

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023

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, June 20, 2023 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Charlie Parrish, Gary Braasch, Kevin Arnold, Emily Lyons, Rick Odle and Mark Jordan. Janice Deno was absent.

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 were (3) additions to the agenda, Item K.1 – Additional 2023-2024 Teacher Recommendation: Adelynn Conner – 3rd Grade Teacher. K.2 – Additional Teacher Resignation: Alexa Schiavone – 3rd Grade Teacher. Item K.6 – Approval to hire Parker Northcutt at \$7.25/hour to help with installation of exhaust fans for 10-12 hours/week for three weeks while Wayne Frome is on vacation. Parker will be 15 years old in a couple of weeks and will need a work permit. Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the May 16, 2023 Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Parrish 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 thanked Mr. Parrish and Mr. Arnold and expressed her appreciation for all of their help over the years. She stated that the teachers are concerned that their voices are not being heard in regards to many issues including Lifewise Academy.

President Braasch asked for patron comments. Ote Wood, Greg Whaley, Lana Zimmer, and Bill Zimmer spoke regarding their concerns about Lifewise Academy. Dannielle Warran and Debbie Rodibaugh spoke in support of Lifewise Academy. Stacy Kurdelak spoke regarding her concerns about Lifewise Academy. Ron Tillett, McKenna Boerner, and John Rodibaugh spoke in support of Lifewise Academy. Father Joshua Bennett spoke about concerns regarding Lifewise Academy. Mark Heinig stated that Computer Science Standards are required by the state of Indiana to be taught to students in grades K-12. Linda Comingore spoke about concerns with Lifewise Academy. Michelle Carrera had questions about a lockdown situation with

students off campus attending Lifewise Academy. Mikki Yeoman spoke regarding an incident that occurred with a teacher that was posted on social media.

President Braasch presented plaques to Mr. Arnold and Mr. Parrish and thanked each of them for their years served on the board.

Superintendent Craig updated the board on several projects that are planned and that have already been completed within the corporation.

- New Roof at the High School is currently in progress.
- New 4th Grade Classroom Furniture is in place.
- EIFS Repairs at Van have been made.
- High School Art Room has new furniture.
- New Maintenance Truck has been purchased.
- New Middle School Classroom Furniture has arrived.
- New Pool Room Lockers are in place.
- The Welding Shop will be getting new exhaust fans.
- High School has a new washing machine.
- Van Masonry repairs are complete.
- Doors at the High School are to be replaced.
- Van Office is getting new furniture.

Claims dated June 20, 2023 were presented for board approval. Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Parrish 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 May 31, 2023.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of School Lunch Bids for Grocery, Milk, and Bread. 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 donations for the High School. (Attachment "A") Mr. Parrish 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 2023-2024 Student Transfer Requests:

- Dreygon Hurd – 1st Grade
- Noah Powell - Kindergarten
- Aydien Williams – 8th Grade

Mr. Jordan 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 2023-2024 Contract with Physicooley Therapy, Inc. for Physical Therapy Services. Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of 2023-2024 Contract with AMN Healthcare for virtual School Psychology Services. Mr. Parrish 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 2023-2024 Contract with FUNctional PhysioKIDS Physical Therapy LLC. 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 to Declare Chromebooks as Surplus Material for Disposal. Mr. Parrish 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 FFA Overnight Field Trip Request to Purdue Campus and Benton Central, June 20, 2023-June 22, 2023. Ms. Lyons 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 2023-2024 Administrative Contracts:

o	Curtis Craig	Superintendent	2022-2025	260 Days	120,576.80
o	Andrew Jones	High School Principal	2023-2024	225 Days	103,828.51
o	Greg Michael	Middle School Principal	2023-2024	215 Days	92,105.99
o	Chad Wynn	Van Intermediate Principal	2023-2024	215 Days	94,740.98
o	Jennifer Norris	Primary School Principal	2023-2024	215 Days	92,290.28
o	Ava Kosiba	Assistant High School Principal	2023-2024	215 Days	82,425.00
o	Sabrina Nellis	Assistant Middle School Principal	2023-2024	205 Days	73,000.00
o	Ken Hickman	Athletic Director	2023-2024	225 Days	79,275.30
o	Mark Heinig	Director of Technology	2023-2024	225 Days	81,067.36

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 Continuation of RCSC Reopening Plan. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to Declare 1999 Dodge ¾ Ton Red Truck as Surplus Property for Sale. Mr. Parrish 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 Conversion of Rensselaer Central Primary School's Cooler to Freezer. Mr. Parrish 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 Lady Bomber Volleyball Team Camp, June 26-27, 2023, RCHS Gymnasium. 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 Movie Theater Marketing. 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 2023-2024 Contract with Brincefield Studios for RCSC Social Media Services. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of 2023-2024 Textbook Rental. Mr. Jordan 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 2023-2024 Teacher recommendations:

- Craig Redlin – Band Director
- Daniel Ramos – High School Spanish Teacher
- Ian Somerville – Middle School Social Studies Teacher
- Whitney Hileman – Elementary Teacher
- Adelynne Conner – 3rd Grade Teacher

Mr. Parrish 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 Teacher Resignations:

- Markus Davis – High School Building Trades Teacher
- Alexa Schiavone – 3rd Grade Teacher

Mr. Parrish 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 Extra Curricular Activities Resignation:

- Jennifer Yeager – High School Science Olympiad Sponsor

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

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of the following Coaching Resignations:

- Dan Yeager – 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
- Trent Phegley – JV Boys Basketball Coach
- Colin Kimiecik – 9th Boys Basketball Coach

Mr. Odle made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish 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:

- Fall 2023-2024
 - Kim Gilbert – 8th Grade Volleyball Coach
- Winter 2023-2024
 - Dan Yeager – 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - Colin Kimiecik – JV Boys Basketball Coach

- Spring 2023-2024
 - Ernest Watson – Varsity Girls Tennis Coach
 - Jared Courtney – Varsity Baseball Coach
 - Mike Spencer – Varsity Softball Coach
 - Mark Bilyeu – JV Softball Coach
 - JV & Asst. Baseball Coach Recommendations:
Combine the 2 position’s Stipends and divide it 3 equal ways between the following 3 Coaches:
 - Mike Spangler – JV Baseball Coach (1/3 of the 2 Stipends)
 - Brett Kosanovich – Asst. Baseball Coach (1/3 of the 2 Stipends)
 - Clay Martin – Asst. Baseball Coach (1/3 of the 2 Stipends)

Mr. Parrish 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.

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President Braasch stated that Tuesday, July 4, 2023 the Corporation will be closed for Independence Day.

President Braasch stated that the Re-Organizational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, 5:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Odle and a second by Mr. Parrish.

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