

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

REGULAR SESSION

5:00 P.M.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. All Board Members were present. Ed Lane had to leave the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and Jacob Ahler had to leave the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

President Parrish called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

President Parrish determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Parrish stated that there was one (1) deletion and one (1) addition to the agenda. Delete Item J.5: Approval of 2018-2019 Master Contract and add Item J.5: Approval of 2018-2019 Administrator Salary Increase. Mrs. Phillips made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the September 18, 2018 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish asked for comments from the RCCTA. Ms. Lydia Albin said that she had no comments at this time.

President Parrish asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Parrish asked for Board comments. There were none.

Eric Huffman, Middle School Principal and School Safety Specialist, presented to the board information on the implementation of the ALICE program. If the program is implemented, a letter would be sent out to the community and an information night would be held. All staff would be required to watch a 45 minute training video and on site simulations would be done in each building. Recommendation will be brought to the November meeting for approval.

Andrew Jones, High School Principal, presented to the board information on the new Pathway to Graduation options that will begin with the graduating class of 2023. This program will give students that are not able to pass the Graduation Qualifying Exam options that can be completed in order to graduate. All students will still be required to obtain the 40 credits to graduate and take the required English, Social Studies, Math and Science classes. The Corporation has the option to Opt-in now or wait. Mr. Jones stated that he feels this will help a lot of students that are struggling with the GQE and would like to Opt-in now. Recommendation will be brought to the November meeting for approval.

Claims dated September 1 - 28, 2018, #2552 - 2650 and Claims dated October 1 – 16, 2018, #2651 - 2805 were presented for board approval. Mr. Ahler made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig presented to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through September 30, 2018 and an enrollment report.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2019 Budget, a Resolution to Adopt the 2019 Capital Projects Plan and a Resolution to Adopt the 2019 Bus Replacement Plan. (Attachment “A”) Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Adam Adler, representing ESCRFT insurance trust, presented to the board information on how the trust is funded and how claims are paid. ESCRFT currently has 78 school corporations around the state of Indiana.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Performance Services as the best qualified provider for the 2019 Multi-School Project and authorization to proceed with the project. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Winter Drivers Education Class to be held December 2018 – March, 2019, with Chris Meeks and Linda Kaufman as instructors. Mrs. Phillips made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to change Fall Break on the 2019-2020 School Calendar, to October 25 – 28, 2019. (Attachment “B”) Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of United Health Care, as the Corporation Health Insurance Provider, beginning January 1, 2019. Mrs. Phillips made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of an Administrator 2% salary increase for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a 2% salary increase for Non-Certified Employees for the 2018-2019 school year for those with an Effective or Highly Effective evaluation for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Phillips made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the Cooperative School Services Technology/Administrative Services Plan for 2018-2019. Mrs. Phillips made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the School Improvement Plan for Rensselaer Central Middle School. Mrs. Phillips made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following resignations:

Brandi Skinner – 8th Girls Basketball Coach

Ricky Montemayer – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Coaching Recommendations:

Ed Cain – 8th Girls Basketball Coach

Rick Odle – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish stated that Fall Break will be Friday, October 19 – Monday, October 22, 2018.

President Parrish stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

President Parrish stated that Thanksgiving Vacation will be Wednesday, November 21 – Friday, November 23, 2018.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Phillips and a second by Mr. Kosta.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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