

REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 2014

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. William Crankshaw, Dale Turner, Lou D’Ambro,  
Tom Waldron, Catherine Chandler, members of the  
RTA, RCS students and community members

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag recited by all present.

Lauren Haley, High School English teacher, reported on recent trip to Paul Smith’s College for an AP Writing Workshop. Morgan Murray showed example with teacher prompts. Poem shared by students who attended.

Mr. Nicholas Byrne and FFA students reported on trip taken to the FFA National Convention in Kentucky. FFA students told us their favorite part of the convention. Theme of this year’s convention was “Go All Out”.

Jody Roos and Michelle Izzo gave presentation on the French/Spanish program.

Dr. James Davis and Fay Harper reported on CDOS (Career Development and Occupational Studies) which will be another way students can earn a diploma.

Katie Runniger, Student Trustee, reported that the Student Council plans to sell RCS gear as a fundraiser.

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve minutes from meeting held on October 14, 2014, approve agenda dated November 18, 2014, with the following additions: 2.1 A-FFA Presentation; 6.6 Combine Boys Wrestling with Poland Center School; and 6.7 School Tax Audit of Claims.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve warrants for payment; accept Treasurer’s Report, Budget Status Report, Revenue Budget Status Report and Appropriation Status Report for period ended September 30, 2014.”

Unanimous vote

Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education included the following: Meeting with Owen D. Young Superintendent and Athletic Director; STLE Grant; Professional Development time; and Budget Development will take place at 6 p.m. prior to each monthly meeting.

Dale Turner's Report to the Board included Erin Gruwell presentation; Master Schedule for 2015-2016, Observations, Genesis Group Award to Jodi Ehart; Veterans Day Concerts, and cyberbullying.

Transportation Report given by Thomas Waldron

Capital Improvement Discussion

Motion by Mark Williams, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Remsen Central School Board of Education authorize the architectural firm of King & King to perform Comprehensive Building Condition Survey as described in Option 1 , Lighting Survey only, Technology Survey, and Five Year Long Range Plan for a lump sum cost of \$30,850.00.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a revised tax collection period of 30 days without penalty, effective with the 2015-16 school year.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from meetings held on August 4, September 29, October 29, October 30, and November 4, 2014; and approve recommendations of the 504 Committee from meetings held on June 4 and October 28, 2014.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following corrections received from Oneida County as follows:

Benjamin Simons – Agricultural Exemption omitted from Assessment Roll – Reduction in assessment from \$53,160.00 to \$49,088.

Walter Kaczor – Basic STAR Exemption omitted- Taxes were \$6,416.48 minus the \$635.65 STAR savings equals taxes due of \$5,780.83

Joseph Booth- Parcel split but assessment was not reduced. Assessment Should be \$15,500 not the original amount of \$33,500.00.

Joel Robenski – Taxpayer paid amount with late fee of \$6.41 added to original amount of \$320.53. Refund \$6.41 to taxpayer.

Phillip Finster – Taxpayer overpaid taxes in the amount of \$781.04 resulting in refund to taxpayer of said \$781.04.” Unanimous vote

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education make the following changes to its Non-Bid Purchasing Policy:

III. A. General Categories 1. Prior to entering into a purchase contract involving an expenditure of less than \$1,000, the responsible officer or employee shall solicit and document three (3) verbal quotes. **(Change \$1,000 to \$5,000)**  
and

III. A. General Categories 2. Prior to entering into a purchase contract involving an expenditure of between \$1,000 and \$20,000, the responsible officer or employee shall solicit and document three (3) written quotes.  
**(Change \$1,000 to \$5,000).**”

Vote – 4 yes;  
1 no (Timothy Skermont)

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education increase level of policy services from Madison Oneida BOCES to Level 2 Board Policy Service (COSER 603.030) at cost of \$8,500.00 which includes review of all policies, incorporation of local practices into policies and a complete Policy Manual review every three years.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve one-half day per month beginning in January, 2015 in order to provide professional development for teaching staff and teaching assistants, which will result in early release or delayed start for students one half day per month.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Sonya Murray:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the combine with Poland Central School for Boys Varsity Wrestling for 2014-2015.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept School Tax Audit Reports for 2014-2015, authorize the Board President to sign same, and return to County of Oneida and County of Herkimer.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Brian Parent:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve request of Caitlin Fenton for maternity leave to begin on or about April 7, 2015.”

Unanimous vote

Motion by Timothy Skermont, second by Mark Williams:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Sara Meays of Holland Patent, NY as certified substitute teacher.”

Unanimous vote

Thank you letter received from Remsen Barn FOTA Committee

Discussion of a draft letter to be sent to State Legislators regarding the NYS STEM College Scholarship

Motion by Brian Parent, second by Timothy Skermont to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.