

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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, February 18, 2025 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members were present 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 7:01 p.m.

President Braasch determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Braasch stated that there were three (3) additions. K.5 – Approval of RCHS Summer Driver’s Education Course, May 27, 2025 – July 31, 2025 at a cost of \$450 per student. K.6 – Approval of Hay Ground contract for \$1500 per year. L.3 – Approval for Mark Heinig to receive the Administrator Severance Retirement Benefit as specified in the Administrator Handbook, pages 11-12. Mr. Cover 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 January 20, 2025 Executive Session, January 21, 2025 Regular Session Meeting, and February 3, 2025 Executive Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Jordan 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 RCCTA really appreciates the initiative taken in response to the immigration concerns that we have had recently. She gave the board on update on current legislative issues.

President Braasch asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Braasch asked for board comments. Mr. Jordan stated that he and Mrs. Wilcox attended the ISBA Statehouse Day today. He shared that it was a knowledgeable session and he would encourage the rest of the board to attend. President Braasch stated that they currently have four applicants for the Superintendent search.

Claims dated February 18, 2025 were presented for board approval. Mr. Buschman made the motion to approve the claims. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Braasch presented, to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through January 31, 2025.

President Braasch requested board acceptance of Donations for the following: (Attachment “A”)

- High School

Mrs. Deno 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 requested board approval for 2025 Rensselaer Bomber Baseball Camp, March 15, 2025, RCHS Gymnasium, Grades K-8. 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.

President Braasch requested board approval for the Distribution of the Early Literacy Achievement Grant. 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 requested board approval the Technology Director Job Description. Mr. Cover 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 requested board approval for the RCHS Summer Driver’s Education Course, May 27, 2025 – July 31, 2025 at a cost of \$450 per student. Mr. Jordan 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 requested board approval of Contract for the Hay Ground at the Primary School for \$1500 per year. 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.

President Braasch requested board approval of the following Coaching Recommendations:

- Stipends combined and split 50/50
  - JV Softball Coach – Chad Pinkerman
  - Asst. Softball Coach – Mark Bilyeu

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.

President Braasch requested board approval of the following Resignation/Retirement Request:

- Bobbi Jo Sammons – Reading Specialist/EL TOR

Mr. Jordan 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 requested board approval for the following Resignation/Retirement Request:

- Mark Heinig – Technology Director

Mr. Cover 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 requested board approval for Mark Heinig to receive the Administrator Severance Retirement Benefit as specified in the Administrator Handbook, pages 11-12. Mark has served 16 years as an Administrator and qualifies for the \$5,000 benefit. 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 stated that Wednesday, March 12, 2025 will be the End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks.

President Braasch stated that the next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2025, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

President Braasch stated that there will be no school on Friday, March 21, 2025 – Friday, March 28, 2025 for Spring Break.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Cover and a second by Mrs. Wilcox.

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