

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:10 P.M.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Establishment of a Quorum
- C. I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(6)(B)
With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction:
To discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee, a student, or
an independent contractor who is a physician.
- D. Nothing else was discussed in executive session.
- E. Adjourn in to Regular Session

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 P.M.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Jacob Ahler, Earl Zeider, Charles Parrish, Ed Lane, Joe Kosta and Rich Ludington. Julie Koczan arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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

President Parrish determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Parrish stated that there were three (3) additions to the agenda. Item H.3 – Acceptance of High School Donations, Item – I.3 – High School Science Olympiad Team Overnight Trip Request and Item I.6 – Van Rensselaer Chiller Replacement. Mr. Kosta made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Ludington seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the January 17, 2017 Regular Session and Board of Finance Meeting were presented for board approval. Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish asked for comments from the RCCTA. Miranda Piercy thanked the board for allowing the Association to have the Biggest Loser Challenge in the corporation and they have 50 participants.

President Parrish asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Parrish asked for Board comments. There were none.

Claims dated January 10 – 31, 2017 #158 - 234 and Claims dated February 1 – 21, 2017, #235 – 389 were presented for board approval. Mr. Ahler made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Kosta 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 January 31, 2017.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of Donations for the High School. (Attachment “A”) Mr. Kosta made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Ludington seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the High School Advanced Art and Spanish 4 Class Field Trip to the Chicago Art Museum, April 12, 2017. Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Ahler seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the High School English/History/Art Field Trip to Oak Park, Illinois, April 1, 2017. Mr. Ludington 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 8th Grade Class Field Trip to Washington, D.C. June 3 – June 10, 2017. Mike Feagans and Melissa Ahler presented to the board the requirements that students must meet in order to go on the trip, including grades, discipline and meetings. Mr. Lane 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 High School Science Olympiad Team overnight trip to Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, March 17 – 18, 2017 if they qualify to participate in the State Competition. Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Ahler seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Roofing Contract with Global Building Solutions for the High School Roof Section 10 (Cafeteria and 5 classrooms) and Section 13 (Auditorium) for a total amount of \$70,129.00. Mr. Ludington 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.

Andrew Jones, High School Principal requested board approval of the following High School Curriculum Changes:

- Change from Local Graduation Requirements to State Requirements for a Diploma
- Removal of Careers and Fine Art as a local graduation requirement effective with the 2017-2018 Freshman Class

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

Andrew Jones, High School Principal requested board approval to add the following classes to the High School Course Book:

- AP U.S. Government and Politics
- AP Spanish
- AP Language and Composition
- AP Literature and Composition
- SAT Preparation Course
- Topics in History
- Etymology
- Speech 2
- Development Reading

Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Ahler seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for Lorenz Williams Clinton Architects to put the replacement of the Van Rensselaer chiller out for bids. Mr. Ludington 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 acceptance of the following resignations:

- Jonathan Johnson – High School Science Teacher
- Andrew Wright – High School Special Education Teacher

Mr. Lane 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 Paternity Leave Request from Derrick Stalbaum, March 6 – 14, 2017. Mr. Ahler 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 hiring recommendations:

- Beth Korniak – Middle School Assistant Swim Coach
- Audrey Norris – High School Science for Jennifer Church Maternity Leave

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.

President Parrish stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

President Parrish stated that there will be no school Monday, March 27 – Friday, March 31, 2017 for Spring Break.

President Parrish stated that there will be no school Friday, April 14, 2017 for Good Friday.

President Parrish stated that there will be no school Monday, April 17, 2017 for a scheduled Weather Make-Up Day that is not needed.

Mrs. Koczan informed the board that the first BAE Phone-A-Thon, held tonight, has raised \$1,820 in the first two hours. Local pizza vendors donated pizza to the students working the phones.

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

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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