

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 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, April 19, 2022 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Gary Braasch, Charlie Parrish, Kevin Arnold, Rick Odle and Mark Jordan. Emily Lyons 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 three (3) additions to the agenda, Item J.17– Approval to Declare Old Desks and Chairs as Surplus Equipment, Item K.4 – Approval of Bobbi Jo Sammons as Summer IREAD 3 Teacher and New Business – Appointment to Jasper County Library Board. Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the March 15, 2022 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish asked for comments from the RCCTA. Ms. Ashton Wireman invited the Board to “Meet the District 16 Candidates”, April 27, 2022, 4:00 CST at Tri-County High School. Members are asked to RSVP to Stacy Kurdelak.

President Parrish asked for patron comments. There were none.

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Superintendent Craig presented slides of the work being done on the pool and of the Middle School boilers. The new High School chiller is still on back order. Instead of renting a chiller until the new one arrives, the project may have to be pushed back until after the season, this fall. Roof supplies arrived and the project is on schedule.

Claims dated April 19, 2022 were presented for board approval. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Jordan 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 March 31, 2022.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following 2022-2023 Student Transfer Request:

- Dallas Linn - Kindergarten

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 the 2022 Indiana Tech Plan Survey. Mr. Odle 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 FFA Overnight Field Trip Request to Montgomery County Fairgrounds, May 20-21, 2022 to participate in a State Poultry Contest. 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.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of Donations for the High School, Middle School and Elementary Schools (See Attachment "A") Mr. Braasch 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 following 2022 Summer School Classes:

- Elementary Art
- IREAD 3
- Kindergarten Jump Start
- 1st Grade Jump Start
- 2nd Grade Jump Start
- 1st/2nd Grade Enrichment Class
- Middle School Art
- Credit Recovery
- Summer Band
- SAE
- ESY

Mrs. Deno 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 2022 Seamless Summer Meal Program to be held May 31 – June 23, 2022 at Van Intermediate School. Breakfast will be served 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and Lunch 11 a.m. to Noon, Monday through Thursday and is free of charge to all students ages 18 and under. Mr. Odle 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 following 2022 High School Football Camps:

- o Manchester University Team Camp – June 13 – 16
- o Bomber Football Team Camps – July 18 – 22
- o Back in Black Football Camp – September 3

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 2022 High School Wrestling Team Camp to be held June 10-12, 2022 at Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Lady Bombers Basketball Skills and Drills Camp to be held May 31 – June 3 at the Middle School Gym for students in Grades 3 – 5. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Lady Bombers Basketball Skills and Drills Camp to be held May 4 – 6 at the Middle School Gym for students in Grades K – 2. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Lady Bombers Basketball Team Trip to the Dells Classic, June 13 – 15 at the Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. 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 Lady Bombers Volleyball Camp to be held June 6 – 10, at the High School Gym for students in Grades 3 – 8. Mr. Odle 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 for the High School Bomber Football Team to attend the Northern Illinois University 7 on 7 Tournament, June 19 at the Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. Mr. Arnold 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 a High School Bomber Boys Basketball Team Camp to be held June 10-12 at Sandusky, Ohio. Mr. Odle 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 First Tee Indiana Golf Clinic for students ages 7 – 13 to be held June 6 – 9 at Curtis Creek Country Club. In the case of inclement weather the clinic will be held at the Van Intermediate School Gym. Mr. Braasch 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 Reduction in Force of One (1) Elementary Teacher Position and One (1) Middle School Language Arts Position for the 2022-2023 School Year. Mr. Odle 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 to Declare the old 3rd Grade Classroom desks and chairs as Surplus Property. 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 acceptance of the following resignations:

- Hunter Hickman – 2021-2022 Middle School Wrestling Coach
- Hunter Hickman – J.V. Football Coach
- Ryan Standish – Middle School Cross Country Coach
- Ashley Webb – 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

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 Elliott Zimmer as Middle School Wrestling Coach. Mr. Zimmer coached the 2021-2022 season with Hunter Hickman holding the contract. Mr. Hickman has resigned from the position and the stipend is being reimbursed to the Corporation for payment to be made to Mr. Zimmer. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request with the back pay for the 2021-2022 season. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Chad Pulver as Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach with a two (2) year contract, 2022-2024. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion. Discussion was held on complaints made to board members, from parents, concerning Mr. Pulver's demeanor when coaching and speaking to the players. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mrs. Deno, Mr. Braasch, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Jordan. Nay – Mr. Arnold, Mr. Odle.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Wes Radtke as Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach with a two (2) year contract, 2022-2024. Mrs. Deno 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 Chris Meeks as Head Varsity Football Coach with a two (2) year contract, 2022-2024. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following 2022-2023 Coaching Recommendations:

- Kim Schmid – Middle School Cross Country Coach
- Allison Conley – Head Girls Soccer Coach
- Josh Davis – Head Boys Soccer Coach
- Chris Porter – Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
- Ernest Watson – Boys Tennis Coach

- Steve Phillips – Middle School Head Football Coach
- Vince Urbano – Middle School Assistant Football Coach
- Jack Ziese – Middle School Assistant Football Coach
- Shawon Carter – Middle School Assistant Football Coach
- Luke Branson – Middle School Assistant Football Coach
- Austin Metzger – 9th Football Coach
- Eric VanMeter – Head Varsity Volleyball Coach
- Natalie Herre – High School Cheerleading Coach
- Marissa Marlin – Assistant High School Cheerleading Coach
- Angela Tomlinson – Pool Supervisor
- Sue Cook – Athletic Ticket Manager

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

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Sue Cook as 2021-2022 Middle School National Junior Honor Society Co-Sponsor. 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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following 2022 Summer School Teachers:

- Jamie Fields – Elementary Art Teacher
- Nicole Cook – Kindergarten Jump Start Teacher
- Angie Wuethrich – 1st/2nd Grade Enrichment Class and Jump Start Teacher
- Kelle Rowan – 1st/2nd Grade Enrichment Class and Jump Start Teacher
- Kim Ringen – 1st Grade Jump Start Teacher
- Bobbi Jo Sammons – IREAD 3 Teacher
- Crystal Zeilmann – Middle School Art Teacher
- Elliott Zimmer – Credit Recovery Teacher
- Jared Coller – Summer Band Teacher
- Jim Armbruster – SAE Teacher
- Brenlyn Hoover – SAE Teacher
- Stacy Kurdelak – ESY Teacher

Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Odle 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, May 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Parrish stated that Thursday, May 26, 2022 will be the Last Student Day.

President Parrish stated that the Senior Graduation Ceremony will be held Sunday, June 5, 2022, 2:00 p.m. at the High School Gymnasium.

President Parrish stated that he had received a letter from the Jasper County Library Board stating that Mark Heinigs' term on the board will end May 9, 2022 and requested that he be re-appointed to the Board for a four (4) year term. Mr. Jordan made the motion to appoint Mark Heinig to the Jasper County Library Board for a four (4) year term, 2022-2026. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Braasch and a second by Mr. Odle.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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