

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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 17, 2026 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. All Board Members were present.

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

The minutes of the January 20, 2026 Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. Mrs. Deno 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. Jamie Nelson spoke regarding several legislative bills the Association is keeping an eye on.

President Braasch asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Braasch asked for board comments. Mark Jordan stated that he attended Statehouse Day today. He gave the board an update on several bills that ISBA is tracking.

President Braasch opened the floor for a Public Hearing and Additional Appropriation Hearing on the Proposed Renovation of and Improvements to Facilities throughout the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation. Erik Long of Ice Miller, LLC explained the purpose of the Hearings. Superintendent Jones spoke regarding the necessity of the bond for the needed improvements within the school corporation. Brock Bowsher of Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC presented to the board the Corporation's current schedule of existing debt service/lease rental payments and \$4,000,000 Proposed General Obligation Bond Financing. Mr. Bowsher also reviewed the proposed tax impact. There were no public comments. The Hearing was closed.

Superintendent Jones requested board approval of a Project Resolution for the 2026 General Obligation Bond Issue for \$4,000,000. (Attachment “A”) Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones requested the Approval of an Additional Appropriation Resolution. (Attachment “B”) Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Buschman seconded the motion and the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones requested board Approval for the 2026 Final Bond Resolution. (Attachment “C”) 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.

Superintendent Jones reviewed the ADM with the board, we are down one student since the fall count. Postcards for Pre-K/K Round-up will be going out soon. He stated that the new Food Service program is still going very well. Names have been submitted to the Department of Education for the Teacher Appreciation Grant. He wished to congratulate the Elementary Science Bowl team for coming in as the state runner up. He wished to congratulate Henry Sell for earning his spot in the Indiana Bandmasters Association All-State Honor Band. He also wished to congratulate Lane Walker and Brayden Hanley for coming in as State Champions in the Beginner Division in the FFA welding competition. He wished good luck to Carter Ogborn, who will be competing in the IHSAA State Wrestling tournament on Friday.

Superintendent Jones shared a quote with the board for Middle School Gym Lighting. He gave the board an update on the track and discussed the potential for lighting at the Softball, Baseball and Soccer Fields.

Claims dated February 17, 2026 were presented for board approval. Mr. Jordan 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.

Superintendent Jones presented, to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through January 31, 2026.

Superintendent Jones requested board acceptance of Donations for the following: (Attachment “D”)

- 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 Jones requested board approval of a Business Professionals of America Out of State Trip Request to Nashville, TN, May 6-10, 2026. 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 Jones requested board approval for RCHS Summer Driver’s Education Course, May 26, 2026 – July 31, 2026 at a cost of \$500 per student. Mrs. Deno 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 Jones requested board approval to Declare 2009 Bluebird Bus #25 as Surplus. 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 Jones requested board approval of Rensselaer Bomber Baseball Camp, March 14, 2026, Rensselaer Central High School Gym, Grades K-8. Mr. Buschman 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 Jones requested board approval of Rensselaer Lady Bomber Youth Softball Camp, March 14, 2026, Rensselaer Central High School Gym. 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 Jones requested board approval of 1st Tee Golf Camp, Curtis Creek Golf Course, with Van Elementary School Gym as an inclement weather location, May 26-29, 2026. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Buschman seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones requested board approval of 2026 Running Club, grades K-5, April 11, 18, & 25, 2026, Rensselaer Central High School Track. Mr. Buschman 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 Jones requested board approval of the following Coaching Recommendations:

- 2 Positions Stipends combined and split as follows between the following 3 coaches:
 - Asst. Softball Coach – Ricka Wireman \$1688.00
 - JV Softball Coach – Chad Pinkerman \$1688.00
 - Asst. Softball Coach – Deanna Hannon \$1000.00

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.

President Braasch stated that Wednesday, March 11, 2026 will be the end of the 3rd Nine Weeks.

President Braasch stated that the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

President Braasch stated that there will be no school on Friday, March 20, 2026 – Friday, March 27, 2026 for Spring Break.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting 8:07 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Lyons and a second by Mrs. Wilcox.

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

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