Mr. Jenny presented a budget work shop from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

Meeting called to Order by Mary Lou Allen, Board President at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present

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 Tara Kennerknecht, second by Stephanie Karis:

"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 January and beginning of February
- Pre-k – third grade Christmas concern was held, there was a packed gym with many smiling faces and families got to enjoy hot chocolate and candy canes as they left for the evening.
- Mr. Dangler visited with the 4th grade students and introduced them to various instruments and gave information about joining band and chorus and were encouraged to do so.
- Soaring student's awards will be receiving their awards and enjoy ice cream sundaes this coming Friday January 17th.
- Kindergarten through second grade went to see a free showing of the Polar Express at the Stanley Theatre and enjoy popcorn and a drink at the showing.
- Students and staff participated in a Holiday Spirit week the last week before break and will get to enjoy another one the last week of January.
- Grades 5-12 performed their Band and Chorus Concert December 18th, there was may in attendance and the students did a great job.
- 4th Grade students got to visit the residents at Sitrin, they sang Christmas carols and brought cards they made. Mrs. Tavenner and Ms. Williams would like to make this an every year tradition.
- Grades Pre-K through 6th grade are competing to win "The Golden Spatula". Each grade has a Golden Spatula hanging in the cafeteria, the classes will earn points each day for following 5 simple rules. At the end of each 2-week period whichever grade has the most points will get their spatula displayed under the winner poster and will get treated to ice cream.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration opened January 6th. A few folders have already been picked up and we are hoping to max out at the 24 students again this year.

High School Principal's Report given by Sanya Pelrah included the following:

- The January Team workshop will be combined with the elementary school and Mr. Winghart will continue to help staff better understand what access they have to AI tools and how they can be used as resources.
- December 10th the 9th grade students attended the second part of the Overcoming Obstacles field trip at Elevate CNY, which is hosted by OHM BOCES. This field trip focused on team building where Remsen students interacted with other 9th grade students to complete tasks and reflect on the skill they used and how they can be applied to their lives.
- December 19th a few high school classes participated in the MVCC Financial Reality Check field trip where they learned about important aspects of financial responsibility.
- Erin Muzio and some student workers, have transformed the School Store. It continues to grow with more products and they brought back popcorn Fridays.
- 11th Grade planned this year's Snow Ball and added new activities.
- 10th grade started to plan the Spring Fling dance.

- Diversity Club will be hosting the first circle time with 7th graders during first period. They are also planning the Crush for a Crush Valentines Days fundraiser and the next Elevating Student Voices meeting is March 17th at BOCES.
- International Club will meet January 30th for a cooking class with BOCES dieticians and also planning a corn hole tournament fundraiser for February 28th to prepare for the NYC day trip on April 4th.
- Journalism Club is diligently working to put together their first publication.

Athletic Directors Report given by Dale Denning. Dale Denning was absent due to a home Sets for Pets Volleyball game. Mr. Jenny stated this is the 3rd year the volleyball team has put this on. It is a great event that shows the kids how to pay it forward. At the next away game that goes in the direction of Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society the team loads up the buses with all the food, treats, beds, sheets and etc. and delivers them.

Facilities Report given by Joe Bessmer include the following:

- High School maintenance team has been busy with all the sporting events and concerts in the gym getting set up and taking down.
- During Christmas break the science rooms, cafeteria and hallways were taken apart to have the floors waxed.
- The pump has been replaced on boiler #1 and we are waiting for the pump on boiler #2 to be replaced.
- All the chairs have been exchanged from old to new in the Elementary. The gym, cafeteria and hallways were scrubbed, buffed and waxed over Christmas break.
- Grounds and maintenance have been very busy with snow removal and fixing the snow removal equipment.
- We donated 50 chairs to the Remsen Depot, 100 chairs to the new Remsen Town hall and 70 chairs to the Remsen Arts Center.

Transportation Report given by Kurt Crossett included the following:

- DOT inspection was January 10th, Buses 98, 13, 16, 17 and 18 were inspected and passed.
- We are working on getting quotes from Leonard Bus Sales for a small 20 passenger bus.
- We have had 2 drivers come in to apply. So hopefully all goes well with them as I (Kurt) am still driving runs every day.

