

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Reilly, Brian Parent, Timothy Skermont,
Sonya Murray

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. William Crankshaw, Catherine Chandler,
Remsen Central School faculty and staff

Mr. James Reilly, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance will be recited by all present.

No public participation.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education create the title of Transportation
Supervisor.” Unanimous vote

Capital Improvement/Building Condition Survey – Discussion of condition of buildings as well as improvements needed. This item will be on the August agenda for further consideration.

Letter received from Holland Patent Central School District regarding Remsen student participating in Holland Patent football. HPCSD requested a meeting with our BOE.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

**Calling upon the New York State Legislature to
end Gap Elimination Adjustments when adopting
New York State’s 2015-16 Annual Budget.**

Whereas: The NY State Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was implemented in 2010 as a one-time reduction in education aid to help NY State balance its budget and the GEA has continued in every budget since then:

Whereas: The GEA since its inception has reduced state aid to the REMSEN Central School District by -\$3,574,388

Whereas: The reduction in aid associated with the GEA has resulted in a cost shift to the local property tax payer in the REMSEN Central School District; and

Whereas: This cost shift has resulted in unsustainable measures being implemented to balance the REMSEN Central School District’s budget, including the

reduction and elimination of school programs, personnel, and services, and the reductions of school district reserve funds;

Whereas: Efforts by the REMSEN Central School District to sustain programs and services and contain budgets are simultaneously constrained by Property Tax Cap Legislation, unfunded and underfunded mandates, state mandated increases in pension costs, and mandated implementation of Common Core Learning Standards and teacher/principal performance reviews; and

Whereas: State Funding is constitutionally mandated and essential to meet all mandates and obligations to maintain the quality of education in the REMSEN Central School District; and

Whereas: Some school districts have even experienced state aid decreases from 2008-2009 to 2014-2015; and

Resolved, That the REMSEN Central School District Board of Education calls upon the New York State Legislature to end Gap elimination Adjustments when they adopt New York State's 2015-2016 Annual Budget.

Passed and adopted this 28th day of July, 2014 during a Board of Education meeting by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
Absent: Mark Williams

NYSSBA Membership – Discussion of joining NYS School Boards Association. Cost is approximately \$4,000.00. Item to be discussed again in August.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Cheryl Horn as Cleaner.”
Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Robert Suminguit as Groundswoker/Cleaner.”
Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Robin McCormack as Teacher Aide.”
Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Anna Wilcox as Teacher Aide.”
Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Gustaf Johnson as School Monitor.”
Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Emma Branigin as
School Monitor.”

Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Amy Williams as 10th Grade
Class Advisor for 2014-2015.”

Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Board of Education Leadership Development Workshop – August 18, 2014

Elementary School tour

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont to go into Executive Session at 8:30
p.m. for the purpose of discussion of employment history of a particular person.

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont to return to Regular Session at 9:57
p.m.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.