

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016

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, August 9, 2016 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Charlie Parrish, Earl Zeider, Rich Ludington, Joe Kosta, Jacob Ahler. Julie Koczan arrived at 7:04 p.m. and Ed Lane was absent.

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

Superintendent Speicher administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member Joe Kosta.

President Parrish determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Parrish stated that there were five (5) additions to the agenda, Item J – Budget Calendar, Item K-3 – Additional Student Transfer Request, Item K-5 – Goal Posts Purchase Request and Item L – Additional Personnel Items. Mr. Ludington made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Ahler seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the July 12, 2016 Re-Organizational and Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish asked for comments from the RCCTA. Stacy Kurdelak informed the board that the teacher association feels that they approved a very fair contract today and are excited for school to get started.

President Parrish asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Parrish asked for Board comments. Mr. Ludington informed the board that he had received an e-mail from Michael Adamson of the Indiana School Boards Association informing him that Mr. Speicher has been selected as this year's recipient of the Lorin A. Burt Outstanding Educator Award through the Indiana School Boards Association. The award will be presented September 26th at the Indianapolis Convention Center during this year's Fall Conference. Mr. Ahler informed the board what he is willing to help on any of the committees if needed.

Superintendent Speicher informed the board that Teacher and Staff Orientation was held this morning along with De-Escalation Training. Transportation and Cafeteria employees met in the afternoon.

Superintendent Speicher informed the board of the 2016-2017 Athletic Ticket Prices.

Superintendent Speicher informed the board that Thursday, August 11th is opening day for students.

Claims dated July 1 – 20, 2016, #1200 – 1305, claims dated July 1 – 29, 2016, #1306 – 1377 and claims dated August 1 - 9, 2016, #1379 - 1442 were presented for board approval. Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Ahler seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher presented to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through July 31, 2016.

Superintendent Speicher presented to the board, an updated enrollment projection for 2016 - 2017.

Superintendent Speicher presented to the board, a Containment Report and a Three (3) Year Asbestos Plan, as required by law.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of a 2017 Budget Adoption Calendar:

Tuesday, September 6, 2016 – 2017 Budget Work Session, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 – Public Hearing on 2017 Budget, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 – Adoption of 2017 Budget, 5:00 p.m.

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

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the 2016-2017 Negotiated Master Contract with the RCCTA. Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Modified RISE Evaluation Plan for the 2016-2017 School Year. 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 Speicher requested board approval of the following Student Transfer Requests for the 2016-2017 School Year:

- Britinie Thomas – 9th Grade
- Seth Thomas – 11th Grade
- Austin Thomas – 12th Grade
- Jade Stiltz – 9th Grade
- Joey Stiltz – 10th Grade
- Bryan’ah Carter – Kindergarten

- Brylee Carter – Pre-School
- Kalee Trimble – 8th Grade

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

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the following 2016-2017 FFA Field Trip Requests:

- August 10 – 11, 2016 – State Fair – Indianapolis
- September 7, 2016 – River Raft Trip – Pulaski County
- September 12, 2016 – State Judging Committee Meeting – Indianapolis
- September 21 – 26, 2016 – National Livestock Judging Contest, Lincoln, NE
- October, 2016 (TBD) – Area Soils Contest
- October 13 – 15, 2016 – State Soils Judging Contest – Marshall County
- October 19 – 21, 2016 – National FFA Convention – Indianapolis
- October 24 – 28, 2016 – American Royal – Kansas City, MO
- November 22, 2016 – Area Crops, Entomology & Forestry – Purdue University
- December, 2016 (TBD) – Wolf Park – Lafayette
- April 13, 2017 – Area Dairy Contest – Kosciusko County
- April 20, 2017 – Area Livestock Contest – Fountain County
- April 30 – May 5, 2017 – National Land Contest – Oklahoma City, OK
- May 19 – 20, 2017 – State Livestock/Dairy Contest – Purdue University

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

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the purchase and installation of Football Goal Posts from Borgman Athletics for a total price of \$16,435.00. Installation will take place in October and costs will be divided between Capital Projects Fund, Athletic Fund and the Athletic Department. Mr. Ahler made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Ludington seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the following Resignations:

- Melia Paulino – Kindergarten Teacher
- Sarah Wuethrich – 8th Volleyball Coach

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

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the following Leave Requests:

- Heather Heinig – Medical Leave – August 9 – December 21, 2016, 6th Grade Science Teacher
- Jennifer Huff – Maternity Leave – September 12, 2016 – February 1, 2017, Elementary Music Teacher

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 Speicher requested board approval of the following hiring recommendations:
Kelly Harvey – Kindergarten Teacher
Brandey Gillenwater – High School Language Arts Teacher
Nicole Ross – Temporary 6th Grade Science Teacher
Amanda Isajewicz – Temporary Elementary Music Teacher
Chloe Vanderwall – 7th Volleyball Coach

Mr. Ahler made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Ludington seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish stated that School Begins with the First Student Day, Thursday, August 11, 2016.

President Parrish stated that there will be no school on Monday, September 5, 2016 for Labor Day.

President Parrish stated that there will be a Board Work Session for the 2017 Budget on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

President Parrish stated that the next Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 5:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Koczan and a second by Mr. Ahler.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
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