



REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

"All Remsen students will Soar to Success!"

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, Deborah Geci, Abigail Roberts, Sanya Pelrah, Kurt Crossett, Dale Dening, Kelly Runninger, Carlleen Taylor, Marissa Karis

Senior Sundaes and Speeches with the Board of Education at 6:00 pm.

Meeting called to Order by Mary Lou Allen, Board President at 7:02 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 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 evening.

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Stephanie Karis.

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 12, 2026, approve the agenda dated June 9, 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."

Unanimous Vote

Please see attached Elementary Principal's Report.

Please see attached High School Principal's Report.

Marissa Karis gave the student representative report, stating Spirit Week and Olympic day were a success. The 11th graders won the Remsen Cup and will be treated to a pizza party.

Athletic Directors Report given by Dale Denning included the following:

- Spring Sports
 - Modified baseball, softball and track completed their seasons during the first week of June with modified softball playing their last game on June 8th.
 - Modified Track - many records set at the modified level for individual events
 - Modified Baseball- at one point, they had a 3 game win streak this season. They ended the season with 10 wins and 1 loss.
 - Modified Softball- currently at a 9-1 record.
- Congratulations to our varsity track & field teams for their dominating performances in the post-season:
 - Girls Varsity Track & Field - Center State Conference Div IV Champions
 - Boys Varsity Track & Field - Center State Conference Div IV Champions, Section III Class C-4 Champions
 - Connor Nelson beat his own record in pole vault.
 - Ellie Secor is the only one in 30 years to go to Section III NYS Qualifiers for 4 years in a row. Congratulations Ellie!
- Track & Field All Stars: Preston Corn, Adam Woolheater, Ethan Karis, Gavin Nelson, Hunter Polovick, Gardner Walker, Connor Nelson, Ashton Grower, Colin Jones, Lucas Linke, Ella LaFave, Marissa Karis, Leah Doolen, Emmelia Smith, Jaiden Maher, Olivia Johnson, Brooklyn Helmer, Aryn Day, Tiara Fox. Eight out of the twelve teams achieved Scholar Athletes.
- Individual Section III Champions
 - Jaiden Maher- High Jump
 - Preston Corn - 200 m
 - Ethan Karis - 1600 m
 - Connor Nelson - Pole Vault
 - Burke Gates, John Dickenson, Jackson LaBella, Adam Woolheater - 4x800 m relay
 - Preston Corn, Adam Woolheater, Jackson LaBella, Ethan Karis - 4x400 m relay
- Section III NYS Qualifiers
 - Adam Woolheater - 800 m , 4 x 800 Relay
 - Jackson LaBella - 4 x 800 Relay, 4x 400 Relay
 - Gavin Nelson - Pole Vault
 - Ethan Karis - 4 x 400 Relay
 - Johnathan Dickeson - 4 x 400 Relay
 - Preston Corn - 4 x 800 Relay, 4 x 400 Relay
 - Gardner Walker - 4 x 400 Relay
 - Jaiden Maher - High Jump
 - Olivia Johnson - High Jump
 - Marissa Karis - 1500 m
 - Leah Doolen - 400 m Hurdles
 - Riley Horn - 4 x 100 Relay
 - Ella LaFave - 4 x 100 Relay

- Tiarra Fox - 4 x 100 Relay
 - Brooklyn Helmer - 4 x 100 Relay
- Varsity Golf - Congratulations to the following varsity golfers for competing in the Section III Class C/Div II Championships:
 - Morgan Gates, Josh Meeker - Competed @ Drumlins Country Club in Syracuse
 - Madeline Doty, Ellie Secor - Competed @ Green Lakes Golf Club
 - Josh Meeker finished 4th overall and Ellie Secor finished in 2nd place, Madeline Doty also made the cut to play in the Section III NYS Qualifiers.
 - Josh and Ellie moved on to the Section III NYS Qualifiers (Ellie finished in 7th place overall to earn her 4th straight trip to the NYSPHSAA Golf Championships). Josh finished T-38th (85).
 - Ellie Secor, Josh Meeker, and Morgan Gates also represented Remsen at the CSC Medalist Tournament on May 26th at Seven Oaks Golf Club in Hamilton. These 3 individuals were also named as First-Team All-Stars for CSC Golf.
- New York State Scholar Athlete Team Award:
 - Congratulations to the Varsity Golf Team and the Girls Varsity Track & Field teams for qualifying towards this award.
- Individual Scholar Athletes:
 - Varsity Golf:
 - Trent Jenny
 - Owen Piaschyk
 - Ellie Secor
 - Makayla Wilcox
 - Bryce Graves
 - Madeline Doty
 - Boys Track & Field:
 - Wyatt Rapson
 - Micheal Nelson
 - Ethan Karis
 - Gavin Nelson
 - Jackson LaBella
 - Jacob Southwick
 - Girls Track & Field:
 - Olivia Johnson
 - Emmelia Smith
 - Sophia Yager
 - Madison Wollaber
 - Evalyn Gates
 - Brooklyn Helmer
 - Marissa Karis
 - Taylor Murphy
 - Morgan Horn
 - Regan Meeker
 - Ella Staskoski
 - Arynn Day
 - Brygit Pruitt
 - JV/Varsity sports awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 10th where many student-athletes will be recognized for their achievements in the classroom as well as in the athletic arena.
 - Section III Scholar Athlete Representatives for 2025-2026 are Ellie Secor & Ethan Karis.
- Center State Conference Scholar Athletes:

