

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:00 p.m.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Establishment of a Quorum
- C. I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9)  
To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees
- D. I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11)  
To train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials
- E. Nothing else was discussed in executive session
- F. Adjournment

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. All Board Members were present.

President Braasch called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

President Braasch determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Braasch stated that there was four (4) additions. K.1 – Additional 2024-2025 Student Transfer Request: Abbigail Gregorash – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade. K.8 – Approval of RCHS Media Field Trip Request, Wrigley Field, Chicago, IL, September 20, 2024. K.9 – Approval of Bus Driver to load or unload an elementary school student at a location that requires the student to cross a roadway. L.2 – Additional Extra Curricular Activities Recommendation: Debbie Standish – Middle School Yearbook Sponsor. Mrs. Deno made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mrs. Wilcox made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the July 16, 2024 Executive Session and Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cover 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 thanked Lori Zeider and staff for providing a delicious breakfast and the board members for attending the Staff Orientation Meeting. She spoke regarding the potential new diploma requirements.

President Braasch asked for patron comments. Michelle Carrera voiced her concerns for the schedule and her students.

President Braasch asked for board comments. There were none.

Mr. Chad Wynn and Mrs. Leah Mathew presented ILEARN results to the board.

Superintendent Craig stated that the Restroom/Concession Facility opened last weekend. Bids will be in for projects next month. Gutters will cost about half the amount originally expected. He presented electric and gas cost savings from 2016-2024.

Claims dated August 20, 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 July 31, 2024.

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

- Everleigh Smith – Kindergarten
- Chloe White – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- Savannah Kalinowski – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Abbigail Gregorash – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

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.

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

- High 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 2024-2025 Middle School Student Handbook. Mr. Cover 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 Craig requested board approval of Contract with AMN through employee, Rebecca Wilcox, for School Psychologist Services for the 2024-2025 School 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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Contract with Physicooley Therapy, Inc. through employee, James M. Cooley, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Mr. Buschman 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 Contract with FUNCTIONAL PhysioKIDS Physical Therapy LLC through employee, Angela Rusk, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Mr. Cover 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 Board Policy Updates. 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 RCHS Media Field Trip Request, Wrigley Field, Chicago, IL, September 20, 2024. 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 Craig requested board approval of a Bus Driver to load or unload an elementary school student at a location that requires the student to cross a roadway. Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the request with the addition of having a bus aide to assist. Mr. Cover seconded the motion and the vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mr. Buschman, Mr. Braasch, Ms. Lyons, Mr. Cover, Mr. Jordan. Nay: Mrs. Deno, Mrs. Wilcox.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Teacher Resignation:

- Emily Cripe – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Elementary Teacher

Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve 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 Extra Curricular Activities Recommendations:

- Melissa Ahler – National Junior Honor Society Sponsor
- Sue Cook – National Junior Honor Society Sponsor
- Debbie Standish – Middle School Yearbook Sponsor

Mr. Cover 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 the Corporation will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024 for Labor Day.

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

Mr. Jordan requested an update from Mr. Wynn next semester regarding the release of students for religious education.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Wilcox and a second by Mr. Cover.

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

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