

**RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**BOARD BITS – NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

- The minutes of the October 20, 2015 Regular Session were approved as presented.
- The Board was informed that the sealed bids from the on-line auction will be opened at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015 in the Board Conference Room.
- Mr. Andrew Jones, High School Principal, Mr. Chad Wynn, Van Intermediate Principal and Mrs. Jennifer Norris, Primary School Principal gave the Board a brief overview of the ASCD Leadership Conference they attended with Superintendent Speicher and Board President Rich Ludington in October.
- Assistant Superintendent Curt Craig informed the Board of a parent letter sent home last week explaining that the ISTEP scores are expected to be lower than normal, across the state, due to the changes in the format of the testing and technology problems causing student frustrations and delays.
- The Board approved claims dated October 1 - 30, 2015, #1733 - 1814 and claims dated November 1 - 17, 2015, #1815 - 1896.
- The Board was presented a financial report showing expenditures through October 31, 2015.
- The Board approved pay requests from Gariup Construction and Lorenz Williams Clinton Architects.
- The Board accepted donations for the Middle School, High School and Athletics.
- The Board approved a resolution for the use of the Indiana Bond Bank for the Transportation Fund.
- The Board approved the Central Office Administration Leadership Transition proposal for 2016. Superintendent Ned Speicher stated that he will be retiring December 31, 2016 and recommended Mr. Curtis Craig as Superintendent effective January 1, 2017.
- The Board approved a Middle School Alternative School Program beginning January 1, 2016.
- The Board approved a Middle School Science Enrichment Class field trip to Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry December 3, 2015.
- The Board approved the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington, D.C. Field Trip, May, 2016.
- The Board accepted a resignation from Stephanie Davisson as Girls Golf Coach.
- The Board approved Marc Maguran as Middle School Alternative School Teacher.

- The Board approved the following Coaching recommendations:
  - Danny Shields – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach
  - Brandi Skinner – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach
  - Chris Meeks – Winter Extra-Curricular Supervisor
  - Alison Hickman – Diving Coach
  
- The Board was presented with Volunteer Applications
  
- Announcements were made of the following dates:
  - Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27, 2015– Thanksgiving Vacation – No School
  - Tuesday, December 15, 2015 – Next Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday, December 23, 2015 – Monday, January 4, 2016 – Christmas Vacation – No School