

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Gary Braasch, Charles Parrish, Kevin Arnold, and Mark Jordan. Emily Lyons and Rick Odle were 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 K. 10 – High School Wrestling Team Overnight Trip Request and Item K.11 – High School FFA Out of State Trip Request. Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the January 18, 2022 Regular Session and February 1, 2022 Special Session were presented for board approval. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish asked for comments from the RCCTA. Mrs. Stacy Kurdelak stated that she and a few other teachers met with Senators Buchanan and Niemeyer concerning House Bill 1134. There have been amendments and it was supposed to be going back to committee.

President Parrish asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Parrish asked for Board comments. Mr. Braasch stated that he wanted to thank the custodial staff for the great job they did in clearing all of the snow away.

Mr. Andrew Jones, High School Principal, introduced and congratulated Jesse Ringen on being Rensselaer Central's Girls Basketball Leading Scorer with 1257 points. Basketball Coach Radtke stated that Jesse has also been All Conference for three years. Mr. Jones also introduced and congratulated the Varsity Wrestling Team. They won Rensselaer's first Regional competition, nine went on to Semi-State and 2 are going to State. Wrestling Coach Hunter Hickman was named Regional Coach of the year. Mr. Jones informed the board of different courses that students can

enroll in from AP courses to Ivy Tech Dual Credit courses and the state required SAT that Juniors are required to take.

Mr. Greg Michael, Middle School Principal, presented to the board NWEA and ILearn assessments that are administered at the Middle School. The NWEA measures growth and shows where students need extra help.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that the Energy Savings Project at the Van Intermediate School is saving \$50,000 per year in energy costs. Two (2) bids were received for replacing the tennis courts with concrete and work on the pool will begin as soon as swimming is finished.

Claims dated February 15, 2022 was presented for board approval. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the claims. Mrs. Deno 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 January 31, 2022.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that COVID numbers are staying low and recommends continuing with the mask optional policy. The Board agreed to make no changes to the 2021-2022 Re-Entry Plan at this time.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the NEOLA Volume 34, Number 1, New, Revised, Replacement Policies and Administrative Guidelines. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to change the title of Transportation Secretary to Transportation Director. Mr. Braasch 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 Resolution Authorizing Litigation against Manufacturers, Distributors and Sellers of Electronic Cigarettes and Vaping Products. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mrs. Deno, Mr. Braasch, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Arnold. Nay – Mr. Jordan. The motion passed.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a three (3) year agreement with Frontline Education for an Absence and Substitute Management Program, March 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025. The program contacts and schedules substitutes through electronic means. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to contract with PCC for the replacement of the tennis courts with concrete for a total price of \$866,880. The Construction Committee recommended moving forward with PCC. 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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the purchase of a 2018 Ram 2500 Tradesman Truck with a snow blade from McFadden's Friendly Motors in Michigan, for a total price of \$37,255.00. Mr. Braasch 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 Craig requested board approval of the purchase of a 78 Passenger Bus from IC/Collins for a total price of \$115,802.50. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the purchase of an i-Ready Assessment and Personalized Instruction Math site License for the remainder of the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 school year for a total cost of \$20,051.00. This will be paid from ESSER funds to address learning loss due to the pandemic. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch 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 the Wrestling Team to travel to Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis to participate in the State Wrestling Meet, February 17 – 19, 2022. 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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of an out of state trip for the High School FFA Horticulture Class to travel to Grant Park, Illinois, February 21, 2022. Mr. Braasch 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 Craig requested board acceptance of a resignation from Brant Schmid as Assistant Middle School Track Coach. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch 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:

- Sarah Redlin – High School Assistant Track Coach
- Allison Conley – Middle School Assistant Track Coach
- Dan Yeager – 2022-2023 High School Cross Country Coach

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.

President Parrish stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Parrish stated that Friday, March 18 – Friday, March 25, 2022 will be Spring Break with no school.

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

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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