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan:

Approve the following Policies:

7601, 7068, 8300, 8400, 8401, 8500, 8501, 8502, 8503, 8504, 8505, 8506, 8600

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on December 6, 9 12, 13, 18,19 2024; January 8, 9 2025. Please be reminded that discussion of a specific IEP should be referred to Executive Session.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the “ROC”);

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, “Ed Law 2d”) related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;”

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Board of Education of the Remsen Central School authorizes the attorneys designated by the ROC to negotiate and approve of DPAs for software and/or technology resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Remsen Central School Board of Education grants the ROC and its designated attorneys the authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of DPAs and take such actions so as to effectuate the purposes and intent of this resolution.

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grant the request of Emily Laurey, for one full unpaid leave day on December 20, 2024.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Alexis Dygert effective January 10th, 2025.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Gary Winghart for Yearbook Club, retroactive to January 11, 2025 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year at a prorated stipend.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grant the request of Enrique Carrasco, for three full unpaid days on January 6, 7 and 8, 2025.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint James Johnson as the volunteer assistant boys modified basketball coach for 2024-2025 season pending fingerprint clearance.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grant the request of Lacey Carino for one unpaid leave half-day on January 10, 2025.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education create a District Lego Club to be led by the District’s Technology Curriculum Coordinator, and appoint Gary Winghart as the Lego Club Leader, effective January 15, 2025 at a starting stipend of \$1,438.00.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Stephanie Karis:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education create a District Drone Club to be led by the District’s Technology Curriculum Coordinator, and appoint Gary Winghart as the Drone Club Leader, effective January 15, 2025 at a starting stipend of \$1,438.00.”

Unanimous vote

Information & Correspondence

SBI Legislative Forum is January 30, 2025 at Oneida BOCES. Please let Mr. Jenny or Abbie know if you would like to attend and if you will be presenting a topic.

5 Star Service guide has come in and was given to each Board Member. All instructional employees will get theirs at their team meeting January 16th. Mr. Jenny asked the board members to please look at it and give any input.

Soaring to Success- Board of Education Roundtable Remarks:

- Tim Jenny- Abbie thank you for doing a great job, there has been multiple compliments from staff. Happy New Year to all and let’s hope it’s the best year yet. Mr. Jenny would like to give thanks to the snow removal team for doing an excellent job and being so on top of it. Because of them we were able to be open that following Monday. Also wanted

to give a shout out to Erika and Gary. Erika wrote a book about therapy dogs and the benefits of them being in schools. Mr. Winghart did the illustrations for it. Erika, Gary and Easton did a book signing at the library over Christmas break that 82 families came out for. Mrs. Piaschyk came up with Sets for Pets volleyball game, this is the 3rd year it has taken place and they are hoping to keep it going every year and build the momentum of it. We had Snowball January 11th, there were 101 students that attended which is amazing. They created new games and contests and had lots of dancing and enjoyed being together.

- Jennie Scouten – Stated she thinks the Golden Spatula idea is excellent, she has heard from her kids how loud and rowdy kids can get in there so it's great to see such a positive idea. Mr. Jenny's email that he sent out before Christmas was such a very nice message.
- Tara Kennerknecht – Shout out to Gary for taking over the yearbook and thanks to him for all he has done. She seconded what Jeannie said about the Golden Spatula and thinks it will give the kids some motivation
- Stephanie Karis – Agreed and seconded everything that both Jeannie and Tara said about the Golden Spatula and for everything Gary is taking on.
- Mrs. Allen – Stated that she comes in every week to work with the kids reading and when she comes in she loves to see the bulletin boards that each grade does. This month she noticed that the 3rd grade wrote what they appreciate and it was great seeing all the different messages they wrote. She would like to also give a shout out to the snow removal team for keeping everything so clean, she knows there are people that come up and walk, along with herself so it's nice to see everything taken care of and in order. When she was in last week there was a bus driver that got sick and had to turn around to bring the students back. She saw first-hand at how well everyone came together to make sure the kids and driver were taken care of and that the parents were informed. It was great to see everyone come together and do what they had to do.
- Tim Jenny- Also wanted to add from Mrs. Allen about the bus driver sickness, that she too stepped up and offered to help with the kids, also gave a shout out to Kurt Crossett for taking care of finding another driver to come back and get the kids after they finished their run all while completing his own bus run. Mr. Jenny brought up the Christmas tree that was in the front lobby last month, there were ornaments from students and they wrote one thing they wished for that can't be bought, there was some notes on there that really brought a tear to your eye.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:07 pm by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten for:

Superintendent' informal mid-year evaluation.

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

Unanimous vote

Motion out of executive session by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis at 7:51 pm.

Unanimous vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Unanimous vote