



REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

TUESDAY, MONTH 8, 2026

"All Remsen students will Soar to Success!"

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Allen, Stephanie Karis (left at 6:34pm) Tara Kennerknecht, Patrick Nolan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeannie Scouten

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Jenny, Deborah Geci, Abigail Roberts, Jody Lamphere, Sanya Pelrah, Kurt Crossett, Kelly Runninger, Carlleen Taylor, Robert Batson, Suzanne Winghart

Annual reorganizational meeting called to order by Timothy Jenny, Superintendent of Schools, at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

The Oath of Faithful Performance was administered to the District Clerk, Abigail Roberts by Mr. Timothy Jenny, Superintendent.

The Oath of Faithful Performance in Office was administered to the Superintendent of Schools, Timothy Jenny, by Mrs. Roberts, District Clerk.

Nominations for the position of Remsen CSD Board of Education President for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Stephanie Karis to approve the appointment of Mrs. Mary Lou Allen to the position of President of the Remsen CSD Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year.

4 yes 0 no

Oath of Faithful Performance in Office was administered to elected Remsen Board of Education President, Mrs. Mary Lou Allen by Mrs. Abigail Roberts.

Nominations for the position of Remsen CSD Board of Education Vice President for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Stephanie Karis to approve the appointment of Mr. Patrick Nolan to the position of Vice President of the Remsen CSD Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year.

4 yes 0 no

Oath of Faithful Performance in Office was administered to elected Remsen Board of Education Vice President, Mr. Patrick Nolan by Mrs. Abigail Roberts.

Discussion to appoint Executive Committee Member and Alternate for the Oneida-Madison-Herkimer School Board Institute.

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Tara Kennerknecht to approve Mrs. Mary Lou Allen, executive committee member, and Patrick Nolan alternate, to the Oneida-Madison-Herkimer School Board Institute.

4 yes 0 no

Motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Tara Kennerknecht to approve the following committee appointments for the 2026-2027 school year:

Policy Review Committee: Mary Lou Allen and Stephanie Karis

Facilities Committee: Mary Lou Allen and Patrick Nolan

Negotiations Committee: Mary Lou Allen and Patrick Nolan

Audit Committee: All BOE Members

Remsen Teacher Center Policy Board: Mary Lou Allen

4 yes 0 no

Disclosure of Interest in Matters Before the Board. A member of the Board of Education and any officer or employee of the district, whether paid or unpaid, must publicly disclose the nature and extent of any interest they or their spouse have, will have or later acquire in any actual or proposed contract, purchase agreement, lease agreement or other agreement involving the school district (including oral agreements), to the governing body and his/her immediate supervisor (where applicable) even if it is not a prohibited interest under applicable law. Such disclosure must be in writing and made part of the official record of the school district. Disclosure is not required in the case of an interest that is exempted under Section 803(2) of the General Municipal Law. The term “interest” means a pecuniary or material benefit accruing to an officer or employee.

There was no disclosure of interest in matters before the Board declared by any member.

A Single motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Tara Kennerknecht.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of education appoint the following officers for the period of

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027: District Clerk, Abigail Roberts, with Deborah Geci to act in the absence thereof; District Treasurer, Deborah Geci, with an annual stipend in the amount of \$30,742 with Superintendent to act in the absence thereof; Tax Collector - Abigail Roberts for the 2026-2027 school year at the annual stipend of \$3,000; Internal Claims Auditor, Erin Muzio.

4 yes 0 no

Oath of Faithful Performance in Office was administered to elect District Treasurer, Deborah Geci by Mrs. Abigail Roberts.

A Single motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that School District Treasurer be authorized to invest school district funds, in accordance with Education Law and other pertinent regulations for the period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, the Adirondack Bank issue one (1) district credit card, with a limit of \$1,500.00 for the Superintendent of Schools and District Treasurer.

