

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019

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, August 20, 2019 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, 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 was one (1) addition to the agenda, Item L.5 – Fall Running Club Request. Mrs. Koczan 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 16, 2019 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Arnold 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 thanked the board and Officer Schmid for the A.L.I.C.E. training. The Association has concerns for ESL students and are happy that it is being addressed at the meeting tonight. Mrs. Kurdelak also thanked the board for having the first Public Hearing on collective bargaining and look forward to working together on negotiations.

President Phillips asked for patron comments. There were none.

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PUBLIC HEARING - President Phillips stated that a SEA 390 Public Hearing would now be held for the Rensselaer Central Classroom Teachers Association and Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation. Public testimony will be taken pursuant to Indiana Code 20-29-6-1(a) regarding teacher compensation and collective bargaining.

Public Testimony was heard from the following:

- Stacy Kurdelak

The Public Hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Parrish. Seconded by Mr. Braasch and unanimously approved by the board.

Middle School Principal Greg Michael and SRO Schmidt presented, to the board, a report and information on School Safety at the Middle School and A.L.I.C.E. training being presented to all staff and students.

Primary School Principal Jennifer Norris presented, to the board, a Proposal for the Title III Grant, stating that there are new Federal guidelines that have to be met for non-English speaking students. The proposal includes the hiring of one (1) certified teacher for English Language Development for Middle and High School level students. There are currently 90 students in the corporation that do not speak English.

Superintendent Craig updated the board on the Energy Savings Projects, stating that all of the room controls are set at Van. The building controls are not complete at this time and the chillers have to be turned on each morning and shut down at night. The Fire Alarm dialers have been installed and are working.

Superintendent Craig presented, to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through July 31, 2019.

Claims dated July 1 – 31, 2019, #1534 - 1681 and claims dated August 1 – 20, 2019, #1682 - 1812 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 requested board approval of a pay request from Performance Services in the amount of \$1,139,021.59. 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 Resolution for the Authorization of Superintendent Craig to sign Agreements for Alternative Services and Private Residential School Placements. (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 of the following 2019-2020 Student Transfer Requests:

- Leila Wooldridge – Kindergarten
- Random Rusk – 7th Grade
- Harliee Linback – 2nd Grade
- Chaz Calhoun – 7th Grade
- Kobe Calhoun – 4th Grade
- Cole Calhoun – 3rd Grade
- Annelise DeDios – 4th Grade
- Gavin Barnes – 9th Grade
- Johnathan (J.J.) Farmer – 8th Grade

Mrs. Koczan 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 Creation of a Certified English Language Development position effective with the 2019-2020 school year. 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 Running Club for students in Grades K – 5, to be held October 7 – 18, 2019. 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 acceptance of the following resignation:

- Ryan Preston – Middle School Art Teacher

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 Maternity Leave Request from Primary School Life Skills Teacher Rebecca Fuller. Mrs. Koczan 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 Casey Howell as High School Social Studies Teacher. 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 the following teacher recommendations:

- Alexa Mason – Elementary Teacher
- Jeffrey Brock – Middle School Language Arts Teacher
- James Howard Armbruster – High School Ag Teacher
- Patrick Williams – Middle School Art Teacher
- Ava Kosiba – Middle School Dean of Students
- Amanda Hill – Middle School Science Teacher
- Sheila Sutter – Primary School Life Skills Temporary Substitute

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 the following Extra Curricular recommendations:

- Dan Hawthorne – High School Science Olympiad
- Jennifer Yeager – High School Academic Team
- Jennifer Yeager – Science Department Head
- Jamie Nelson – Middle School Student Council
- Sierra Hall – Middle School Student Council
- Hannah Wallace – Middle School Newspaper
- Becky Zacher – Middle School Science Olympiad (Robotics)
- Sue Cook – Middle School National Junior Honor Society

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 requested board approval of the following coaching recommendations:

- Heather Conrad – Co-Boys Varsity Swim Coach – 50%
- Katie Michael – Co-Boys Varsity Swim Coach – 50%
- Allison Conley – Co-Girls Assistant Soccer Coach – 2/3rd
- Kerry Stevens – Co-Girls Assistant Soccer Coach – 1/3rd
- Anjel Clemente – Boys Assistant Soccer Coach
- Jack Drone – 8th Boys Basketball Coach
- Kerry Mathew – 7th Boys Basketball Coach

Mrs. Koczan 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 Phillips stated that there will be no school on Monday, September 2, 2019 for Labor Day.

President Parrish stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 5:00 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 at 8:31 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Braasch and a second by Mr. Parrish.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
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