

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

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, March 21, 2023 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 Rick Odle. Mark Jordan was absent.

President Braasch called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

President Braasch determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Braasch stated that there were (7) additions to the agenda, Item K.7 – Approval of Business Professionals of America Field Trip Request to Anaheim, CA, April 26-30. Item K.8 – Approval of Rensselaer Central High School Football Camps. Item K.9 – Approval of Lady Bombers Basketball Team Trip to Wisconsin Dells, WI, June 12-14, 2023. Item K.10 – Approval to Adopt Edgenuity by Imagine Learning for Alternative School Curriculum. Item K.11 – Breathalyzer Testing for everyone going into Prom and After Prom. Item K. 12 – Lifewise Academy. Item K.13 – Reduce to one Ag Teacher for 2023-2024 School Year. Mr. Parrish 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 February 21, 2023 Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. Mr. Odle made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Lyons 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 spoke about the House Bill 1001 Budget for School funding. She stated she was hopeful that the funding bill was going to look good for public schools. Unfortunately, the proposed HB 1001 Budget for School Funding is not looking promising for Traditional Public Schools with a proposed increase in funding of only 6.4% over two years. She stated that 90% of students receive their education from a Traditional Public School. She extended her willingness to work with the board in any capacity to get this changed before the end of the legislative session.

President Braasch asked for patron comments. Phil Nagel spoke on behalf of the Carnegie Players and their hope to get to use the large lecture hall at the high school for their production in June. Ryan Hunsley spoke on behalf of his support for Lifewise Academy.

President Braasch asked for Board comments, there were none.

Mr. Ken Hickman recognized and congratulated the Rensselaer Central Wrestling Team. The team won Sectional for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row and won Regionals for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Members present were: Jack Jordan, Jordan Cree, Larz Hughes, Beck Doughty, Dom Maddox, Avery Stanley & Mason Stanley. Their coach, Hunter Hickman, earned the Wrestling Regional Coach of the Year. He introduced the Girls Swim Team 200 Freestyle Relay members: Lily Cook, Katie Castle, Ary Nelson and Maddie Kosiba, who was unable to attend. The girls broke the 200 Freestyle Relay school record. Lily Cook, Ary Nelson, Audrey Korniak, and Maddie Kosiba broke the Girls Swim 200 Medley Team Relay school record. Their coach, Jill Henady, earned the Girls Swim Team Sectional Coach of the Year Award. He introduced and congratulated Dan Yeager, Track and Cross Country Coaches 2A Coach of the Year Nominee. Mr. Yeager stated that while he was grateful for the award, none of it would be possible without his athletes. He brought two senior athletes, Audrey Davisson and Tristen Wuethrich, both of which have excelled in school, leadership and sports. It is his belief that they deserve more credit than he does.

Mrs. Maggie Hickman, Business Professionals of America Sponsor, stated that the group recently participated very well on a state level. The following members were introduced for their outstanding performances: Zachary Geleott, Celeste Pantoja, Adam Messman, and Brock Hurley. Mrs. Hickman is hopeful to take those members to Anaheim, CA for the National Competition.

Superintendent Craig updated the board on several projects planned corporation wide.

- Roof sections 14 & 15 are to be repaired at the High School
- Brick repair just began at Van Rensselaer Intermediate School
- Repair and Painting of EIFS at Van Rensselaer Intermediate School
- New Lockers in High School Swim Locker Rooms
- Move Old Swim Lockers to the High School Boys Locker Room
- Replace the High School Intercom System
- Restroom Concession Facility survey is in progress
- High School Art Room Upgrades
- New 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Furniture
- New Classroom Furniture for 4 Middle School Classrooms

Claims dated March 21, 2023 were presented for board approval. Mr. Arnold 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 February 28, 2023.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for Lifewise Academy. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Mr. Odle stated the importance of a Hold Harmless liability agreement. After further discussion, Mr. Parrish rescinded his motion and Mr. Arnold rescinded his second. The subject was tabled until the April meeting.

President Braasch requested board acceptance of donations for the following:  
(Attachment "A")

- High School

Ms. Lyons 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 Summer Driver's Education Program. 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 Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Wellness Goals and Policy. 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 for the purchase and installation of Reception Station for the Van Rensselaer Intermediate School office for a total price of \$14,374.44. 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 Contract with ProCare Therapy for School Psychologist Services for the 2023-2024 School Year. 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 for the purchase of Middle School Furniture for Four Classrooms at a total price of \$39,837.26. 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.

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Superintendent Craig requested board approval to reduce to one Ag Teacher for the 2023-2024 School Year. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Odle seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mr. Parrish, Mr. Braasch, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Lyons, Mr. Odle. Nay – Mrs. Deno

President Braasch stated that Friday, March 24, 2023 - Friday, March 31, 2023 will be Spring Break with no school.

President Braasch stated that there will be no school on Friday, April 7, 2023 for Good Friday.

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Parrish and a second by Mrs. Deno.

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