

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 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, March 17, 2020 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Gary Braasch, Kristina Phillips, Charlie Parrish, Kevin Arnold. Julie Koczan, Joe Kosta and Ed Lane were 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 two (2) additions to the agenda, Item K-4.5 – Approval of Patriot Engineering to do Pre-Design Services and Item K-9 – Approval of Purchase and Installation of Carpet at Van Intermediate School. 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 February 18, 2020 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Parrish 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. Stacy Kurdelak stated that the Association ask that you let them know if they can help in anyway during this unprecedented time.

President Phillips asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Phillips asked for Board comments. There were none.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the purchase and installation of carpet at Van Intermediate School from DeMotte Carpet for the Office and Hallways for a total price of \$49,176.75 and from Vision Floor and More for the Library for a total price of \$16,122.64. Mr. Braasch 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.

Jennifer Ousley, Elementary Physical Education Teacher and Kaitlyn Ostendorff, Fourth Grade Teacher presented to the board their application video for a “\$100,000 Don’t Quit Fitness Center” for Indiana Schools, through Governor Holcomb and Fitness Trainer Jake Steinfeld. Three (3) Indiana Schools will be awarded the grants. Winners will be notified in May.

Claims dated February 1 – 29, 2020, #382 - 465 and claims dated March 1 – 17, 2020, #466 - 634 was presented for board approval. Mr. Parrish 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 29, 2020.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of Donations for the Elementary Schools and the High School. (Attachment “A”) Mr. Parrish 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 2020 Summer Driver Education Class. Mr. Arnold 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 NEOLA Revised Policy #4162, Guidelines #4162 A and #4162 B and Form #4162 F4. Mr. Parrish 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 a revised proposal from Lorenz Williams Clinton Architects to coordinate and produce bid documents for the High School parking lot replacement, including Pre-Design services from Patriot Engineering. Mr. Parrish 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 the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Pandemic Plan. 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 approval of the following 2020-2021 School Transfer Requests:

- Cameron McDonald – 9th Grade
- Mathew McDonald – 5th Grade

Mr. Parrish 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 to place four (4) HALO Smart Sensors in restrooms to detect vaping, smoke, and abnormal noise levels. Mr. Parrish 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 Remote Work Policy during the current pandemic:

The following employees are encouraged to work remotely as long as their duties are performed satisfactorily:

- *Principals, Assistant Principals and Dean of Students*
- *Technology Director*
- *Nurses – will record hours working at the buildings or at home monitoring the pandemic and communicating with Health Department*

Mr. Arnold 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 the following Personnel items:

Resignations:

- Miranda Piercy – Middle School Life Skills Teacher
- Lydia Albin – Middle School Counselor

Retirement:

- Andrea Maienbrook – Second Grade Teacher

Hiring:

- Peyton Webb – Temporary Elementary Teacher Contract for 2020-2021 School Year

Coaching:

- Mark Bilyeu – Assistant Softball Coach

Mr. Parrish 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 informed the board that a test area will be performed on the terrazzo floors at the High School to strip and clean them on March 25th.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that a test area will be performed on the stained walls at the High School to remove shoe markings on March 26th.

President Phillips stated that there will be no school for Spring Break, Friday, March 20, 2020 - Friday, March 27, 2020.

President Phillips stated there will be no school for Good Friday, April 10, 2020.

President Phillips stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

Superintendent Craig presented, to the board, the following work policy during the school closure due to the pandemic:

- Principals, Assistant Principals, Dean of Students, Technology Director and Nurses
 - Encouraged to work remotely as long as their duties are performed satisfactorily.
- Central Office Employees
 - Work regular schedule while following social distancing and hygiene guidelines

- Teachers and Counselors
 - Governor has granted 20 waived days
- Building Secretaries and Treasurers
 - Continue to work while following social distancing and hygiene guidelines
- Custodians and Maintenance
 - Work regular schedule
- Aides
 - May use Sick, Personal Leave
 - Can Request work for time missed, up to their regular number of hours
 - Can request to work during the summer to make up time
 - Will be paid regular hourly rate regardless of job they are doing

Mr. Parrish made a motion to grant five (5) Vacation Days to all Aides, Drivers and Cafeteria employees for a onetime payment during the current school closure. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Phillips adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Parrish and a second by Mr. Braasch.

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

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