

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
BOARD BITS –JANUARY 21, 2014

- The minutes of the December 17, 2013 Regular Session were approved as presented.
- Mr. Bates informed the board of the In-Service held January 14-15, 2014 for teachers in grades 3 – 8 presented by Mr. Tom Jenkins.
- Superintendent Speicher introduced new Security Resource Officer Brant Schmid to the board.
- Superintendent Speicher introduced new Transportation Secretary/Receptionist Angie Tomlinson to the board.
- The Board approved claims dated December 1 - 31, 2013, #1867 - 1967 and claims dated January 1 - 21, 2014, #1 - 62.
- The Board was presented a financial report showing expenditures through December 31, 2013 along with the new 2014 cash balances in the General Fund, Transportation Fund and Rainy Day Fund. Superintendent Speicher also informed the board that the 2014 Budget tax rate is .5772 cents.
- Superintendent Speicher informed the Board that a pipe broke at the High School during the extreme cold weather. The fire alarm went off so water was held to a minimum in the hallway and locker room.
- Superintendent Speicher informed the Board that he had met with Mayor Wood today and gave him the keys to the old Administration Building. The Corporation will continue to maintain the building until February 1, 2014 at which time the City will take over. The City is in the process of preparing a proposal for Staddon Field.
- Superintendent Speicher informed the Board that the humidifiers were keeping the High School gym floor at a steady humidity level and the architects said that the floor would be fine.
- Superintendent Speicher informed the Board that due to a new federal law it was discovered that a portion of the Middle School was in a flood plane. The surveyor had to draw up new plans along with elevations to send to IDEM and additional Flood Plane Insurance will need to be purchased.
- The Board approved pay requests from F.E. Moran, Inc.
- The Board approved a 8th Grade field trip to Washington, D.C. June 10 – 17, 2014.
- The Board approved the purchase of a Dishwasher for the High School Kitchen from C & T Design for a total price of \$23,540.17.

- The Board approved Elementary Science Camps to be held at the Middle School during the month of February, 2014.
- The Board approved a Resolution for the names to be on the Corporation Bank Accounts at PNC Bank and Lafayette Bank & Trust.
- The Board approved ISTEP Preparation Tutoring to be held Mondays and Thursdays for students in Grades 3 – 8 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., February 10 – 27 and April 7 – 24, 2014.
- The Board approved a High School World Civilization class field trip to Medieval Times in Schaumburg, Illinois March 3, 2014.
- The Board approved a Temporary Contract for Margaret Sayler as Elementary Art Teacher for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.
- The Board was presented with Volunteer applications.
- Announcements were made of the following dates:
 - Tuesday, February 11, 2014 – Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Monday, February 17, 2014 – Weather Make-Up Day.
 - Tuesday, February 18, 2014 Next Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices Board Conference Room
- The Board of Finance reviewed Corporation Investments.
- The Board met in Executive Session.