

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 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, May 17, 2022 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Gary Braasch, Charlie Parrish, Kevin Arnold, Emily Lyons and Mark Jordan. Rick Odle 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 was one (1) addition to the agenda, Item K.8 – FFA Field Trip Requests. Mr. Braasch made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the April 19, 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. President Parrish read a statement from Stacy Kurdelak, stating that the Association wished to thank all students, parents, staff, administration and the board for a successful school year.

President Parrish asked for patron comments. Shelly Hurley, Beth Graf and Kim Schuh came before the board to voice their concerns of the future of the Agricultural and FFA programs with Mrs. Freeman leaving and the ability to find a qualified replacement with the same passion for the programs.

President Parrish asked for Board comments. Mr. Braasch stated that he attended the FFA Banquet and was very impressed with the way the students conducted themselves. He also attended an elementary PTO meeting and encouraged board members to attend events. Mrs. Deno stated that she also attended the FFA Banquet and noticed that older students were less involved and congratulated all on their achievements this year.

High School and Middle School Choir Director Stephanie Davisson informed the board of the ISSMA Choir students achievements this year and introduced members McKenna Boener, Camryn Armstrong, Jordyn Myers, Sydney Armstrong and Colleen McCallister.

Superintendent Craig presented pictures of the work being done on the pool and on the Tennis Courts. They have removed the asbestos from the Middle School boiler and the High School roofing project will begin at the end of school. The auditorium air handlers will be replaced in August. The new High School chiller is scheduled to arrive July 7.

Claims dated May 17, 2022 were presented for board approval. Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Braasch 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 April 30, 2022.

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

- Willow Stackhouse-Reynolds – 5th Grade
- Damon Stackhouse-Reynolds – 4th Grade

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 Cooperative School Services Contract with Brand Tech for IT Managed Services for a total cost of \$3,000 per month. 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 acceptance of Donations for Van Library and Van Art (See Attachment “A”) 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 approval of Volume 34, No. 2 – April 2022 New/Revised and Replacement Policies and Guidelines. 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 a RCHS Summer Wrestling Camp to be held July 13 – 15, 2022 for students in grades K – 12. Mr. Braasch 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 contract with Patriot Engineering for Construction Materials Testing and Inspection of the Tennis Courts. 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 following additional Pool Repairs/Improvements:

- Structural Modifications of Diving Well Slab - \$102,089
- Potential Need to Pour Flowable Fill for Diving Well Slab Voids - \$10,000

- Tile Modifications for New Rule Changes - \$7,844
- Acid Washing of Existing Pools - \$14,403
- Re-grout Both Diving Well and Lap Pool Tile - \$80,000

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 following Overnight FFA Field Trip Requests:

- State Dairy Contest – Whitley County 4-H Fairgrounds, June 2 – 23, 2022
- FFA Officer Retreat – Rochester, Indiana, June 3-5, 2022
- State Convention – Indianapolis, Indiana, June 14-16, 2022

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 the following Teacher Resignations:

- Brenlyn Freeman – Agricultural Teacher
- Julie Schmidt-Goecker – High School Assistant Principal

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 Extra Curricular Activities resignations:

- Bryce Tanner – Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Stephanie Davisson – Spring Musical Accompanist

Ms. Lyons 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 Extra Curricular Activities recommendation:

- Jared Coller – Spring Musical Accompanist

Mrs. Deno 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 2022-2023 Teacher recommendation:

- Colin Kimiecik – High School Social Studies Teacher

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 2022-2023 Coaching Recommendations:

- Kerry Stevens – Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
- Wes Radtke – Assistant Varsity Football Coach
- Doug Hannon – Assistant Varsity Football Coach
- Katie Bilyeu – JV Volleyball Coach
- Beth Hege – Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Sarah Redlin – Assistant Volleyball Coach

- Kim Gilbert – 8th Volleyball Coach
- Ashley Webb – 7th Volleyball Coach
- Daphne Dobson – 6th Volleyball Coach
- Amanda Manns – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- Eric VanMeter – JV Girls Basketball Coach
- Ed Cain – 8th Girls Basketball Coach
- Bianca Radtke – 7th Girls Basketball Coach
- Brian Rodibaugh – 6th Girls Basketball Coach
- Trent Phegley – JV Boys Basketball Coach
- Bob Hanna – 8th Boys Basketball Coach
- Craig Clouse – 7th Boys Basketball Coach
- Jack Drone – 6th Boys Basketball Coach
- Ryan Standish – Head Varsity Boys Swim 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 the following 2022 Summer Workers:

- Macie Northcutt
- Stephenie Budd
- Courtney Budd
- Austin Davis
- John Michael
- Matthew Swartz
- Anderson Heinig

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.

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 the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

Mr. Jordan asked about Board Members attending Graduation. Superintendent Craig stated that all Board members are invited and encouraged to attend the Graduation Ceremony and there will be reserved seating for all members.

Mr. Braasch stated that he wanted to acknowledge the passing of former board member Earl Zeider.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Braasch and a second by Ms. Lyons.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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