

**RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
BOARD BITS –FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

- The minutes of the January 21, 2014 Regular and Executive Session were approved as presented.
- High School Technology Coaches Deb Price, Heather Heinig, Band Director Kelso Daning and Band students Shawna Philpot and Jessica Ybarra demonstrated, to the board, how they use their iPads to practice their band instruments.
- The Board approved claims dated January 1 - 31, 2014, #63-12 and claims dated February 1 - 18, 2014, #133 – 239, Lunch Fund Checks dated January 1 – 31, 2014, #7932 – 7057 and February 1 – 14, 2014, #7058 - 7072.
- The Board approved a pay request from Larson-Danielson.
- The Board approved the purchase of a 78 Passenger Bus from IC/Collins.
- The Board approved a Basketball Camp to be held in May, 2014.
- The Board approved a Baseball/Softball Camp to be held March 15, 2014.
- The Board approved Andrew Jones to attend the Indiana Principal Leadership Institute six (6) days during the 2014-2015 school year.
- The Board accepted a \$135.00 donation for the Primary School After School Program from the Jasper County Hospital Personnel Committee.
- The Board was presented a financial report showing expenditures through January 31, 2014.
- Superintendent Speicher informed the Board that he is getting estimates for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Wing Renovation at Van and the installation of the humidifiers in the High School Gym.
- The Board approved an updated 2013-2014 school calendar to make up the ten (10) canceled school days. Two (2) days were built in to the calendar, two (2) days were waived by the State of Indiana and one (1) day will be made up June 5, 2014. The remaining five (5) days will be made up by increasing the school day by 35 minutes (15 minutes in the morning and 20 minutes in the afternoon) from March 17 – June 5, 2014. Graduation will remain on June 8, 2014 and additional make up days, if needed, will be June 6 and June 9, 2014.
- The Board approved a High School Advanced Art and Spanish 4 field trip to the Art Institute in Chicago, Illinois, Wednesday, April 9, 2014.

- The Board approved the following High School Graduation Credit Requirements:
  - 2013-2014 Minimum of 48 credits
  - 2014-2015 Minimum of 44 credits
  - 2015-2016 and beyond Minimum of 42 credits
- The Board denied a proposal from the City of Rensselaer for the purchase of the Staddon Field Property.
- The Board approved a Student Transfer Policy for the 2014-2015 school year to accept a maximum of ten (10) students per grade level.
- The Board approved an overnight trip to IU Bloomington for the Middle School and High School Science Olympiad Teams, March 21-22, 2014.
- The Board approved the following coaching recommendations:
  - Matt Stevens – 9<sup>th</sup> Baseball Coach
  - Josh Davis – High School Assistant Track Coach
  - Adam Lyons – Middle School Boys Head Track Coach
  - Kim Gilbert – Middle School Girls Head Track Coach
  - Brandy Cook – Middle School Assistant Track Coach
  - Laura Benner – Middle School Assistant Track Coach
  - Danny Shields – Middle School Assistant Track Coach
- The Board approved a Retirement Request from Gary Bates as Director of Instruction effective June 30, 2014.
- The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave Request from Kerry Ryan-Stevens as Fifth Grade Teacher for the 2014-2015 school year.
- The Board was presented with Volunteer applications.
- Announcements were made of the following dates:
  - Tuesday, March 18, 2014 Next Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices Board Conference Room
  - Monday, March 24 – Friday, March 28, 2014 – Spring Break – No School
  - Friday, April 18, 2014 – Good Friday – No School