

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21, 2021 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. All Board Members were present.

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

President Parrish determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Parrish stated that there were five (5) additions to the agenda, Item K.7 – Request to Accept Grant Award to Purchase Electric School Bus, Item K.8 – Request to Purchase Electric School Bus, Item K.9 – Request to Purchase Electric Bus Charging Station, Item K.10 – Request for \$1250 Stipend to be Paid to Employees for the 2020-2021 School Year and Item L.1 – Coaching Recommendations. Mr. Arnold made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the August 17, 2021 Executive and Regular Session and August 30, 2021 Emergency Special Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Odle made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish asked for comments from the RCCTA. Mrs. Stacy Kurdelak stated that the association wanted to thank Mr. Craig and the Administration for greater involvement and all are excited about projects coming up. Mrs. Kurdelak wanted to clarify to the board that teachers, in the classrooms, do not know who is vaccinated and who is not unless someone tells them. Bargaining will begin October 1st with a November 15th deadline. Mrs. Kurdelak asked the board to consider data driven mask mandates.

President Parrish asked for patron comments. The following patrons came before the board: Jeff Marlow thanked the Board for the consideration to re-do the tennis courts and asked that the courts be done better and available to the public. Scott Hall voiced his concerns on the wearing of masks stating that it was a personal decision to wear them and to be vaccinated. Karen Brewer stated that when a student is on quarantine they should have access to virtual instruction during class. Crystal Kellner informed the board that her elementary son, while on quarantine, was instructed virtually with Google Meetings. Her High School daughter was not and was told to check Canvas for assignments. She stated that her daughter was released from school before she or her husband received a phone call and worries about the safety of the children. Heather Vandermark stated that the ESSER money should be used for technology for in home instruction

during a quarantine. Leia Pinkerman stated that masks should be a choice and her daughter asked for but did not receive virtual instruction while on quarantine.

President Parrish asked for Board comments. There were none.

A Public Hearing was held on the 2022 Budget, Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Plan of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation. Superintendent Craig presented the Capital Projects Plan and the Bus Replacement Plan. President Parrish opened the floor for Public Comments. There were no comments. President Parrish closed the Public Hearing.

Claims dated September 21, 2021 was presented for board approval. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the claims. Ms. Lyons seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig stated that expenditures were on track through August 30, 2021 and enrollment is almost back to Pre-Covid numbers.

President Parrish requested board acceptance of donations for the High School, Van Intermediate School and Primary School. (Attachment "A") Mr. Jordan 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 2021-2022 RISE Teacher Evaluation Plan. Ms. Lyons 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 to withdraw from the Educational Service Centers Risk Funding Trust (ESCRFT) and contract with Consolidated Insurance for the Corporation 2022 Property and Casualty Insurance. 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 to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Context Design for the Replacement of the Tennis Courts. Mr. Arnold 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 to Enter into a Contract with Performance Services for the Replacement of the High School Roof as described in Bidding Documents. Mr. Braasch 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 to Enter into a Contract with Performance Services for the HVAC Upgrades and Replacements at the High School and Middle School as described in the Improvement List and Bidding Documents. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of an Award of \$203,428 from Volkswagen Mitigation Trust's Onroad and Nonroad Program for the Purchase of an Electric School Bus. Mr. Jordan 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 a 14 Passenger Special Purpose Electric Bus from IC/Collins for a total price of \$273,232.00. Minus the grant, balance cost to the Corporation will be \$69,804. 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 an Electric Bus Charging Station from In-Charge Energy, Inc. for a total price of \$21,632.77. Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Stipend in the amount of \$1,250 to be paid to all employees that worked a minimum of 120 days during the 2020-2021 school year. This stipend would be paid through the Operations Fund not ESSER monies. 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 2021-2022 Coaching Recommendations:

- Ashley Webb – Co-6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach (60%)
- Sydney VanMeter – Co-6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach (40%)
- Jack Ziese – Middle School Assistant Football Coach
- Chase Klingler – High School Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
- Bob Hanna – 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
- Trent Phegley – JV Boys Basketball Coach
- Nate Brown – Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

Mr. Braasch 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.

President Parrish stated that Thursday, October 14, 2021 will be the end of the first nine weeks.

President Parrish stated that the next Regular Board Meeting and Approval of the 2022 Budget will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Parrish stated there will be no school Friday, October 22 – Monday, October 25, 2021 for Fall Break.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting 5:53 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Odle and a second by Mr. Jordan.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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