

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

REGULAR SESSION

5:00 P.M.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were, Gary Braasch, Julie Koczan, Kristina Phillips, Charles Parrish, Joe Kosta, Kevin Arnold, and Ed Lane.

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

President Phillips determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Phillips stated that there were 2 additions to the agenda:

- L.5. - 2020-2021 Amended Calendar
- Cooperative School Services – Speech/Language Therapy Services – ProCare Therapy

Mr. Braasch 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.

The minutes of August 20, 2019 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Parrish 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 Phillips asked for comments from the RCCTA. Mrs. Stacy Kurdelak thanked the board for hiring an ESL Teacher. Mrs. Kurdelak also thanked the board for the discussion on the calendar and the Evaluation Plan. The Association is also looking forward to working with the board on negotiations.

President Phillips asked for patron comments. There were none.

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President Phillips accepted a motion by Mr. Braasch and a second from Mr. Arnold to open the meeting on the Hearing of the 2020 Budget, CPF Plan and Bus Replacement Plan. There were no public comments. Mr. Braasch made the motion to close the Hearing. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Jim Armbruster, Agriculture Teacher, gave an update to the board regarding the Agriculture Program at the High School and where he would like to go with the program. He discussed the condition of the Green House and the repairs it will take to be a full functional production facility.

Superintendent Craig updated the board on the Energy Savings Project at Van Rensselaer.

Claims dated August 1 – 30, 2019, #1813 - #1892, claims dated September 1 – 17, 2019, #1893 - #1958, and claims dated September 1 – 17, 2019, #1893 - #2045 was presented for board approval. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to pay a request, invoice #7 from Performances Services in the amount of \$117,680.64. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Reduction in School Employer's Contribution Rate to Teacher Retirement Fund Pursuant to House Enrolled Act 1001 (2019) from 7.5% to 5.5%. Mr. Kosta made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Craig requested board approval of the revised Policy 3220.01 – Teacher Appreciation Grants. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Craig requested board approval of the 2019-2020 RISE Teacher Evaluation Plan. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2020-2021 School Calendar. (Attachment "A") Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the 2020-2021 calendar. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Mary Molenaar - Color Guard/Winter Guard Coach. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Stephanie Davisson – Middle School Science Olympiad/Robotics. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of ProCare Therapy for Speech/Language Therapy Services – Riley Neal for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimously in favor of the motion.

President Phillips stated that Thursday, October 10, 2019 is the End of the First Nine Weeks. Tuesday, October 15, 2019 is the next Regular Board Meeting and the Adoption of the 2020 Budget, CPF Plan and Bus Replacement Plan – 5:00 p.m. Board Conference room. Friday, October 25 – 28, 2019 is Fall Break – No School

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Koczan and a second by Mr. Kosta.

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