“RESOLVED, that Arrow Bank (Adirondack Bank) be approved as district bank depository for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that a petty cash fund up to the amount of \$100.00 be authorized. The School District Treasurer is appointed to oversee these funds”

“RESOLVED, that the Rome Sentinel be designated as the official district Newspaper for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that the regular business meeting of the Board of Education will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Media Center (July, August, September, and June meetings in the JSHS Media Center) with Special meetings called as necessary, for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027, with exceptions which must be published in advance according to the Open Meetings Law. The Board of Education meeting schedule for 2026-2027 was approved at the March 10, 2026 meeting.”

“RESOLVED, that any two (2) of the following four Persons be authorized to sign extra-curricular checks: Erin Muzio, Extra-Curricular Treasurer, Deborah Geci, School District Treasurer, Sanya Pelrah, Jr/Sr. Principal or Timothy Jenny, Superintendent of Schools, for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the single Signature of the School District Treasurer, or Superintendent of Schools on all district checks for the payment of all salaries, bills, expenses, obligations, and liabilities of the Remsen Central School District.”

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education Appoint the following as the Remsen Central School Committee on Special Education for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027: Fay Harper or designee of CSE Chairperson, as CSE Chairperson; Sanya Pelrah or

Jody Lamphere, Administrator; Special Education Teacher; General Education Teacher when appropriate; parents member upon request; Dr Christopher Alinea, school physician, upon request, and Fay Harper, School Psychologist.”

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education Appoint the following as the Remsen Central School Committee on Preschool Special Education for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027:

Fay Harper or designee by CPSE Chairperson, as CPSE Chairperson;
Representative from evaluating agency; child’s teacher (if child has one); Parent member upon request; County Representative (invited); and Licensed or Certified Professional from the Department of Health’s Early Intervention Program if child is transitioning from the Early Intervention Program if child is transitioning from the Early Intervention Program from County of Child’s Residence; and BOCES Pre-School Coordinator.”

“WHEREAS, Section 200.5(j)(3)(ii) of the Regulations of the N.Y. Commissioner of Education Requires that the Board of Education immediately appoint an impartial hearing officer to Conduct a hearing in response to a due process complaint notice filed pursuant to Section 4404 of the New York Education Law and Section 200.5 of the Commissioner’s Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Section 200.5(j)(3)(ii) of the Commissioners Regulations further authorizes a Board of Education to designate one or more of its members to appoint the impartial hearing officer without the need for a meeting of the board in order to effectuate the timely required appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that

1. The President and, in the President’s absence, the Vice President is authorized to appoint an Impartial Hearing Officer selected in accordance with the rotational list and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, without the need for a meeting of the Board of Education.
2. The designated impartial hearing officer shall conduct the hearing and be compensated in accordance with 8 NYCRR 200.5.
3. The Superintendent of Schools or his or her designee shall advise the Board of Education of the appointment at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.”

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint New York State Education Department approved individuals as Impartial Hearing Officers for the period of July 1,

2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized to certify payroll during the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized to approve workshops, meetings, conferences and horizontal promotion credit hours for staff members during the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized to make application to the Federal Aided Programs During the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that an employee blanket bond be provided in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 on employees responsible for handling school district funds with an additional \$1,000,000.00 for the School District Treasurer and Tax Collector during the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

A Single motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, the West & Co., Accountants, be appointed as Independent Auditors for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that the firm of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, of Syracuse, NY, and the firm of Girvin and Ferlazo PC of Albany, NY be appointed as school attorneys for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that Timothy McGill, Esq. be appointed as bond counsel for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that R.G Timbs, Inc., be appointed as fiscal advisor for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that King & King be appointed as the school architects for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that Timothy Jenny be appointed attendance officer for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that Nicole Polcaro be appointed to the position of Purchasing Agent,

with the Superintendent, Timothy Jenny, to act in the absence thereof, for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. The Superintendent and School District Treasurer will be authorized representatives designated to enter into contract with vendors.”

