

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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, October 18, 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, and Mark Jordan. Rick Odle was absent.

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 was (1) correction to Item M.3 – Dates for the Overnight High School FFA Trip will be November 16-18, 2022 to Louisville, KY. Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the September 20, 2022 Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. President Braasch stated that he had one amendment to the minutes; he had abstained from the vote for the Non-Certified Staff raise. Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the amended minutes. Mr. Parrish 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 thanked the board for the long nights put in to reach a tentative agreement.

President Braasch asked for patron comments. Randy Bright spoke of his concerns with the Second Step Elementary Program.

President Braasch stated that he had attended the ISBA Conference in Indy. He said that it was very enlightening. He thanked Mr. Jordan and Mrs. Deno for their efforts in coming to a tentative agreement.

A Public Hearing was held on the 2022 -2023 Tentative Agreement with Rensselaer Central Classroom Teachers Association. President Braasch opened the floor for Public Comments. Superintendent Craig gave some highlights of the tentative agreement. President Braasch closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Jones recognized the following teachers with Certificate of Excellence Awards from Indian Trails: Brandy Cook, Ashley Webb, Stephanie Dobson, Maggie Hickman, Bryce Tanner, Jim Armbruster, and Ryan Standish.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for the 2023 Budget – Capital Projects Plan Resolution and Bus Replacement Resolution. 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 played a short video of the pool project showing the different stages of the whole process.

Claims dated October 18, 2022 were presented for board approval. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Parrish 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 September 30, 2022.

President Braasch requested board acceptance of donations for the High School and Van Rensselaer Elementary. (Attachment “A & B”) 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 of the High School Europe trip request for March 20-30, 2024 . 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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of an Overnight High School FFA Trip request, November 16-18 to Louisville, KY. Mr. Parrish 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 7th Grade Trip to the Museum of Science and Industry, November 11, 2022. Mr. Arnold 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 Declare Bus 17 as Surplus Property. Mr. Parrish 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 the 2022 Winter Driver’s Education Class. 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 of the following 2022-2023 Student Transfer Requests:

- Magnus Hill – Kindergarten
- Joseph Sterk – 3rd Grade

- Rebekah Sterk – 5th Grade
- Richard Sterk – 6th Grade
- Ruth Sterk – 1st Grade
- Elizabeth Sterk – 7th Grade
- Huntley Stuppy-Belt – 1st 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 acceptance of the following Retirement Request:

- Natalie Waling – High School English Teacher

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 with Mr. Parrish abstaining.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Coaching Resignation:

- Bianca Radtke – 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Mrs. Deno made the motion to accept 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 adjusted payment recommendation for High School Volleyball. 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 Recommendations:

- John Butler – Asst. High School Cross Country Coach
- Jodi Schroeder – 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
- Maggie Hickman – JV Softball Coach
- Mark Bilyeu – Asst. Softball Coach

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 High School Softball Coaches Pay Recommendations. After discussion, the board decided to table the vote until further information could be provided.

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

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Braasch stated that Thanksgiving Break will be Wednesday, November 23 – Friday, November 25, 2022.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Lyons and a second by Mr. Parrish.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION

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