

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

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, November 21, 2017 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Mr. Zeider, Mrs. Koczan, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Lane, Mr. Kosta and Mrs. Phillips. Mr. Ahler was absent.

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

President Parrish determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Parrish stated that there were two (2) additions to the agenda. Item L.5 – Acceptance of Donations for High School and Item L.6 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School Band Field Trip Request. Mr. Lane made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the October 17, 2017 Executive and Regular Session and the November 7, 2017 Executive Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Kosta made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish asked for comments from the RCCTA. There were none.

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Superintendent Craig stated that the Rensselaer FFA Livestock Judging Team won the National Championship in Indianapolis and will be competing in Scotland this spring. Mr. Ron Wamsley, FFA sponsor introduced team members Paige Longstreth, Anna Hannon, Zach Wamsley and Cody Goodman. They will be raising funds to help pay for their trip to Scotland in June, 2018.

Mr. Stace Pickering and Mr. Mike Manis, representing the Rensselaer “Parks for People” campaign, gave a presentation to the board on the plans for the parks in Rensselaer.

President Parrish stated that Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation has advertised a notice to taxpayers of Additional Appropriations in the General Fund in the amount of \$125,000 for Personal Services. (Attachment "A") President Parrish then opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments.

Mrs. Phillips made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Additional Appropriation in the General Fund in the amount of \$125,000 for Personal Services. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Claims dated October 1 - 31, 2017 #2335 - 2419, and Claims dated November 1 - 21, 2017, #2420 - 2608 were presented for board approval. Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Kosta 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 October 31, 2017.

Superintendent Craig presented a funding and expense comparison from 2014 – 2017.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of 2017-2018 Contracting Companies for Cooperative School Services as of October 27, 2017. (Attachment "B") Mrs. Phillips made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Revised, Updated and New NEOLA Policies.(Attachment "C") Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the board was as unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the renewal of a contract with the Franciscan Health Clinic, January 9, 2018 – January 8, 2019. Cost will remain the same at \$55 per eligible employee. The Co-pay will increase from \$10 to \$12 per visit. Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion with Mrs. Koczan abstaining.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the bid from ESCRFT for Workman's Compensation Insurance for a total price of \$65,298 January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018 with an additional prorated amount of \$4,022.65 for December 15, 2017 – January 1, 2018. Two (2) bids were received; ESCRFT in the amount of \$65,298 and IPEP in the amount of \$77,682. Mrs. Phillips made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion. Discussion was held on the comparison of the two (2) bids received. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mr. Parrish. Nay – Mr. Zeider, Mr. Lane, Mr. Kosta, Mrs. Phillips. Mrs. Koczan abstained. The motion failed.

Mrs. Phillips made a motion to accept the bid from IPEP in the amount of \$77,682 for Workman's Compensation Insurance December 15, 2017 – December 15, 2018. Mr. Lane seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mr. Zeider, Mr. Lane, Mr. Kosta, Mrs. Phillips. Nay – Mr. Parrish. Mrs. Koczan abstained.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of Donations for the High School. (Attachment “D”) Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School Bands to travel to Disney World in Orlando Florida. Band Director, Mr. Michael Jamieson informed the board that they would be leaving on Monday, March 26 and return on Saturday, March 31, 2018. Travel to and from Orlando will be by Chartered buses. Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Extra-Curricular recommendation:

- Mary Molenaar – Color Guard Coach

Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that he is compiling a Capital Projects priority list and hopes to present it to the board at a Work Session or at the December meeting.

Superintendent Craig informed the board of the following:

- An electrical surge knocked out several lights at the High School and the staff has replaced them with LEDs.
- The General Fund budget was reduced \$53,645.50 for September and October due to a reduced student count.
- Kelley Spurgeon, High School Art Teacher, received the Grace Pampel Impact Grant for \$6,646.67 per year for three (3) years to purchase equipment for the art room.
- Eric Huffman, Middle School Principal received a grant award for \$1,247.35 to purchase Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) equipment for the Middle School.
- December 1 a meeting with the City of Rensselaer will be held to discuss further ways to reduce electrical costs.
- The Security Resource Officer (SRO) grant was received for 2018.
- The High School Welding Program will receive a Hypertherm Plasma Cutting Torch funded by Indian Trails.
- The Ford Fusion was used for 2,680 miles saving the General Fund \$1,179.

President Parrish stated that there will be No School Wednesday, November 22 – Friday, November 24, 2017 for Thanksgiving Break.

President Parrish stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

President Parrish stated that Wednesday, December 20, 2017 will be the end of the Second Nine Weeks and the end of the First Semester.

President Parrish stated that there will be No School Thursday, December 21, 2017 – Tuesday, January 2, 2018 for Christmas Break.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Koczan and a second by Mr. Zeider.

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