“RESOLVED, that Christopher Alinea, MD., be appointed school physician for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that Abigail Roberts, District Clerk, be appointed Records Access Officer for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools, Timothy Jenny, be appointed Records Management Officer for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that Benjamin Doty be appointed as the Asbestos Designee for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that Jody Lamphere and Sanya Pelrah be appointed Title IX Compliance Officers for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Emily Laurey (Elementary) and Meghan Dineen (High School) as DASA Coordinators for 2026-2027.”

4 yes 0 no

A single motion by Stephanie Karis, second by Tara Kenerknecht to authorize the following:

“RESOLVED, that the rate for approved mileage during the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 for district employees will be the IRS standard mileage rate.”

“Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Box 70, New Hartford, NY., will represent Remsen Central School in the cooperative bidding process for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Remsen Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned Committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of certain commodities, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Remsen Board of Education agrees to assume its equal share of the costs of the cooperative bidding and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Remsen Board of Education Agrees:

- (1) to abide by the majority decision of the participating districts of quality standards;
- (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the

- recommendations of the committee;
- (3) that after the award of the contracts, it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidders.”

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education re-adopt all policies in effect during the previous school year for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

“RESOLVED, that rates for substitute teachers for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 will be as follows:

\$110.00/day for uncertified substitute;
\$120.00/day for uncertified substitute with a 4 year degree;
\$150.00/day for certified substitute;
and \$160.00/day for a retired Remsen Teacher.”

“RESOLVED, that rates for substitute school nurses for the period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 will be \$20.00 per hour for Registered Nurse and \$22.00 per hour for Retired Remsen Certified RN Substitutes. Please note that these rates represent the minimum starting rate for each listed sub position.”

“RESOLVED, that the hourly rate for substitute tutors for the period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 will be \$16.00 per hour for non-certified teachers and \$32.00 per hour for certified teachers.”

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following hourly rates for non-instructional substitute positions for the period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 as follows:

Substitute Driver	\$19.52
Substitute Monitor	\$16.00
Substitute Cleaner	\$16.00
Substitute Teacher Aide	\$16.00
Substitute Clerical Worker	\$16.00
Substitute Bus Mechanic	\$16.00
Substitute Bus Attendant	\$16.00
Substitute Grounds Worker	\$16.00
Retired Remsen Bus Driver Substitute	\$21.30
Retired Remsen Custodian Substitute	\$17.80

Please note that these rates represent the minimum starting rate for each listed sub position.”

“RESOLVED, that the student breakfast and lunch will be free for all students’ Pre-K through 12th Grade for the 2026-2027 School year, under the Community Eligibility Provision.”

“WHEREAS, Part 174 of the Commissioner’s Regulations prescribes the methodology to be used by public school districts in determining the tuition rate to be charged for a non-resident pupil attending a public school district and the State Education Department produces Nonresident Tuition Output Report of tuition rates annually to be used for billing purposes. Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District adopt the tuition rates as stated on the State Education Department Non-Resident Tuition Output Report, to be used for billing purposes in accordance with Part 174 of the Commissioner’s Regulations.”

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Meghan Dineen, as District Liaison for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth.”

4 yes 0 no

Stephanie Karis exited the meeting.

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 afternoon.

Mrs. Suzanne Winghart presented on the Elementary and High School Media Center. Mrs. Winghart talked about the elementary library first, stating that there was a 303 book increase from the 2024-2025 school year. Suzanne has been working with the elementary teachers so topics that are being studied in class can be collaborated with what is being covered in the library. With the 2nd grade class they started using systems to do testing and research so the 2nd

grade teachers can spend more time in the classroom covering the curriculum and not just on the technology. The 6th graders did a section on Ancient Egypt, in the library Mrs. Winghart worked with them doing research in books and not just what is online, she stated it is important to be able to do research with books too. The 3rd and 4th graders learned beginning coding skills by learning how to program bee bots. Mrs. Winghart then gave a report for the high school library stating there was a 176 book increase from 2024-2025 school year. SORA was used to check books and audio books out. There is open library during lunch periods, students have the opportunity to check out books or play board games. Since March 1st to the beginning of June board games were checked out 149 times. We opened up a chess club and a crochet club. It was great to see all the different kids playing chess against each other! The crochet club collaborated with the student council and crocheted easter eggs, hid the eggs throughout the school and when students found them they could exchange the egg for some candy. The crochet club also sold stress balls at the high school concert, raising \$57 which will be used to buy supplies for next year. This summer and into fall we are going to reorganize the library and sort the books by genre instead of author. We are hoping this makes it easier for students to find the type of book they would like to read.

