

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021

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 15, 2021 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Gary Braasch, Kristina Phillips, Charles Parrish, Kevin Arnold and Rick Odle. Ed Lane was absent.

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Phillips determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Phillips stated that there were four (4) additions to the agenda. Item K.17 – Approval of 2021 Wrestling Camp, Item K.18 – Approval of Purchase and Subscription with RAPTOR Technologies, Item K.19 – Approval of Overnight Soccer Camp and Item L.3 – Additional Coaching Recommendations. Mr. Braasch 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 May 18, 2021 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Odle 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 Phillips asked for comments from the RCCTA. Mrs. Becky Zacher stated that the association wanted to thank Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Lane for their service to the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation and thanked the board, students, staff and community for a successful school year and is looking forward to negotiations for next school year.

President Phillips asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Phillips asked for Board comments. Mr. Parrish thanked Mrs. Phillips for serving on the board. Mrs. Phillips stated that she wanted to thank all and felt challenged at times but feels that she has grown from those challenges.

President Phillips requested board approval of a Resolution Determining Need for Project for the 2021 Multi-School Bond Issue. (Attachment “A”) Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Phillips requested board approval of a Resolution Approving Form of Lease Agreement for the 2021 Multi-School Bond Issue. (Attachment “B”) 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 informed the board that the Building Committee had met and discussed the needs of the High School roof, pool and tennis courts.

Claims dated May 19 – June 15, 2021, #92559 – 92834 was presented for board approval. Mr. Arnold 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 May 31, 2021.

President Phillips asked for Public Comments on the 2021-2022 School Re-Opening Plan. The following patrons spoke: Natali Johns, Megan Sterk, Karen Brewer, Kelly Dobson, Leia Pinkerman, Jody Knoth, Michelle Wilmington, Amanda Call, Stacy Metzger.

President Phillips requested board approval of the 2021-2022 School Re-Opening Plan. Mr. Parrish made a motion to table the request until the July 20, 2021 Board Meeting. 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 Facial Covering Policy: *“Facial coverings at Rensselaer Central Schools will be optional but recommended beginning July 1, 2021 based on guidance from the Governor and the Jasper County Health Department. Future requirements for facial coverings will be based on health department guidance, the Governor’s orders and RCSC board policy.”* Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the policy. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Traversa Ride 360 Transportation Tracking Software Three (3) Year Contract. Parents and students will be able to access their bus pick up time through a mobile app. Mr. Braasch 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 2021-2022 Student Transfer Requests:

- Laurel Clark – 9th Grade
- Taylor VanMeter – 10th Grade
- Chase VanMeter – 10th Grade
- Konnr Gilbert – 3rd Grade
- Lily Gilbert – 2nd Grade
- Ardin Gilbert - 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 acceptance of donations for the High School. (Attachment “C”) 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 painting of the High School hall and locker room lockers by SEP Services, Inc. for a total price of \$16,180.00. 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 purchase of new classroom furniture for the High School for a total price of \$160,474.63. 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 2021-2022 School Lunch Bids:

- Grocery – Gordon Food Service, Grand Rapids, MI
Commercial Food Systems, Indianapolis, IN as a secondary
- Milk – Deans Food, Scheckel’s Dairy, Huntington, IN
- Bread – Aunt Millie Bakeries, Fort Wayne, IN

Mr. Braasch made a 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 2021-2022 Textbook Rental Fees:

- Kindergarten - \$173.84
- 1st Grade - \$173.84
- 2nd Grade - \$163.84
- 3rd Grade - \$177.06
- 4th Grade - \$177.06
- 5th Grade - \$177.06
- 6th – 8th Grade - \$164.51
- 8th Grade w/Algebra - \$164.78
- 9th – 12th Grade - \$ 87.03 plus textbooks based on student classes

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 Volume 33, Number 2, May, 2021 and Special Update – Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment, May, 2021 New/Revised/Replacement NEOLA Policies and Guidelines. Mr. Parrish 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 declare 28 three (3) section lockers and 5 one (1) section lockers as surplus property to be opened to the public for sealed bids. 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 Cooperative School Services Contracts for the 2021-2022 school year:

- ProCare for Occupational Therapy Services through Erica Wahls
- Physicooley Therapy, Inc. for Physical Therapy Services through James Cooley
- FUNctional PhysioKIDS Physical Therapy, LLC for Physical Therapy Services through Angela Rusk

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 an Authorization to Sign Agreements for Alternative Services and Private Residential School Placements for the 2021-2022 school year. 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 a Wrestling Camp for grades K – 12, July 14-16, 2021 at Rensselaer Central High School. 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 purchase and subscription services with RAPTOR Technologies for sex offender screenings for the four (4) buildings. 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 an overnight Girls Soccer Team Camp, July 12 – 15, 2021 at Franklin College. 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 the following 2021-2022 Teacher recommendations:

- Ryan Standish – High School PLTW Teacher
- Elliott Zimmer – Alternative School Teacher
- Jared Coller – High School/Middle School Band Teacher
- Angela Boezeman – 2nd Grade 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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Ava Kosiba as Middle School Assistant Principal. 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 the following 2021-2022 ECA/Coaching Recommendations:

- Angela Tomlinson – Pool Manager
- Sue Cook – Athletic Ticket Manager
- Natalie Herre – High School Cheer Coach
- Adam Lyons – 9th Football Coach
- Hunter Hickman – JV Football Coach
- Steve Phillips – Middle School Head Football Coach

- Vince Urbano – Middle School Assistant Football Coach
- Austin Metzger – Middle School Assistant Football Coach
- Shawon Carter – Middle School Assistant Football Coach
- Eric VanMeter – Varsity Volleyball Coach
- Jody Wilson – JV Volleyball Coach
- Katie Bilyeu – 9th Volleyball Coach
- Beth Hege – Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Kim Gilbert – 8th Volleyball Coach
- Stacy Metzger – 6th Volleyball Coach
- Ernest Watson – Boys Tennis Coach
- Chris Porter – Girls Soccer Coach
- Allison Conley – Co Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
- Kerry Stevens – Co Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
- Joshua Davis – Boys Soccer Coach
- Joe Koczan – Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
- Mike Putman – Girls Golf Coach
- Amanda Manns – JV Girls Basketball Coach
- Eric VanMeter – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- Ed Cain – 8th Girls Basketball Coach
- Glenn Donahue – JV Boys Basketball Coach
- Brant Schmid – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
- Craig Clouse – 6th Boys Basketball Coach
- Jack Drone – 7th Boys Basketball Coach
- Matt Anderson – High School Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Heather Conrad – Co Boys Varsity Swim Coach
- Katie Michael – Co Boys Varsity Swim Coach
- Don Doyle – Head Softball Coach
- Mark Bilyeu – Assistant Softball Coach
- Chris Doyle – JV Softball Coach
- Mark Purevich – Assistant Baseball Coach
- Jared Courtney – JV Baseball Coach
- Ernest Watson – Girls Tennis Coach
- Ryan Standish – Middle School Assistant Track Coach
- Brant Schmid – Middle School Assistant Track Coach
- Joshua Davis – High School Assistant Track 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 with Mrs. Phillips abstaining.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Ryan Standish as Summer PLTW teacher. Mr. Arnold 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 Phillips stated that the Re-Organizational Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 1, 2021, 5:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

President Phillips stated that the Corporation will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021 for Independence Day.

President Phillips stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

Superintendent Craig presented a plant to retiring board member Kristina Phillips and thanked her for her service to the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Phillips adjourned the meeting 9:08 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Parrish and a second by Mr. Odle.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
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