

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR SESSION

7:00 P.M.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in a Re-Organizational and Regular Session on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Charles Parrish, Earl Zeider, Julie Koczan, Ed Lane and Kristina Phillips. Joe Kosta and Jacob Ahler were absent.

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

President Parrish determined a quorum present.

Superintendent Craig administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed board member Kristina Phillips and re-appointed board member Ed Lane. (See Attachment "A")

The next item of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Koczan nominated Mr. Charles Parrish for Board President. Mr. Lane seconded the nomination.

Mr. Parrish closed the nominations.

The vote of the board was unanimous for Mr. Parrish.

Mr. Charles Parrish was elected Board President for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Lane nominated Mrs. Julie Koczan for Board Vice President. Mrs. Phillips seconded the nomination. Mr. Parrish closed the nominations. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor for Mrs. Koczan.

Mrs. Julie Koczan was elected Board Vice President for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mrs. Koczan nominated Mr. Ed Lane for Board Secretary. Mrs. Phillips nominated Mr. Earl Zeider for Board Secretary. Mr. Parrish closed the nominations. The vote of the board for Mr. Lane as Board Secretary was as follows: Aye – Mr. Zeider, Mrs. Koczan, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Lane. Nay – Mrs. Phillips.

Mr. Ed Lane was elected Board Secretary for the 2017-2018 school year.

Superintendent Craig recommended Mrs. Dawn Claussen as Treasurer and Mrs. Debra Siebert as Assistant Treasurer for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Parrish stated there was one (1) addition to the agenda, Item T.2 - Personnel – Additional Hiring Recommendation. Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig recommended Mike Lacey of Hulse, Lacey, Hardacre and Shine, P.C. as School Attorney for special assignments. Mrs. Phillips made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

At this time, board members volunteered to serve on the following committees during the 2017-2018 school year:

I.S.B.A. Liaison	Charles Parrish
Athletic Council	Julie Koczan, Earl Zeider, Ed Lane
B.A.E.	Julie Koczan
Sick Leave Bank	Kristina Phillips, Ed Lane
Vocational Business Alliance	Ed Lane, Joe Kosta
Rensselaer City Park Board	Julie Koczan
Wellness Committee	Julie Koczan, Charles Parrish
Joint Services Cooperative	Kristina Phillips
Finance Committee	Earl Zeider, Jacob Ahler, Ed Lane
Construction Project Committee	Ed Lane, Earl Zeider, Joe Kosta
Step Ahead Committee	Kristina Phillips
Rensselaer Redevelopment Commission	Charles Parrish

Superintendent Craig recommended the Regular Board Meetings dates be set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of September and October, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. and Special Meetings called as needed. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements were received from Mr. Zeider, Mrs. Koczan, Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Parrish.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to pay bills early, before the regular board meetings, due to payment due dates and to avoid penalties. Mrs. Phillips 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 Corporation Mileage Rate to be set at .44 cents. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mr. Zeider, Mrs. Koczan, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Lane. Nay – Mrs. Phillips.

The minutes of the June 20, 2017 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion with Mrs. Phillips abstaining.

President Parrish asked for comments from the RCCTA. Mrs. Stacy Kurdelak stated that the Association is ready to start negotiations and wanted to thank the maintenance and custodial staff on doing such a fabulous job of getting the buildings ready for school and the painting at the High School. The rooms and grounds look great.

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Claims dated June 1 - 30, 2017 #1368 - 1431, were presented for board approval. Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the claims. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion with Mrs. Phillips abstaining.

Superintendent Craig presented to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through June 30, 2017 and informed the Board of current Fund Balances and Corporation Debt. Superintendent Craig stated that he is making a priority list of maintenance items. The classrooms at the High School are being painted. The paving and seal coating is almost complete and work on the Van chiller replacement has begun.

High School Principal Andrew Jones presented to the board a report on the 2017 AP scores. 36 students took 59 tests and 21 scored a 3 or higher to pass. They had a 58% passing rate which is a large improvement over the past three (3) years. There are currently 57 students enrolled in AP classes for the 2017-2018 school year and the AP teachers are attending classes and workshops this summer.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation 2017-2018 Student Handbooks for the High School, Middle School and Elementary Schools. 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 with Mrs. Phillips abstaining.

Superintendent Craig requested board permission to accept resignations and hire personnel, as needed, prior to the first day of school. Mrs. Phillips 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 2017-2018 Student Transfer Request:

- Logan Campbell – First Grade

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 with Mrs. Phillips abstaining.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation to host ALICE (Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate) Training May 28 – 29, 2018. The Corporation will receive five (5) free seats at the training if 15 paid attendees enroll. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for the 2017 Teen Mission Group permission to use school showers, July 24 – 28, 2017. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Phillips 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 Corporation Goals. (Attachment “A”) 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 presented a resignation from Matt Matlock as High School Welding Teacher. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the resignation. Mrs. Phillips 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:

- Bryce Tanner – High School Welding Teacher

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.

- Kevin Adams – High School Science Teacher

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.

- Sydney Weber – Van Intermediate Special Education Teacher

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.

- Tammy Craig – Elementary Music Teacher

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.

- 2017-2018 Regular Route Bus Drivers and Substitutes (Attachment “B”)

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.

- Joseph Koczan – Middle School Mathematics Teacher

Mrs. Phillips 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 with Mrs. Koczan abstaining.

President Parrish stated that the 2017-2018 Student Registration for Grades K – 12 will be held Monday, July 31, 2017, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, August 1 - Thursday, August 3, 2017, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria.

President Parrish stated that New Teacher Orientation will be held on Monday, August 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at the Administrative Offices Board Conference Room.

President Parrish stated that Corporation Employees Orientation Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, 8:00 a.m. at the High School Auditorium.

President Parrish stated that Wednesday, August 9, 2017 will be a Teacher In-Service Day.

President Parrish stated that Thursday, August 10, 2017 will be the First Student Day.

President Parrish stated the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Room.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that effective January 1, 2018 all pre-school aged students must have a seat and harness on a school bus with seatbelts in the seats directly behind them. Superintendent Craig stated that a special bus for the pre-school students is being considered. Siblings of the pre-school students could ride this bus also.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. with a motion by Mrs. Koczan and a second by Mr. Lane.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY  
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