Mrs. Allen stated seeing the kids in the library it was nice to see how interested the kids would be, they would listen or read stories then get to do a fun project about the book, they really seemed to enjoy it.

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 9, 2026, approve the agenda dated July 14, 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.”

3 yes 0 no

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

- We held a district wide Team Workshop on June 11th. Both buildings gathered together to celebrate the successful school year. Teachers shared a glow and a grow on the school year. We finished with a sparkly water toast to celebrate.
- Elementary Career Day was held on June 12th. Students visited various stations to learn about careers including forestry, dentistry, being a judge, and several others. The goats from Lavender Farm were also a big hit. A huge thank you to Mrs. Manley for organizing this event!
- The PTG sponsored their annual Summer Kick-off event in the park on June 12th. There were food trucks, a dunk tank, a foam party, and games for kids to play. It was well attended and the kids had a blast!
- The second grade students invited their parents in for a Fun in the Sun get together. While the day was a little cloudy and cold the students and their families had a great time! They had lunch together and then gathered on the athletic fields for some friendly competition.
- The fifth graders created and hosted math games for our fourth graders on June 2nd. This has become an annual tradition that students in both grades look forward to.
- Olympic Day was a hit! Students were able to participate in several games stations, slide down water slides, and dunk several teachers in the dunk tank. The PTG provided popcorn and freezepops to each student.

- Kindergarten celebration was held on June 18th. All of our kindergarteners were able to celebrate their accomplishments with their teachers and families. Each student received a certificate, sang songs, and enjoyed treats. Thank you to Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Hill for their help with the celebration!
- Sixth grade graduation was held on June 24th. Our sixth graders were awarded their Sixth Grade Diplomas, several received awards, and they sang a song. Students and families enjoyed a memory slideshow and treats after the ceremony. The PTG provided ice cream tickets for each 6th grader and Mandy on the Move ice cream truck was at the graduation for the students and families to enjoy some tasty treats. Thank you to Mrs. Manley, Mrs. Hollenback, Mr. Morris and Mr. Jenny for all of their help!
- Several teachers and I attended a two day training at ULFI. The training involved the background and implementation of UFLI. UFLI is a science of reading based foundational program that helps teach students how to read. The training was extremely well done and beneficial to all!

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

- This summer, the high school continues to serve as a welcoming setting for learning and student enrichment. Throughout our continued partnership with BOCES, we are once again hosting Summer School and Driver's Education on campus, providing students and families with the convenience of local access in a familiar environment.
- We are also pleased to offer an expanded selection of summer enrichment opportunities for our middle and high school students. This year's programs include Motivation and Physical Fitness, Volleyball Skills Camp, Basketball Camp, Soccer Camp, Level Up 7th Grade Enrichment, LEGO Design & Robotics, STEAM, Hike Around a Lake, and Music Lessons. These offerings provide students with opportunities to build skills, stay active and explore new interests throughout the summer.
- In addition, several important facility improvement projects are underway. Construction work includes updates to the stairways, refinishing the gymnasium floor, electrical upgrades, and painting, which will provide exciting enhancements to the building. With construction continuing at the elementary school, we will be welcoming our elementary students to the high school for their summer programs and are excited to have them join us.
- We are also grateful to have our student custodial workers on campus again this summer. Their hard work and dedication play an important role in preparing the building for the return of students and staff. Overall, it promises to be a busy and productive summer as we continue to get ready for the upcoming school year.
- The 127th Annual Commencement Ceremony was held on June 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. The evening began with the presentation of awards and scholarships, followed by the conferring of diplomas. This year, 24 of our 33 graduates were recognized with scholarships and awards, made possible through the continued generosity of local organizations, memorial funds, and community donors.
- The RCS Graduation Band once again provided outstanding musical selections for the ceremony. Following the ceremony, graduates and their families gathered with friends and community members to enjoy complimentary ice cream sundaes, generously sponsored by Stewart's Shops, before concluding the evening with a fireworks display celebrating the Class of 2026.

