

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

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 20, 2022 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Charlie Parrish, Gary Braasch, Kevin Arnold, Emily Lyons, Rick Odle and Mark Jordan.

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

President Braasch determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Braasch stated that there were (2) additions to the agenda, Item L.1 – Acceptance of Donations to the High School (Updated List). Item L.13 – Approval to Declare as Surplus Property for Disposal. Mrs. Deno made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the August 16, 2022 Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. Mr. Parrish 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 Braasch asked for comments from the RCCTA. Stacy Kurdelak stated that bargaining begins tomorrow. She asked the board for help on making our corporation one with a more competitive salary to help draw in new teachers.

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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 Braasch opened the floor for Public Comments. There were no comments. President Braasch closed the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Norris shared that there is a trend of lowering scores for the NWEA Reading test over the last few years. She stated the need for an additional first grade teacher to lower classroom numbers. She spoke of the importance of change in the right direction for our students.

Superintendent Craig updated the board on the progress happening corporation wide. He stated that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the tennis courts on September 27. The new phone system for the corporation is now complete. The high school chiller is scheduled for delivery on September 30. The pool is currently being filled and the middle school air handlers are complete.

Claims dated September 20, 2022 were presented for board approval. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Jordan 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 August 31, 2022.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for the Appropriation Resolution/Ordinance for Debt Services in the amount of \$9,000. (Attachment "A") Mr. Parrish 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 Braasch requested board acceptance of donations for the High School. (Attachment "B") Mr. Jordan 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 an Overnight High School FFA Trip request for October 26-29, 2022 to Indianapolis, Indiana. 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 hire an additional first grade teacher. Mr. Jordan 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 2023-2024 School Calendar. (Attachment "C") Mr. Jordan 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 Weather Related Absences Policy. Mr. Arnold 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 Substitute Teacher Daily Pay Rates effective immediately:

- Teacher License \$100.00
- Degree \$90.00
- Assoc. Degree (60 Hours) \$80.00
- High School Diploma \$75.00

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

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a ten percent pay increase for Non-Certified Staff. Mr. Parrish 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. Mr. Braasch abstained.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the Revised RCSC Test Security Policy. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Ms. Lyons seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion with Mr. Parrish abstaining.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of RCSC's Commitment to the State Proficiency Goal of 95% on the IREAD-3 by 2027. 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 Bomber Wrestling Kickoff Camp. Mr. Arnold 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 2022-2023 Student Transfer Requests:

- Jason Oliver – 1st Grade
- Rachel Oliver – 3rd Grade
- Adyson Luttrell – 4th Grade
- Adriana Nuttall – 11th Grade

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

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to add Girls Wrestling as a sport offered to our high school girls when it is an official IHSA sport. Mr. Odle made a motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mrs. Deno, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Braasch, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Lyons, Mr. Odle. Nay – Mr. Jordan.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to create additional wrestling coaching positions when needed. Mr. Odle 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 to create an assistant cross country coaching position. Mr. Parrish 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 Declare the old Toshiba Classroom Phones and 46 damaged Chromebooks as Surplus Property for disposal. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Ms. Lyons seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for Credit Recovery Teachers:

- Elliott Zimmer – Teacher
- Dan Hawthorne – Substitute 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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Coaching recommendation:

- Jared Courtney – Head Varsity Baseball Coach

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.

President Braasch stated that the End of the First Nine Weeks is Thursday, October 13, 2022.

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, **5:00 p.m.** in the Board Conference room..

President Braasch stated that Fall Break will be Friday, October 21 – Monday, October 24, 2022.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Parrish and a second by Mrs. Deno.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
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