

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Charlie Parrish, Gary Braasch, and Kevin Arnold. Mark Jordan, Emily Lyons and Rick Odle were absent.

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

President Braasch determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Braasch stated that there were (4) additions to the agenda, Item I.1 – Educational Reports – SAT Results presented by Mr. Jones. Item L.10 – Approval of RCSC 2022-2023 Re-Opening Plan. Item L.11 – Approval of Cooperative School Services Contracts for Pro-Care Therapy and EDU Healthcare. Item M.2 – Approval of Maternity Leave Request. Mrs. Deno 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 July 19, 2022 Regular Session Meeting 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 Braasch asked for comments from the RCCTA. Stacy Kurdelak thanked the corporation for the delicious breakfast provided to all employees. She stated concerns on increased class sizes and the inability to fill certified and non-certified positions. She asked for the board's help on these matters. She stated that she really wants RCSC to be the place to teach.

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A Public Hearing was held on the SEA 390 Public Hearing of the Rensselaer Central Classroom Teachers Association and Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation. President Braasch opened the floor for Public Comments. Stacy Kurdelak stated that RCSC is starting the school year out with a teaching position unfilled with zero applicants. She stated that there is currently over nineteen hundred teaching positions on Nimble and that our corporation lost ten teachers to nearby

corporations to better pay and benefits. There were no other comments. President Braasch closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Jones shared the SAT results from last year's junior class of 132 students. He appreciates that the students now get to take the SAT in their own environment and during school hours. He stated that he is overall happy with the results.

Superintendent Craig presented updated pictures of the work being done on the Tennis Courts. He shared the progress being made on the water heaters and air handlers at the Middle School. He stated that the High School has many projects happening. The water heater, roof, auditorium air handlers and the pool are all making progress. The new chiller at the high school should be in sometime in November.

Claims dated August 16, 2022 were presented for board approval. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Arnold 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 July 31, 2022.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for the Washington, D.C. trip. Mrs. Ahler stated that this year's trip would again be taken over fall break. Mrs. Deno 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 Contract with Public Consulting Group for Indiana Medicaid Administrative Claiming. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to increase the Transportation Director's salary to \$40,000 per year. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Long Term Substitute Position for 7th Grade Language Arts. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2022-2023 Student Handbooks for the Middle and High Schools. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2022-2023 Bus Driver Pay Schedule. 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 School Nurse Pay Rates. 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 following 2022-2023 Student Transfer Requests:

- Shaylyn Northern – 9th Grade
- McKennah Irvine – Kindergarten

Mrs. Deno 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 2022 TAG (Teacher Appreciation Grant) Award Policy. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the RCSC 2022-2023 Re-Opening Plan. Mrs. Deno 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 Cooperative School Services Contracts for Pro-Care Therapy and EDU Healthcare. Mrs. Deno 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 acceptance of the following Teacher Resignation:

- Jeff Brock – 7th Grade Language Arts

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 acceptance of the following Leave Request:

- Tammy Craig – Elementary Music

Mrs. Deno 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 the following Teacher Maternity Leave Request:

- Michelle Wilmington – Elementary Schools Counselor

Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno 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:

- Mike Spencer – Head Varsity Softball Coach
- Chris Porter – Head Boys Soccer Coach
- Josh Davis – Asst. Boys Soccer 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.

President Braasch stated that the Corporation will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022 for Labor Day.

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, **5:00 p.m.** in the Board Conference room..

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Parrish and a second by Mrs. Deno.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
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