



REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

“All Remsen students will Soar to Success!”

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tara Kennerknecht

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, John McKeown, Abigail Roberts, Jody Lamphere, Sanya Pelrah, Joe Bessmer, Kelly Runninger, Deb Geci, Melissa Oberneser

Meeting called to Order by Mary Lou Allen, Board President at 3:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 11, 2025, approve the agenda dated January 13, 2026; 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.”

4 yes 0 no

Please see the attached documents for the Elementary Principal, High School Principal, Athletics and Transportation reports

Facilities Report given by Joe Bessmer include the following:

- The High School and Elementary teams have been busy with day to day cleaning, after school programs, concerts and sports.

Capital project

Elementary

- Room # 13 new windows and floors have been installed
- Room # 15 new windows and floors have been installed
- Room # 16 new windows and floors have been installed
- The partition door and new stage curtains between the music room and the cafeteria have been installed and look great.

High School

- The new air handler for the media center has been installed and working well.
- Spencer Electric has been working on the stage lighting and sound system.

Bus Garage

- Trane is still working on the heating and controls for the boiler system.

Mrs. Allen stated how the partition wall looks very nice!

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 January 9, 13, 20, 21, 22, 29, 2026. Please be reminded that discussion of specific IEP should be referred to Executive Session.”

4 yes 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Jeannie Scouten.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the resolution to nominate Steve Boucher of 9812 Twin Rock Road, Remsen, NY 13438 for three (3) years to serve on the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Cooperative Board.

4 yes 0 no

Mr. Jenny stated that Steve would like to open the opportunity to anyone, if they would like to run for the position he would step down due to his increasingly busy schedule.

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Hannah Shulsky of Marcy, NY as a substitute teacher at the daily rate of \$110.00.”

4 yes 0 no

Mr. Jenny stated Hannah is currently one of our student teachers, Oneonta College now allows their student teachers to sub and get paid for covering the teacher they are working with.

Public Participation:

We are about to convene into the public comment period of our meeting. Any district resident wishing to speak during a 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. Mrs. Roberts, do we have any members of the public signed in to speak this evening?

No public participation this afternoon.

Mrs. Melissa Obernesser gave a presentation on all of the courses she teaches. She gave descriptions of each course, with what is learned/taught, duration of the courses. The current courses offered are:

- Home and Careers 7
- Home and Careers 8

- Food and Nutrition - Students receive 3 college credits through SUNY Cobleskill
- Human Development
- Child Development - Students receive 3 college credits through SUNY Cobleskill

Mr. Jenny stated how Melissa does an amazing job with her classes and pathway program and the students love all of them. Thank you for all you do!

Information & Correspondence

Mr. Jenny stated the below reminders:

The Cooperative Board Annual Meeting Wednesday April 1, 2026. At this meeting the BOCES Culinary students make and serve food for everyone, and anyone who attends the meeting has the chance to see a few of the CTE classes that are offered at BOCES. Please let Abbie know by February 26th if you would like to attend.

Reminder of Special Board of Education Meeting April 28, 2026 to vote on the BOCES budget and BOCES Board of Education members.

Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society Thank You - The Volleyball Team raised \$607.00 to donate to the Humane Society from the Sets for Pets Game that was held January 22nd.

Remsen Central School District's Fiscal Stress Score Report: Received the highest rating of "No Designation". This is the best rating that can be achieved, thank you to John and Deb for your hard work at getting us to that rating!

Mrs. Allen gave the below information:

We received a thank you card from Amy Piaschyk, thanking us for recognizing her for the 5 star service award.

We also received an invitation from Utica National for the presentation at the Doubletree Inn for the Annual Safety Conference.

Soaring to Success- Board of Education Roundtable Remarks

Board of Education Five-Star Service Recognition - Amy Piaschyk was the winner drawn for the month of January and received a \$35 Stewart's gift card.

Mr. Jenny- Congratulations to Amy, she does alot around the school for the students and as a coach for the athletes.

Roundtable Remarks

Mr. Jenny- Our thoughts and prayers are with Rykah's Family, students and staff. The staff have done a great job keeping their composure for our kids and have helped our students so much. We have had many neighboring schools and staff that have taken great care of us and helped us through a difficult time.

Last Friday evening when the elementary drama production was taking place, right as it started snowing out and the production was about to begin, the fire alarm went off. Jody and Gary exited everyone from the gym and Calder and I met at the alarm board to see where the alarm was

going off. We found that it was going off in the Boiler Room, called Joe Bessmer and luckily Brad was working in the elementary and came to the high school to help. We found that the washing machine was smoking but we were able to stop it and contact the fire department as they were already out on another fire call in the Town of Ohio. Everything was ok and cleared. Everyone was able to return back into the gym and continue on with the show. Everyone was so amazing, kind and very understanding!

Reminder, the Girls' Varsity Volleyball has their Semi Finals game against Tully being held at our home Gym. If you would like to come cheer the girls please let me or Dale know and we will give you your BOE ticket.

The Student Council completed another paper, in this edition our Board Member Jeannie Scouten was interviewed. Two issues ago Stephanie Karis was interviewed. If you have not been interviewed yet you will be chosen soon!

Thank you to all the Board Members for everything you do for our students and school.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 3:27 p.m.