- 9th Grade:
 - Aryn Day
 - Olivia Johnson
 - Emmelia Smith
 - Jacob Southwick
 - Sophia Yager
- 10th Grade:
 - Bryce Graces
 - Trent Jenny
 - Owen Piaschik
 - Madison Wollaber
- 11th Grade:
 - Tiara Fox
 - Evalyn Gates
 - Brooklyn Helmer
 - Marissa Karis
 - Taylor Murphy
 - Michael Nelson
 - Madelyn Prosser
 - Gardner Walker
- 12th Grade:
 - Morgan Horn
 - Ethan Karis
 - Regan Meeker
 - Gavin Nelson
 - Kole Poczatek
 - Ellie Secor
 - Emily Schufelt
 - Ella Staskoski
 - Makayla Wilcox
- Fall Sports
 - Planned Combinations for Fall 2026 Include:
 - Varsity Football (Holland Patent - host)
 - Girls Modified Swimming (Holland Patent - host)

Facilities Report given by Ben Doty include the following:

- Building Maintenance/ Custodial Team
 - High School and Elementary teams have been busy with day to day tasks as well as room moves for the construction project and event setups at both buildings.
- Grounds
 - The grounds have been very busy with mowing and field prep for softball and baseball. On May 18th we had many students from the senior class assist with mulching and planting hanging baskets around the campus as part of their senior service hours. We hope to continue this opportunity for the senior students in the upcoming years.
- Construction Update:
 - Classrooms 17, 18, and 21 have been completed and moved back in. Classrooms 3 and 4, the windows have been removed and work has begun on repairing brick around the windows. Mechanical contractors have done a soft start on the band room air handler/ac unit and it should be up and running this week.
- Mrs. Allen stated the flowers at the elementary school look very nice, the seniors did a great job!

Transportation Report was given by Kurt Crossett included the following:

- We had an electric issue with bus 14 on a late run, it had to be towed back to the garage. Leonard Bus found a broken wire in the main wire harness and the bus is back on the road.
- We had a bus back into a tree, we are waiting on estimates to fix it.
- Buses 16, 17, 18, and 98 are being inspected June 12th.
- We are starting the process of figuring out the summer runs and what number of buses will be on the road this summer. We will have 3 buses for summer programs.
- On July 17th our new buses should be delivered.

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 May 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, and June 1, 2, 4, 2026. Please be reminded that discussion of specific IEP should be referred to Executive Session.”

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law Section 2034 (6)(b) that more than six months have elapsed since May 20, 2025 school board election and budget vote; and there have been no challenges or proceedings commenced; that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District hereby authorizes the District Clerk to destroy official ballots cast, spoiled, and unused in the May 20, 2025 Annual District Budget Vote and Board of Education Election.”

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 12-Month Employee Holiday Schedule.”

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept results of the May 19, 2026 Budget Vote and election as follow:

Budget (\$16,115,375): Yes 147; No 55

Proposition #1 (Bus Purchase): Yes 160; No 42

Board of Education Member (Jeannie Scouten): Yes 180; Write-Ins 5

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan.

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 9, 2026 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, AUTHORIZING 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 the annual meeting of such voters duly held on May 19, 2026, 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; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Remsen Central School District has undertaken or shall undertake certain capital expenditures, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

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 \$353,000, 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 the acquisition of school buses including, without limitation, the acquisition of two (2) school buses.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum aggregate cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$353,000, (b) the Remsen Central School District plans to finance the cost of said purpose entirely 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 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is five (5) 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 \$353,000, 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 anticipating of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement.

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 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. And 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 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 consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, whether to authorize the receipt of bids in an electronic format, and to sell and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, 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 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.

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 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, 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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Unanimous Vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht.

