

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

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, January 21, 2020 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Gary Braasch, Julie Koczan, Kristina Phillips, Charlie Parrish, Kevin Arnold and Ed Lane. Joe Kosta was absent.

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Phillips determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Phillips stated that there were six (6) additions to the agenda, Item H.1 – Approval of Lorenz Williams Clinton Architects for 2020 Summer Paving Project, Item H.2 – Approval to Advertise and Seek Bids to Re-Construct High School North Parking Lot, Item H.3 – Presentation of New Middle School Schedule Proposal, Item J.5 – Acceptance of High School Donations, Item J.6 – Approval of 2020 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington, D.C., Item J.7 – Approval to Purchase Driver Education Car. Mr. Braasch made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the December 17, 2019 Regular Session and December 23, 2019 Special Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Phillips asked for comments from the RCCTA. Mrs. Deb Spangler stated that the association was anxious to start discussions in February and have been watching the legislative action in Indianapolis.

President Phillips asked for patron comments. Caron Jacobson voiced her concerns on the “walk” for State bound athletes stating that she feels that it is not equal for all athletes. Vandaline Baker voiced her concerns on the music being played at events, lack of support for marginalized students and lack of cultural humility.

President Phillips asked for Board comments. There were none.

Mr. Greg Michael, Middle School Principal, presented to the board a proposed 2020-2021 schedule change for the Middle School. Mr. Michael stated that the schedule would increase Math and English instruction to 90 minutes.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Lorenz Williams Clinton Architects for a Summer 2020 Paving Project. 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 to advertise and seek bids for the Re-Construction of the High School North Parking Lot. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Melissa Ahler, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher, requested board approval of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Washington, D.C., May 25 through June 1, 2019. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Claims dated December 1 – 31, 2019, #2881 - 2979 and claims dated January 1 – 21, 2020, #1 - 173 was presented for board approval. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Parrish 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 December 31, 2019.

Superintendent Craig presented and requested board approval of a Financial Indicator Report. Mr. Parrish 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 presented and requested board approval of a Per Pupil Expenditure Report. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to purchase of a New 72 Passenger IC/Collins yellow bus for a total price of \$101,610.00. Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Mini Cheer Camp for Pre-School through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, February 15, 2020. 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 2020-2021 Student Transfer Request Application Form. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Wireless Upgrade Project for a total maximum price of \$105,178.46. eRate Funds will be used for 70% of the costs leaving the maximum cost for the corporation at \$31,553.54. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish 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. (Attachment "A") Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to purchase a 2018 Ford Fusion Driver Education Car from Gutwein Motors for a total price of \$11,000. Total price is \$17,000 with a trade in allowance of \$6,000. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Phillips stated that school will be in session on the Friday, February 14, 2020 Weather Make-Up Day.

President Phillips stated that Monday, February 17, 2020 will be a Weather Make-Up Day if needed.

President Phillips stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Phillips adjourned the meeting in to a Board of Finance Meeting at 8:18 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Parrish and a second by Mr. Braasch.

#### Board of Finance Meeting

- A. Call to Order
- B. Kristina Phillips was elected Board of Finance President
- C. Gary Braasch was elected Board of Finance Secretary
- D. Superintendent Craig presented a review of current Corporation investments and funds.
- C. Adjournment at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Koczan and a second by Mr. Lane

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	