Please see attached Athletic Directors and Facilities reports.

Transportation Report was given by Kurt Crossett included the following:

- Summer school is in full swing, we have two buses transporting students to Remsen and one bus taking Special Ed Students off campus.
- We have started the summer deep cleaning of all of the buses.

- There will be two new buses delivered on July 17th. We are selling three buses to Don Brown Bus sales. Bus 97, 98 and 11.
- We are currently looking into getting a tablet system for the school buses. This will help substitute drivers and field/sports trips. It would give step by step directions for bus runs, sports and field trips. July 16th a second company is dropping off a tablet so we have the chance to test out the tablets in real conditions.

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan.

Second Read and Adoption of Plans and Policies

Remsen CSD District-Wide Safety Plan 2026-2027

Remsen CSD District Code of Conduct 2026-2027

Remsen CSD District Athletic Code of Conduct 2026-2027

3 yes 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on June 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 22, and 23, 2026.

Please be reminded that discussion of specific IEP should be referred to Executive Session.”

3 yes 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan.

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has issued an Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health which:

- “Calls attention to the growing concerns about the effects of social media on youth mental health;”
- Emphasized that “now is the time to act swiftly and decisively to protect children and adolescents from risk of harm;”
- “[t]he onus of mitigating the potential harm of social media should not be placed solely on the shoulders of parents and caregivers;” and
- “[t]echnology companies play a central role and have a fundamental responsibility in designing a safe online environment and in preventing, minimizing, and addressing the risks associated with social media.”

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has further concluded that:

- “Social media use by youth is nearly universal. Up to 95% of youth ages 13-17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use social media’ almost constantly.”
- “nearly 40% of children ages 8-12 use social media;”
- “in early adolescence ... brain development is especially susceptible to social pressures, peer opinions, and peer comparison;”
- “[s]ocial media may ... perpetuate body dissatisfaction, disordered eating behaviors, social comparison, and low self-esteem, especially among adolescent girls;”
- “[i]n a nationally representative survey of girls aged 11-15, one-third or more say they feel 'addicted' to social media platform;”

- “[o]ver half of teenagers report that it would be hard to give up social media;” and
- [t]here is a consistent relationship between excessive social media use “depression among youth.”

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has specifically urges that it is “urgent that we take action.”

WHEREAS, it has been reported that students, “[m]ore than ever, were glued to [their cellphones] during class.”

WHEREAS, it has been reported that “a growing number of educators ... find themselves on the front lines of a fight to change how students use social media” and “there was been a push for more schools to ... develop programs to help educate students on the dangers of social media.”

WHEREAS, the Remsen Central School District (the “School District”) has and continues to experience significant problems with student use of social media, which use, among other things: (I) has created a substantial and ongoing interruption of and disturbance to its education mission; (ii) has resulted in the diversion of substantial resources in attempt to abate and prevent such use and its results harms; and (iii) poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of its students; and

WHEREAS, the School District is a leader in education excellence whose faculty and administrators care deeply about the education and well-being of its students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

That the Board of Education authorizes the law firm of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP and Ferrara Fiorenza PC to initiate litigation and file suit against any appropriate parties to seek compensation to the School District or damages suffered the School District and its students as a result of the development, operation, and marketing of social media platforms, and to seek any other appropriate relief. The School District hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Schools or their designee to sign all appropriate documents and fee agreements on behalf of the School District.

Tara Kennerknecht asked if other local schools were also participating in this. Mr. Jenny stated yes Ferrara Fiorenza reached out to us with this litigation, this is to help hold social media sites accountable and to create more restrictions on users. Even with the cellphone ban students use social media before and after school which in turn is brought into school causing problems with students mental health.

