

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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, December 17, 2024 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Cole Buschman, Gary Braasch, Courtney Wilcox, George Cover and Mark Jordan. Emily Lyons 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. Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Buschman seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the November 19, 2024 Regular Session was presented for board approval. Mr. Buschman 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 shared appreciation to the IT Department and shared how resilient teachers, admin and staff had been over the past two weeks. She spoke regarding the need for class sets of textbooks for times when the internet is not available.

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President Braasch asked for the Buildings and Grounds report. Mr. Heinig gave an overview of the progress regarding Auditorium Lighting bids with three integrators. Bids are due by 12 PM on December 20, 2024.

Claims dated November 19, 2024 were presented for board approval. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Buschman 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 November 30, 2024.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Resolution to Transfer amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund Effective January 1, 2025. (Attachment “A”) Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Cover seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mrs. Deno, Mr. Buschman, Mr. Braasch, Mr. Cover, Mr. Jordan. Nay – Mrs. Wilcox.

Superintendent Craig requested the Approval of a Resolution for the Payment of the 2024 bills and Transfer of Appropriations. (Attachment “B”) Mr. Cover made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of Donations for the following: (Attachment “C”)

- High School

Mr. Buschman 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 2025 Summer Running Camp starting June 9, 2025, Grades K-5. 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 the Winter Cheer Camp, January 25, 2025. Mr. Buschman made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Cover seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the Health Insurance Memorandum of Understanding. (Attachment “D”) Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Cover seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mrs. Deno, Mr. Buschman, Mr. Braasch, Mr. Cover, Mr. Jordan. Nay – Mrs. Wilcox.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of to increase the board contribution for health insurance to non-certified staff. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Buschman seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mrs. Deno, Mr. Buschman, Mr. Braasch, Mr. Cover, Mr. Jordan. Nay – Mrs. Wilcox.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of leave request for Angela Green – Maternity Leave. 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.

President Braasch presented a letter from Superintendent Craig announcing his retirement after 10 years effective on June 30, 2025. Mrs. Wilcox made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Cover 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 Monday, December 24, 2024 through January 3, 2025 for Christmas Break.

Superintendent Craig notified the board that the State of Indiana had accepted the waiver application for one day of instruction cancelled on Monday December 9, 2025. Previously January 20, 2025 was slated as a makeup day. This day remains an available Weather Makeup Day with no school currently scheduled at this time.

President Braasch stated that the next regular board meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2025 in the Board Conference Room.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Jordan and a second by Mr. Buschman.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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