

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

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, January 19, 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 were no changes to the agenda. Mr. Lane made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the December 15, 2015 Executive and Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Korniak made the motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Koczan 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 he had no comments.

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Superintendent Speicher presented, to the board, final 2014-2015 ISTEP results for grades 3 – 8. The grades are down but most are above the State average. Overall Rensselaer Central students did well. The school grades are still embargoed until the State Board of Education meets. They were scheduled to meet today, January 19<sup>th</sup>, but delayed the meeting until January 26<sup>th</sup>. Assistant Superintendent Craig informed the board that the “weak spots” have been addressed and feels confident improvement will be made. ISTEP Preparation sessions will begin in February. Students in grades 3 – 8 will have the opportunity to receive extra help twice a week after school.

Superintendent Speicher presented, to the board, ISBA Regional Meeting dates and encouraged Board Members to attend a session.

Superintendent Speicher informed the board that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was not needed as a weather make-up day this year. Remaining weather make-up days are President's Day, February 12, and Monday, February 15. If these days are used or school cancellations happen after these dates, eLearning Days will be used. The State of Indiana has approved unlimited eLearning Days for Rensselaer Central Schools for the 2015-2016 school year.

Claims dated December 1 - 31, 2015, #2081 - 2187 and claims dated January 1 - 19, 2016, #1 - 76, were presented for board approval. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Korniak 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 December 31, 2015.

Superintendent Speicher presented to the board, a Final End of Year Financial Report for 2015.

Superintendent Speicher presented to the board, an ADM Tuition Support Comparison for 2015 and 2016. The State of Indiana is gradually leveling out the amount of dollars per student that a corporation receives. Rensselaer is fine, but some of the surrounding school districts are losing money, the highest being a \$304 per student loss.

Superintendent Speicher requested board acceptance of Donations for the Middle School and High School. (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 Speicher requested board approval for the High School Honors World History class to travel to Medieval Times in Schaumburg, Illinois, February 11, 2016. 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 Speicher requested board approval to table any action on the final RISE Evaluations and Teacher Performance Payments for 2014-2015 until the State of Indiana finalizes school grades and Performance Pay amounts. Mr. Parrish 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 to table any action on the High School Roof refurbishing/replacement bids received until the roof consultant looks them over and brings a recommendation to the board. 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.

President Ludington stated that Friday, February 12, 2016 is a Weather Make-Up Day, if needed, or No School.

President Ludington stated that Monday, February 15, 2016 is a Weather Make-Up Day, if needed, or No School.

President Ludington stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 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 7:50 p.m. in to the Board of Finance Meeting.

**Board of Finance Meeting**

Mr. Zeider nominated Mr. Korniak as President. Mr. Cozza seconded the motion. Mr. Cozza made a motion to close nominations. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mr. Korniak was elected President of the Board of Finance Committee.

Mr. Korniak asked for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Zeider nominated Mr. Cozza as Secretary. Mr. Korniak seconded the motion. Mr. Zeider made a motion to close nominations. Mr. Korniak seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mr. Cozza was elected Secretary of the Board of Finance Committee.

Superintendent Speicher presented to the Board of Finance a review of the Corporation finances and bank statements. Mr. Cozza made a motion to approve the finances and bank statements. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the committee was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Being there was nothing else to come before the Board of Finance Committee, Mr. Korniak adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Cozza and a second by Mr. Zeider.

**Work Session**

- Discussion on Facility Needs

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