

RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

RENSSELAER 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 15, 2016 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. All Board Members were present.

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

President Ludington determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Ludington stated that there was one (1) deletion, Item J.1 Approval of Lady Bomber Girls Basketball Camp and one (1) addition, Item K an additional resignation to the agenda. Mr. Kornak made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the February 16, 2016 Regular Session and the March 8, 2016 Executive Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Cozza made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Ludington asked for comments from the RCCTA. Mr. Derrick Stalbaum stated that everything is going good and he has heard a lot of positives, from staff, about the leadership changes that took place this year.

President Ludington asked for patron comments. Mr. Michael Manis informed the board that the Park Department is getting close to closing on the Staddon Field property but it is not complete at this time. He asked that the board allow the Park Department to use the Staddon Field property for spring activities that will be getting underway, if the property deal does not get completed before the activities begin.

President Ludington asked for Board comments. There were none.

Superintendent Speicher and High School Principal Andrew Jones presented to the board the High School Advance Ed. Process Exit Report. Mr. Jones stated that he will receive the final report towards the end of May. Overall, the High School received a good rating and will be accredited.

Superintendent Speicher informed the board that the first round of ISTEP testing is complete for grades 3 – 8 and 10th grade. The students and staff both worked very hard and there were no problems.

Superintendent Speicher informed the board that Pre-School Round-Up will be held Thursday, April 7, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Primary School.

Superintendent Speicher informed the board that Kindergarten Round-Up will be held Thursday, April 7, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Primary School.

Claims dated February 1 - 29, 2016, #338 - 428 and claims dated March 1 – 15, 2016, #429 - 500, were presented for board approval. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Cozza seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher presented to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through February 29, 2016.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of a Summer 2016 Driver Education Program with Chris Meeks, Randy Taulman and Linda Kaufman as teachers. 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 Speicher requested board acceptance of donations for the High School and Primary School (Attachment “A”) Mr. Cozza made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Korniak seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval for the High School Science Olympiad Team Overnight trip to Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, March 18 – 19, 2016. Mr. Lane 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 Speicher requested board approval of the following 2016-2017 Student Transfer Requests:

Mauricio Rodriquez – 6th Grade

Piper Sell – 9th Grade

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

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of a Health Clinic Contract with Franciscan Health, January 1 – December 31, 2016. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of Updated Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Policies and Guidelines. (Attachment “B”) Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Korniak seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of an updated Proposal from N2N Computing for Network Upgrades for all schools. The original bid was \$154,462.00. With the addition of options and alternates the new total bid will be \$162,094.95. Mr. Korniak made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Cozza seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of a Staff Appreciation Breakfast to be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. at the High School. Mr. Cozza 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 Speicher requested board approval for the use of Staddon Field for Youth Activities as directed by the Rensselaer Park Department for the Summer of 2016. Mr. Lane 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 Speicher requested board approval of the following Resignations:

- Stephanie Christopher – Assistant High School Principal
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.
- Meta Waling – High School Nurse/Secretary
Mr. Korniak 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.
- Eric Russell – First Grade Teacher
Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the following Leave Request:

- Natalie Waling – Middle School Language Arts Teacher, Sabbatical Leave for the 2016-2017 School Year.
Mr. Cozza 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 Speicher requested board approval of the following coaching recommendations:

- Mitch Young – JV Baseball Coach (50% stipend)
- Mike Feagans – Boys Golf Coach
- Sarah Redlin – Assistant Middle School Track Coach
- Chris Meeks – Spring ECA Supervisor

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.

President Ludington stated that Friday March 18 – Friday, March 25, 2016 is Spring Break with no school.

President Ludington stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Room.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Ludington adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

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

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