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation from Remsen Barn Festival of the Arts to purchase student school supplies for the 2026-2027 school year.”

Mrs. Allen stated this is very nice of the Barn FOTA to purchase school supplies, this helps students and parents a lot.

3 yes 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the sale of below listed buses to Don Brown Bus Sales of Johnstown, NY.

Bus 97 (66 passenger International) \$20,000

Bus 98 (66 passenger International) \$20,000

Bus 11 (20 passenger Chevy) \$16,000

Totaling \$56,000

Mr. Jenny stated Kurt put a lot of work into getting these buses sold. He received three different quotes from 3 companies and was able to lock in the highest offer.

3 yes 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education award bid for trash removal to Bliss Environmental Services, Inc. in the amount of \$31,824.00 for the period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.”

3 yes 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve;

- (1) The Financial Institution is designated as a depository for the funds of the Corporation and to provide other financial accommodations indicated in this resolution.
- (2) This resolution shall continue to have effect until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been received and recorded by the Financial Institution. Any and all prior resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation and certified to the Financial Institution as governing the operation of this corporation’s account(s), are in full force and effect, until the Financial Institution receives and acknowledges an express written notice of its revocation, modification or replacement. Any revocation, modification or replacement of a resolution must be accompanied by documentation, satisfactory to the Financial Institution, establishing the authority for the changes.
- (3) The signature of an Agent on this resolution is conclusive evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the Corporation. Any Agent, so long as they act in a representative capacity as an Agent of the Corporation, is authorized to make any and all other contracts, agreements, stipulations and orders which they may deem advisable for the effective exercise of the powers indicated in this resolution, from time to time with the Financial Institution, subject to any restrictions on this resolution or otherwise agree to in writing.
- (4) All transactions, if any, with respect to any deposit, withdrawals, rediscounts and borrowings by or on behalf of the Corporation with the Financial Institution prior to the adoption of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.
- (5) The Corporation agrees to the terms and conditions of any account agreement, properly opened by any Agent of the Corporation. The

Corporation authorizes the Financial Institution, so long as they contain the required number of signatures for this purpose.

- (6) The Corporation acknowledges and agrees that the Financial Institution may furnish at its discretion automated access devices to Agents of the Corporation to facilitate those powers authorized by this resolution or other resolutions in effect at the time of issuance. The term “automated access device” includes, but is not limited to, credit cards, automated teller machines (ATM), and debit cards.
- (7) The Corporation acknowledges and agree that the Financial Institution may rely on alternative signature and verification codes issued to or obtained from the Agent named on this resolution. The term “alternative signature and verification codes” includes , but is not limited to, facsimile signature on file with the Financial Institution, personal identification numbers (PIN), and digital signatures. If a facsimile signature specimen has been provided on the resolution, (or that are filed separately by the Corporation with the Financial Institution from time to time) the Financial Institution is authorized to treat the facsimile signature as the signature of the Agent(s) regardless of by whom or by what means the facsimile signature may have been affixed so long as it resembles the facsimile signature specimen on file. The Corporation authorizes each Agent to have custody of the Corporation’s private key used to create a digital signature and to request issuance of a certificate listing the corresponding public key. The Financial Institution shall have no responsibility or liability for unauthorized use of alternative signature and verification codes unless otherwise agreed in writing.

3 yes 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the monetary donations from businesses, families, and community members for our senior fireworks celebration.”

3 yes 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint SofiaRose Gardinier of Rome, NY as the Long-Term School Counselor Substitute for the 2026-2027 school year effective September 1, 2026 at a daily rate of \$150 for the first 45 days and increased to \$200 daily for the remainder of the school year per RTA contract.”

3 yes 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation from Kyle Smith effective August 31, 2026.”

Mrs. Allen stated it's sad to see him leave, he was very good with the students.

3 yes 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the retirement notice of Dean Lachut effective January 2, 2027.”

3 yes 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Bradly Tyson for FMLA effective July 1, 2026 until further official notice, but not to exceed 60 FMLA days .”

3 yes 0 no

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan.