WHEREAS, the Remsen Central School District (the “School District”) established a sub-fund within the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund for New York State Teachers’ Retirement System contributions in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 6-r (“TRS Reserve Fund”); and

WHEREAS, Education Law Section 3653 requires that no monies may be paid or transferred into any reserve fund established by a school district unless expressly authorized by a resolution of its board of education; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Board of Education of the School District that up to \$95,000 held in the unreserved fund balance of the General Fund are surplus funds, and that it is in the School District’s best interest to transfer moneys not to exceed this amount to the School District’s TRS Reserve Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the School District does hereby approve the transfer of up to \$95,000 from the unreserved fund balance of the General Fund to the TRS Reserve Fund created in accordance with Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Jeannie Scouten.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the below sports combines:
Holland Patent Central School for Fall 2026 Boys’ Varsity Football
Holland Patent Central School for Fall 2026 Girls’ Modified Swim
Old Forge Central School for Winter 2026-2027 Alpine Skiing

with all fees, expenses, and transportation provided by the parents/guardians of these individual athletes.

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Christine Farber for an unpaid leave day on May 28, 2026.”

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Jeanie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Melissa Eaton of Remsen, NY as a substitute cleaner effective June 10, 2026 at the hourly rate of \$16.00, pending fingerprint clearance.”

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Tara Kennerknecht.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Christian Whitaker to the position of Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$16.00 effective July 1, 2026.”

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Oliver Burns to the position of Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$16.00 effective July 1, 2026.”

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Alexis Petteys to the position of Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$16.00 effective July 1, 2026.”

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Tara Kennerknecht.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Mikhael Samoshuk to the position of Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$16.00 effective July 1, 2026.”

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Samantha Doty to the position of Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$16.00 effective July 1, 2026.”

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Sage Kerr to the position of Student Worker at the hourly rate of \$16.00 effective July 1, 2026.”

Unanimous Vote

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District hereby amends the Superintendent’s Employment Agreement between the Board of Education and Timothy Jenny as follows; Paragraph 3 titled, “Term of Employment” shall be modified to extend the term of his agreement through June 8, 2031.”

Unanimous Vote

Information & Correspondence

Mr. Jenny stated high fives to Kurt and Trevor for our bus garage receiving a 100% passing rate for the State Fiscal Year for bus inspections.

Mr. Jenny also gave a very exciting reminder that the High School Graduation is on June 19th at 7:00 PM with fireworks to follow at 9:30pm. Please let us know if you plan to participate on stage for graduation.

Additionally Mr. Jenny wanted to mention that Mrs. Lamphere was unable to attend the meeting this afternoon as her own son is a senior and has his award ceremony tonight. She left a letter explaining her absence and it goes to show her dedication towards the school. Mrs. Allen also stated, Mrs. Lamphere giving this letter goes to show how great her character is!

Soaring to Success- Board of Education Roundtable Remarks

Board of Education Five-Star Service Recognition - Kelly Runniger was the winner drawn for the month of May and received a \$35 Stewart's gift card. Easton was also chosen as a winner, he has been in the drawings every month so we provided a gift of some squeaky balls and teddy bear. Mrs. Manley sent me a great picture of Easton with one of his toys showing how much he loved them!

Round Table Remarks

Patrick Nolan - Mr. Morris and the 6th grade students created a movie and presented it to the students' family members on Friday night. Mr. Morris and the kids did a great job, they put a lot of work and effort into it and it showed.

Jeannie Scouten- For being a little school its wild how great our student athletes do, every meeting we get to hear about all their achievements. I think its great doing the Senior Sundaes, I love hearing the students speak and listening to what they have experienced in school and their future plans, I hope we can continue to do this every year.

Tara Kennerknecht- It's crazy we are at the end of the year already! It's great to hear the kids' speeches and memories from the year, they all do such a great job.

Stephanie Karis- I would like to recognize the chaperones from the Senior Trip for doing such a great job with the kids. They did an amazing job handling everything and keeping the kids safe. Things like this are not planned and it shows the students that after graduation you never know how things will go and you have to be able to learn and adjust. Mrs. Countryman was so kind and got all the students' shirts that said I survived the senior trip, the kids loved it! I go to Winberg Physical Therapy, our students among many other schools went there for a trip. One of the owners came up to me and told me how great our students behaved and actually listened to the presentations. I would like to give high fives and thank you's to Dale, Joe B. and Sanya for such a great event for Ethan's college signing. It was a short notice but they planned it quickly and put it together very well!

Mrs. Allen - Thank you to everyone for coming and listening. You are all so polite, I appreciate you listening to me. Thank you Marissa for coming to all the meetings and doing such a great job with your reports for the student council.

Mr. Jenny - Congrats to the athletes, you have all done amazing, it's exciting to see all you have achieved. For the modified softball and baseball teams, they did great this season and we can't wait to see where they will go in the coming years. One of our core values is to acknowledge achievement, tonight was an example of that. The speeches the seniors gave tonight and talking about all they learned on these field trips and throughout their time in Remsen. The impact of the teachers and principals in our school really show with these speeches. There are 35 students in the class and they all have had great experiences. A big high five goes to Ms. Geci as she has been doing three different jobs at once and doing a great job at it! Thank you to the Board of Education for your support of our school and for believing in me, it's truly great working with you all.

Motion by Jeannie Scouten, second by Patrick Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.