

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. All Board Members were present.

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

President Phillips determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Phillips stated that there were four (4) additions to the agenda. Item K.3 – Approval of Donations for the High School, Item L.2 – Additional Resignation, Item L.4 – Additional Summer Worker Recommendations and Item L.5 – Additional Hiring Recommendations. Mrs. Deno made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the April 20, 2021 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Phillips asked for comments from the RCCTA. Ms. Ashton Wireman stated that the association wanted to thank the board, students, staff and community for a successful school year and is looking forward to negotiations for next school year.

President Phillips asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Phillips asked for Board comments. Mr. Braasch stated that today was a great day and was nice to see kids participating in a musical program at the Primary School and at Van.

President Phillips opened the floor for a Public Hearing on the proposed renovation of and improvements to school facilities including the purchase of equipment and technology. Brock Bowsher of BakerTilly, Municipal Advisors, presented to the board the Corporations' current schedule of existing debt service/lease rental payments and \$5,575,000 is the maximum non-controlled project threshold for 2021. Bonds would be issued in October, 2021. Superintendent Craig stated that the top priority projects include chilled water upgrades and domestic water heater replacement for the High School, pool repairs/improvements, High School air handlers, Middle School boiler and air handling units, tennis courts and roofing. There were no comments on the proposed project.

President Phillips requested board approval of a Project Resolution for the 2021 Multi-School Bond Issue. (Attachment “A”) Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Phillips requested board approval of a Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for the 2021 Multi-School Bond Issue. (Attachment “B”) Mrs. Deno 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.

President Phillips requested a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Parrish made the motion to close the Public Hearing on the 2021 Multi-School Bond Issue for the Improvements to School Facilities Projects. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that Performance Services met with the Building Committee. They are going to get more options on the tennis courts and pool.

Claims dated April 1 - 23, 2021, #742 - 756 and claims dated May 1 – 18, 2021, #92338 – 92465 was presented for board approval. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the claims. Mrs. Deno 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 April 30, 2021.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the Summer Feed Program to be held at Van Intermediate School, June 1 – July 15, 2021, for Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and Lunch – 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mr. Braasch 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 Craig requested board approval of the appointment of Kristie Housman to the Jasper County Public Library Board for a four (4) year term. Mrs. Deno 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 Craig requested board acceptance of donations for the Elementary Schools and the High School. (Attachment “C”) Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Administrator Contracts:

○ Curtis Craig	Superintendent	2021-2022	260 days	103,455.00
○ Andrew Jones	High School Principal	2021-2023	225 days	94,637.17
○ Greg Michael	Middle School Principal	2021-2023	215 days	83,952.37
○ Chad Wynn	Van Elementary Principal	2021-2023	215 days	86,354.10
○ Jennifer Norris	Primary School Principal	2021-2023	215 days	84,120.34
○ Julie Schmidt-Goecker	Assist. High School Principal	2021-2023	215 days	78,751.52
○ Ken Hickman	Athletic Director	2021-2022	225 days	72,257.51
○ Mark Heinig	Director of Technology	2021-2022	225 days	73,890.93

Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the Proposed Summary of School Reconfiguration – New School Opening – August 2012. (Attachment “D”) Mr. Odle made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the purchase of new office furniture for the High School Reception Area, Guidance Secretary Area and the Nurses Area for a total price of \$38,162.97. Mr. Braasch 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 Craig requested board approval of the purchase of new carpet for the High School. Mr. Lane made a motion to approve the request not to exceed a total price of \$126,490.56 and give permission to Superintendent Craig to determine which company to award the contract. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the ESSER II Expenses for the grant application. Mrs. Deno 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 Craig requested board acceptance of the following Early Retirement Requests:

- Cheryl Andrick – Corporation Librarian
- Debra Bryant – Second Grade Teacher
- Maureen Deno – Third Grade Teacher
- Renee Mattocks – Second Grade Teacher
- Daniel Glotzbach – High School PLTW Teacher
- Michael Goad – Building Trades Teacher

Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Resignations:

- Amber Hall – Middle School/High School Band Teacher
- Melvin Wireman – High School Math Teacher

Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Primary School Jump Start Summer School Classes and Teachers:

- Nicole Baltés – Kindergarten
- Kelly Harvey – Kindergarten
- Kim Barton – First Grade
- Talaina Pinkerton – First Grade
- Kelle Rowan – Second Grade
- Angie Wuethrich – Second Grade

Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Summer Student Custodial Helpers:

- Macie Northcutt
- Kelsey Spurgeon
- Jacob Parrish
- Eli Kosiba
- Rodney Woudema

Mr. Braasch 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 the following Hiring Recommendations for the 2021-2022 School Year:

- Heather Steele – Elementary Teacher
- McKayla Bitterling – Elementary Teacher
- Peyton Webb – Elementary Teacher
- Nathan Stump – High School Math Teacher
- Kaylin Holmes – Elementary Teacher

Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Phillips stated that the Last Student Day will be Friday, May 28, 2021.

President Phillips stated that the Corporation will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021 for Memorial Day.

President Phillips stated that Senior Awards Night will be held on Friday, June 4, 2021.

President Phillips stated that Senior Graduation Ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2021.

President Phillips stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Phillips adjourned the meeting 7:56 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Parrish and a second by Mr. Odle.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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