

RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

RENSSELAER 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 18, 2023 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Charlie Parrish, Gary Braasch, Kevin Arnold, Rick Odle, and Mark Jordan. Emily Lyons 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 J.9 – Approval to Receive Quotes for High School Food Service Upgrades. K.1 – Additional Teacher Resignation – Jared Collier – Band Teacher. Item K.3 – Remove Volleyball Coaches Katie Bilyeu and Kim Gilbert from Approval at this time. Mr. Odle 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 March 21, 2023 Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Braasch asked for comments from the RCCTA. Michelle Carrera wished to thank those who contacted Senators and Representatives about the House Bill 1004 and the needed funds for public education.

President Braasch asked for patron comments. Kathy Staddon expressed her concerns regarding the Lifewise Academy. Mark Hurley and Brock Hurley spoke regarding the reduction to one Ag Teacher. Marissa Marlin spoke on behalf of her support for Lifewise Academy.

President Braasch asked for Board comments. Janice Deno commended the Math Bowl Teachers: Ms. Yentes, Mr. Webb and Ms. Schiavone. The team competed last week and did very good. The band placed Gold at their competition in Kankakee, congratulations to Mr. Collier. The play did excellent on all four presentations with the band playing for the musical as well. She thanked Mr. Sell and Mr. Collier for a great job with The Addam's Family.

Superintendent Craig updated the board on several projects planned corporation wide.

- Chiller is scheduled for start up on April 26th and 27th
- Meeting on April 25th with the roofing contractor for the High School
- Meeting on April 21st with the Architect for the restroom/concession facility

Claims dated April 18, 2023 were presented for board approval. Mrs. Deno 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 March 31, 2023.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2023-2024 Authorization to Sign Agreements for Alternative Services and Private Residential School Placements Resolution. (Attachment “A”) 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 acceptance of donations for the High School and the Primary School. (Attachment “B”) Mr. Parrish 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 for an Increase from Three Periods to Four Periods of Instruction Time for Walt Brown for 2023-2024. 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 for Grade 3-5 Students to be Released to Lifewise Academy for Religious Instruction. Mrs. Deno made the motion to table the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mrs. Deno, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Braasch, Mr. Odle. Nay – Mr. Arnold, Mr. Jordan

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the First Tee Golf Program. Mr. Parrish 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 2023 Lady Bombers Soccer Camp for K-5th Grade Students, August, 12, 2023. 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 for Boys Basketball Team Camp, Wisconsin Dells, WI, July 10-12, 2023. Mrs. Deno 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 Lady Bombers Volleyball Camp for 3rd-8th Grade Students, May 15-18, 2023. 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 to Receive Quotes for High School Food Service Upgrades. Mr. Parrish 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 the following Teacher Resignations:

- James Armbruster – Agricultural Teacher
- Kaylin Holmes – Third Grade Teacher
- Jared Collier – Band 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 acceptance of the following Extra Curricular Activities resignation:

- Marissa Marlin – Asst. H.S. Cheer Coach

Mr. Armold 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:

- Ernest Watson – Girls Tennis Coach
- Mark Bilyeu and Deanna Hannon – JV and 9th Softball Coaches Stipends combined and split 50/50
- Fall 2023-2024
 - Austin Metzger – 9th Football Coach
 - Wes Radtke & Doug Hannon – Asst. H.S. Football Coach (50/50 Split)
 - Steve Phillips – Middle School Head Football Coach
 - Luke Branson – Middle School Assistant Football Coach
 - Vince Urbano - Middle School Assistant Football Coach
 - Shawon Carter - Middle School Assistant Football Coach
 - Jack Ziese - Middle School Assistant Football Coach
 - Natalie Herre – Head High School Cheerleading Coach
 - Eric Van Meter – Head Varsity Volleyball Coach
 - Rod Klingler – Head Girls Golf Coach
 - Allison Conley – Head Girls Soccer Coach
 - Travis Mattocks – Asst. Girls Soccer Coach
 - Chris Porter – Head Boys Soccer Coach
 - Ernest Watson – Head Boys Tennis Coach
 - Ryan Standish – Pool Supervisor
 - Sue Cook – Athletic Ticket Manager

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Braasch stated that Thursday, May 26, 2023 will be the last student day.

President Braasch stated that the Senior Graduation Ceremony will be held Sunday, June 4, 2023, 2:00 p.m. at the High School Gymnasium.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Parrish and a second by Mrs. Deno.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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