Appoint the following extracurricular coaches, advisors and extra duty appointments for the 2026-2027 school year:

Extra-Curricular Coaches

Girls’ Varsity Soccer	James Wilder
Cross Country	Fay Harper
Boys’ Modified Soccer	Jeffrey Morris
Girls’ Modified Soccer	Maria Ultsch and Erin Muzio (Split Stipend per ENC)
Varsity Basketball	James Wilder
Varsity Volleyball	Amy Piaschyk
Indoor Track	John Bunker
JV Basketball	Benjamin Doty
JV Volleyball	Sarah Helmer
Boys’ Modified Basketball	Jeffrey Morris
Modified Volleyball	Meghan Spadaro

Extra-Curricular Advisors

12th Grade Advisor	Carlleen Taylor
11th Grade Advisor	Mary Beth Hollenbeck, Erkia Manley (Split Stipend)
10th Grade Advisor	Suzanne Winghart, Erin Muzio (Split Stipend)
HS Battle of the Books	Julia Cooper
FFA	Rayne Ives
HS Musical Director	Kayden Lamphere
HS Assistant Musical/Music Director	Anthony Dangler
Yearbook	Gary Winghart, Jamie Dening (Split Stipend)
HS Student Council	Lauren Carpenter
Mathletics	Lauren Carpenter
National Honor Society	Melissa Obernesser
Diversity Club	Carlleen Taylor
International Club	Laura Boyd
Mock Trial	Nicole Nehme
Journalism/School News Team Club	Carlleen Taylor
CTE/ Work Based Learning Coordinator	Rayne Ives
Ski Club Grades 5-12	Rick Gallo
HS School Store	Erin Muzio
Elementary STEAM Club	Amy Piaschyk
Elementary Drama Club	Justin Pietruch
Elementary Student Council	Emily Laurey

Extra-Duty Positions

Athletic Director	Dale Dening
Extra-Curricular Treasurer	Erin Muzio

Mr. Jenny stated we really appreciate everyone that is willing to be a coach or advisor. If it wasn't for all of them our students would not have these opportunities and experiences.

3 yes 0 no

Motion by Patrick Nolan, second by Tara Kennerknecht.

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Lacey Carino for one unpaid leave day for the 2025-2026 school year.”

3 yes 0 no

Motion by Tara Kenneknecht, second by Patrick Nolan.

“RESOLVED, that the Board the Education appoint Rob Staskoski of Barneveld, NY as a volunteer assistant cross country coach for the fall 2026 season.”

3 yes 0 no

Information & Correspondence

Mr. Jenny stated the graduation was definitely one of the best ones yet. Mrs. Robin Polovick scooped 250 sundaes for the fireworks celebration and there was only a couple that were left. A huge thank you to everyone that donated, and to the Winghart family for bringing glow in the dark necklaces and sticks and thank you to the Remsen Fire Department for being there on standby. We had an increase in donations and it is greatly appreciated! Mr. Jenny read a loud a thank you card from Mrs. Wilson's kindergarten class, and thank you cards from Mrs. Amy Piaschyk and Ms. Leian DiNitto as they were this year's recipients of the Margret Davis award. They both wrote very kind thank you cards for being selected.

A thank you also to the Remsen Barn FOTA for donating most of the school supplies this year so that parents and students do not have to buy them. It is greatly appreciated!

Soaring to Success- Board of Education Roundtable Remarks

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

Mrs. Allen stated this is a well deserved recognition. She does a great job handling all the CSE meetings. It is a difficult job but she does a wonderful job with it!

Round Table Remarks

Patrick Nolan - The 6th Grade graduation was well done. The kids did great and loved the ice cream at the end. He was unable to attend the senior graduation but stated that he heard it went very well and the fireworks were a grand finale for the entire show!

Tara Kennerknecht - Also said the senior graduation was fantastic and the fireworks as always were amazing. It's really nice to see all the kids and families that come out to enjoy them.

Motion by Tara Kennerknecht, second by Patrick Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

3 yes 0 no