

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

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, June 20, 2017 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. All Board Members were present.

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 I.11 – Approval of Updated Administrative Guidelines and Bylaws & Policies, Item J.12 – Approval of Summer Art Camp and Item K.2 – Personnel Hiring Recommendations. Mrs. Koczan made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Ahler seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the May 16, 2017 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish asked for comments from the RCCTA. There were none.

President Parrish asked for patron comments. Mr. Tim Hendrix came before the board to voice his concerns of the policy of Home School students having to be enrolled in four (4) classes in order to participate in athletics. Mr. Hendrix asked the board to reconsider this policy.

President Parrish asked for Board comments. There were none.

President Parrish opened the floor for a Public Hearing on the Additional Appropriation from the Rainy Day Fund to the Facilities Acquisition and Construction and Improvements Fund in the amount of \$288,800.00 for the Van Rensselaer Chiller Replacement. There were no comments.

Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the Additional Appropriation of \$288,800.00 from the Rainy Day Fund to the Facilities Acquisition and Construction and Improvements Fund for the Van Rensselaer Chiller Replacement. (Attachment “A”) Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Claims dated May 1 – 31, 2017 #1071 - 1198 and Claims dated June 1 – 20, 2017, #1199 - 1367 were presented for board approval. Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Ahler 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 May 31, 2017.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of Donations for the Primary School, Van Intermediate School, Middle School and High School. (Attachment “B”) 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 appointment of Kristie Housman to the Jasper County Public Library Board for a four (4) year term. Mr. Kosta 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 a 2017 Summer Music/Dance Camp to be held July 24 – 28, 2017 for a cost of \$25.00 per student. 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 approval of a Student Directory Information Policy as a student’s name and address. Mr. Ludington 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 Rensselaer Central Middle School Grading Scale for the 2017-2018 School Year. The Middle School will no longer have weighted grades. Mr. Lane 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 for a Non-Standard Course Approval for Walt Brown to teach Introduction to Transportation. 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 changes to Administrator Contract Renewals to require a school grade of “B” or better. 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 AP and Math Textbook Rental Rates for 2017-2018. 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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2017 – 2018 Non-Certified Employees and Administrator Handbooks. 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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Food Service Bid Recommendations for the 2017-2018 School Year:

- Grocery – Gordon Food Service, Grand Rapids, MI
- Grocery – Secondary – Commerical Food Systems, Indianapolis, IN
- Milk – Deans Foods/Schenkel’s Dairy, Huntington, IN
- Bread – Aunt Millie’s Bakeries, Fort Wayne, IN

Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Ludington seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mr. Ahler, Mrs. Koczan, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Lane, Mr. Kosta, Mr. Ludington. Mr. Zeider abstained.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a 2017 Summer Art Camp to be held July 10 – 21, 2017 for students in grades K – 5 with a cost of \$30 per student. 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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Updated Administrative Guidelines and Bylaws & Policies. 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:

- Michael Tinich – High School Math Teacher
- Austen Hensler – First Grade Teacher

Mr. Ahler 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 following Teacher Recommendations:

- Kyu-suk Kim – High School Math Teacher

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.

- Michael D. Gruesbeck – High School Science 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.

- Jacob Thackery – High School Math Teacher

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 following coaching recommendations:

- Emily Cripe – Varsity Volleyball Coach
- Trisha Hedden – J.V. Volleyball Coach
- Sarah Wuethrich – 8th Volleyball Coach
- Amanda Manns – 7th Volleyball Coach
- Missy Garcia – 6th Volleyball Coach

- Ernest Watson – Varsity Girls Soccer Coach

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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following ECA Supervisor Recommendations:

- Mark McFarland – Fall ECA Supervisor
- Chris Meeks – Winter ECA Supervisor
- Chris Meeks – Spring ECA Supervisor

Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Ludington seconded the motion. Following a discussion of the need and duties of this position Mr. Zeider made the motion to table the request until an evaluation of need and explanation of duties is presented to the board. Mr. Lane seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mr. Ahler, Mr. Zeider, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Lane, Mr. Kosta. Nay – Mrs. Koczan, Mr. Ludington.

Superintendent Craig presented to the board a slide show and information on the following Building and Grounds Items:

- The paving that is being done.
- The new pool bleachers.
- The new chiller for Van intermediate will be installed July 3 – 26.
- Bomber Boulevard lights have been replaced with LED lights.
- Van and Middle School gymnasium lights have been replaced with LED lights.
- Six (6) restrooms at Van Intermediate School are being painted.
- All High School classrooms are being painted.

President Parrish stated that the Corporation will be Closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 for Independence Day.

President Parrish stated that the Re-Organizational and next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that the Chromebooks and iPad covers will be delivered tomorrow.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Ludington and a second by Mr. Lane.

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

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