

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Gary Braasch, Courtney Wilcox, Emily Lyons, Nancy Souza and Mark Jordan. Cole Buschman was absent.

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

President Braasch determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Braasch stated that there were no additions. Mrs. Wilcox made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Wilcox 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 she was thankful that we have gone digital now for the recording of meetings. She wished to thank Ryan Standish that took over the CPR trainings for our staff and the hopes to add more trained staff.

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Brock Hurley, FFA Chapter President, kicked off an impressive presentation by the FFA. Haley Graf, Brent Harvey, Dalton Wilson, Audrey Korniak, Chloe Jordan and Kendra Kohlhagen all updated the board on the amazing things happening with FFA. They informed the board of numerous things including that they have made it to the state level in every competition competed in this year and they are sending eight members to a National Level competition. They thanked the board for their support to make all of this possible and invited them to their awards banquet that will be held on April 25, 2024.

Mr. Craig Redlin recognized many students in his band program. He stated that he took 27 students to the ISMMA Solo/Ensemble contest. He had four ensembles receive a gold rating, students

included: Simon Manis, Henry Sell, Kent Hendrix, Audrey Bulthuis, Paxton Popovich, Joseph Murray, Aiden Sutherland, Owen Butler, Hunter Lear, Bryson Hammond and Kennedy Kudlo. He had the following soloists receive a silver rating: Aleeta Vanderhere, James Peterson, Anderson Heinig, Lincoln Manis and Sophia Murray. He had two ensembles receive a silver rating including: Lillian Threatt, Sophia Murray, Jaylin Schwuchow, Aleeta Vanderhere, Myla Stanley, Kiersten Manis, Amy Hendrix, Anderson Heinig, Lincoln Manis and Hunter Lear. Gold ratings for soloists were: Kent Hendrix, Leila Hinson, Simon Manis and Kiersten Manis. Group 1 Soloists that moved on to compete on a state level and earned a gold rating were: Anderson Heinig and Henry Sell.

President Braasch opened the floor for a Public Hearing on the proposed renovation to Facilities throughout the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation. Lisa Huntington of BakerTilly Municipal Advisors presented to the board the Corporations' current schedule of existing debt service/lease rental payments. Superintendent Craig stated that according to Performance Services the top priority projects include windows and doors at the high school, new football field lights and gutters for Van Elementary. Stacy Kurdelak spoke on behalf of RCCTA, she stated that the association agrees with the necessary changes for the bond issue.

President Braasch requested board approval of a Project Resolution for the 2024 Proposed General Obligation Bond. Mrs. Wilcox made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Souza seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mr. Braasch, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Souza. Nay – Mrs. Deno, Ms. Lyons, Mr. Jordan. The motion failed.

Superintendent Craig updated the board on the following projects:

- The building permit for the Restroom/Concession was issued and work has resumed.
- Art Room Exterior door has been replaced.
- Welding supply storage doors have been replaced.

Claims dated March 19, 2024 were presented for board approval. Mrs. Wilcox 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 presented, to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through February 29, 2024.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of Donations for the following: (Attachment A)

- High School
- Van Rensselaer Elementary
- Rensselaer Central Primary School

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

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following 2024-2025 Student Transfer Requests:

- Dreygon Hurd – 2nd Grade
- Macklellan Van Hoose – 6th Grade

Mr. Jordan 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 Authorization to Sign Agreements for Alternate Placements. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of 2024 Summer Driver's Education, May 28, 2024 – July 31, 2024 at a cost of \$450 per student. 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 to join Lawsuit Against Social Media Companies. Mrs. Deno 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 Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant Services through Nexus Therapy for April 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Revised 2024 High Ability Program Manual. Mrs. Wilcox 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 Teacher Resignations:

- Daniel Ramos Altemir – High School Spanish Teacher
- Heather Hall – 8th Grade Science Teacher

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

Superintendent Craig requested board approval the following Extra Curricular Resignations:

- Heather Hall – Middle School Science Olympiad Sponsor
- Heather Hall – Middle School National Junior Honor Society Sponsor

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

President Braasch stated that there will be no school Friday, March 22, 2024 – Friday, March 29, 2024 for Spring Break.

President Braasch stated that there will be no school on April 8, 2024.

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Braasch stated that Friday, April 19, 2024 will be a Weather Make-up Day, if needed.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Wilcox and a second by Ms. Lyons.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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