

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 P.M.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Gary Braasch, Julie Koczan, Charlie Parrish, Joe Kosta, Kevin Arnold, and Kristina Phillips. Ed Lane was absent.

President Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

President Parrish determined a quorum present.

Superintendent Craig administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member Kevin Arnold.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Parrish stated that there was one (1) addition, Item K.14 – Acceptance of High School Donations and one (1) deletion, Item K.13 – Recommendation to Not Have 2019 Summer Feeding Program. Also, President Parrish stated that Educational Reports will be presented before Public Comments. Mrs. Koczan made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the February 19, 2019, Regular Session and the February 27, 2019 Executive Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Braasch 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.

Middle School Robotic Team sponsors, Mrs. Heather Hall and Mrs. Ava Kosiba and students, Maddie Kosiba, Isaace Messman, Adam Messman and Zane Nelson presented a demonstration of the robots that they had built for a competition in Crown Point.

President Parrish asked for comments from the RCCTA. Mrs. Stacy Kurdelak stated that the association has a concern for the lack of funding for public education and asked the board to join them in contacting state legislators regarding the issue.

President Parrish asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Parrish asked for Board comments. There were none.

Claims dated February 1 – 28, 2019, #373 – 460 and claims dated March 1 – 19, 2019, #461 – 639 were presented for board approval. Mrs. Phillips 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 February 28, 2019.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following 2019 Summer School Classes:

- Driver Education
- Elementary Art
- High School Credit Recovery
- Summer Band
- SAE (Summer Agriculture Experience)
- 3rd Grade iRead
- Special Education ESY Classes

Mr. Kosta 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 Rensselaer Central Summer Youth Running Club for 2019. 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 following Lady Bombers Skills and Drills Leagues:

- Grades K – 2 – April 1 – 5, 2019
- Grades 3 – 5 – April 8 – 12, 2019

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 the following transportation purchases:

- One (1) 78 Passenger Conventional Bus from IC/Collins for a total price of \$95,028.00
- One (1) 14 Passenger Mini Bus from IC/Collins for a total price of #56,265.00

The conventional bus will be equipped with the Angel Trax Camera System with five (5) inside cameras and two (2) stop arm cameras. 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 Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Indiana School Tech Plan. 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 a Cooperative School Services Contract with EDU Health Care for Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant Services for the remainder of the 2018-2019 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 an overnight High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team Camp, June 12 – 15, 2019 in Holland, Michigan. Mrs. Koczan 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 Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Suicide Awareness and Prevention Policy. Mrs. Koczan 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 participate in TrustINDiana to invest up to \$2.5 million of cash reserves. 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 contract with Town & Country Paving, Inc. to re-surface the north section of Bomber Blvd. for a total price of \$61,047.00. Mrs. Koczan 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 2019 Bomber Football Camps:

- Varsity Team Camp – June 10-11, 2019
- Varsity Team Camp – June 17-20, 2019 at Manchester University
- Grades 2 – 9 Youth Camp – July 15-19, 2019
- Pre-school – Grade 5 “Back in Black” Camp – August 31, 2019

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 an overnight FFA trip to Harrison County Kentucky, March 29-30, 2019. Mrs. Koczan 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 acceptance of donations for the High School. Mrs. Koczan 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 resignation:

- Michael Gruesbeck – High School Science Teacher

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 hiring recommendations:

- Eric Nowlin – Middle School Assistant Track Coach
- Chris Meeks – Summer Driver Education Teacher
- Linda Kaufman – Summer Driver Education Teacher
- Ron Wamsley – SAE Teacher
- Jamie Fields – Summer Elementary Art Teacher
- Rebecca Fuller – Summer Elementary ESY Teacher
- Stacy Kurdalak – Summer High School ESY Teacher
- Jessica Cawby – Summer Speech Teacher
- Kim Jones – Summer Developmental Pre-K Teacher
- Barb Mroczek – Summer High School ESY Aide
- Deb Tanis – Summer High School ESY Aide
- Sheila Barton – Summer Developmental Pre-K Aide

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 Jennifer Haskell’s return from her 2018-2019 Leave of Absence for the 2019-2020 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.

President Parrish stated that there will be no school Friday, March 22 - Friday, March 29, 2019 for Spring Break.

President Parrish stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

President Parrish stated that there will be no school Friday, April 19, 2019 for Good Friday.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Phillips and a second by Mr. Kosta.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
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