

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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, September 17, 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 7:00 p.m.

President Braasch determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Braasch stated that there was two (2) additions. L.5 – Approval of Field Trip Request for RCHS Students to Japan, March 19-28, 2026. L.20 – Approval of Bus Request for DC Club Trip, Midway Airport, October 19, 2024 Departure & October 23, 2024 Return. Mrs. Deno 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 August 20, 2024 Executive Session and Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. Mr. Cover made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Buschman 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 expressed support for the projects on the agenda tonight. She also wanted to extend support for the stipend for the non-certified staff.

President Braasch asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Braasch asked for board comments. President Braasch stated that the ISBA Conference is Sunday through Tuesday. Also, the Region 4 Meeting will be October 28, 2024. He reminded the board that an Executive Session will be held tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. and a Work Session to follow at 7:45 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held on the 2025 Budget, Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Plan of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation. Superintendent Craig presented the Budget, Capital Projects Plan and the Bus Replacement Plan. President Braasch opened the floor for Public Comments. There were no comments. President Braasch closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Andrew Jones presented 2023-2024 AP results and SAT results to the board. He also reviewed the AP and Dual Credit Courses currently offered at the High School. He updated the board on what the new diploma requirements are looking like now.

Claims dated September 17, 2024 were presented for board approval. Mr. Cover made the motion to approve the claims. Ms. Lyons 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 August 31, 2024.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to enter into a contract with Performance Services for the installation of gutters at Van Rensselaer Elementary School. 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 to enter into a contract with Performance Services for the replacement of windows and doors at Rensselaer Central High School. 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 Craig requested board approval to enter into a contract with Performance Services for the replacement of poles and lights at the Rensselaer Central Schools football field. 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 to accept a quote from Lee Company for replacement of bleachers at Rensselaer Central Middle School. 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 a Field Trip Request for RCHS Students to Japan, March 19-28, 2026. 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 the following 2024-2025 Student Transfer Requests:

- Braylee Hermanson – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- Bristol Hermanson – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Aldo Origel - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Charlotte Smith – Kindergarten
- Harmony Snow – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Mr. Jordan 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 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 Contract with Amergis through employee, Ryan Witt, for Occupational Therapy Services for the 2024-2025 School Year. 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 Craig requested board approval of the following FFA Overnight Trip Requests:

- October 4-6, 2024 to Trafalgar, IN
- October 10-12, 2024 to Switzerland County, IN
- October 24-26, 2024 to Indianapolis, IN
- November 15-17, 2024 to Trafalgar, IN

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 the 2024-2025 Weather Cancellation Procedure. 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 an Overnight Trip Request for High School Girls Basketball to Washington High School, December 26-27, 2024. Mr. Cover made a 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 Adult School Lunch Price change from \$4.90 to \$5.00. 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 Craig requested board approval of RCHS History Club Field Trip Request, September 28, 2024 to Rockford, IL. 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 a 3% Stipend for Non-Certified Employees that worked 120 days or more from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 to be distributed November 22, 2024. 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 with President Braasch abstaining.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following High School Wrestling Teams Overnight Trips to Mooresville, IN:

- Boys Team – December 26-28, 2024
- Girls Team – December 27-28, 2024

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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for a High School Boys Wrestling Team Overnight Trip to Bluffton, IN to compete at the 2025 IHSWCA Team State Duals held at Adams

Central High School, January 10-11, 2025. 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 for Wrestling Camp, Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, October 22, 24, 28, 29, 2024. 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 Rensselaer Bombers Youth Boys Basketball Camp, Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, November 4-7, 2024. 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 Running Camp, Grades K-5, October 7-11, 2024. 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 a Bus Request for the DC Club Trip to Midway Airport, October 19, 2024 Departure and October 23, 2024 Return. 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 the following Coaching Recommendations:

- Kim Schmid – Head Varsity Girls Wrestling Coach
- Ryan Crews – Asst. Girls Wrestling Coach

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 following Teacher Leave Request:

- Nicole Cook – Maternity Leave

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

President Braasch stated that Thursday, October 10, 2024 will be the end of the first nine weeks.

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Braasch stated that there will be no school Friday, October 18, 2024 – Monday, October 21, 2024 for Fall Break.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Buschman and a second by Mrs. Wilcox.

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

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