

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 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, July 20, 2021 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. All Board Members were present.

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 five (5) additions to the agenda. Item K.9 – Approval of FFA Overnight Trip Request, Item K.10 – Approval of Two (2) Student Transfer Requests, Item L.1 – Additional Resignation, Item L.2- Additional Hiring Recommendations, Item L.3 – Leave of Absence Request. Mrs. Deno made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the June 15, 2021 Regular Session and July 1, 2021 Re-Organizational Meeting were presented for board approval. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish asked for comments from the RCCTA. Mrs. Stacy Kurdelak stated that the association wanted to thank the building and maintenance crews for all of their hard work this summer, the buildings look great. Denise Yentes, Jennifer Yeager and Becky Zacher will be expanding their opportunities with the Association this year.

President Parrish asked for patron comments. Karen Brewer came before the board to voice her concerns on teachers filling like they do not have a voice in corporation issues. She felt that the draft for the re-opening plan was good. Heather Vandermark asked if an IEP would supersede a government mask mandate. She was informed that if it is stated in the IEP it would.

President Parrish asked for Board comments. There were none.

A Public Hearing was held on the Proposed Lease for the 2021 Multi-School Bond Issue. President Parrish opened the floor for Public Comments on the Proposed Lease for the 2021 Multi-School Bond Issue for the Improvements to School Facilities Projects. There were no comments. Mr. Odle made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish requested board approval of a Resolution Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement. (Attachment “A”) Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish requested board approval of a Resolution Re-Approving Formation of Building Corporation. (Attachment “B”) 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.

President Parrish requested board approval of a Resolution Approving Supplement to Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. (Attachment “C”) 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.

President Parrish requested board approval of a Resolution Assigning Contracts to Building Corporation. (Attachment “D”) 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.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that all of the custodians have been working very hard getting the buildings ready for students. Superintendent Craig presented 2021 ILearn and ISTEP results to the board. Superintendent Craig stated that he had met with Bill Carroll and Beth Graf from St. Joe College and they will be having an Open House August 7th. They are planning on offering a free semester of college credits to students.

Claims dated June 18, 2021 - July 20, 2021 was presented for board approval. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the claims. Ms. Lyons 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 June 30, 2021.

President Parrish requested board approval of the 2021-2022 School Re-Opening Plan. 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.

President Parrish requested board approval of the 2021 Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy. Mr. Jordan 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 2021-2022 Non-Certified Employees Handbook. 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 2021-2022 Student Handbooks for the Rensselaer Central Primary School, Van Intermediate School, Rensselaer Central Middle School and Rensselaer Central High School. 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 2021-2022 Technology/Administrative Services Agreement with Cooperative School Services. 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 the 2021-2022 Student/Adult Breakfast and Lunch Prices:

- Breakfast – One Free Breakfast to all students
- A-Line Lunch – One Free A-Line Lunch to all students
- Breakfast – Adults - \$2.50
- A-Line Lunch – Adults - \$4.50
- Ala Carte Milk - \$0.50
- All other ala carte will adjust by food costs

Mr. Braasch 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 NEOLA New/Revised/Replacement Policies and Guidelines – Special Update-Emergency and Electronic Meetings. Mr. Jordan 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 2.5% pay increase for all Non-Certified Employees and the Beginning Non-Certified Pay Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion with Mr. Braasch abstaining.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of an overnight FFA Field Trip Request to Indianapolis, IN, October 27 – 30, 2021. 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 Student Transfer Requests:

- Lila Maddox – 11th Grade
- Steven Stewart – 12th Grade

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 the following resignations:

- Katie Michael – Varsity Boys Co-Swim Coach
- Marcella Ritchie – Fourth Grade Teacher

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 2021-2022 Teacher recommendations:

- Markus Davis – Building Trades Teacher
- Lynette Michal – Van Special Education Teacher
- Samantha Brusceci – Primary Special Education Teacher
- Mackenzie Keen – Fourth Grade Teacher

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 a Leave of Absence request from Daniel Yeager for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mr. Jordan, Mrs. Deno, Ms. Lyons. Nay – Mr. Braasch, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Odle. The motion failed.

President Parrish stated that the New Teacher Meeting will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021, 9:00 a.m. in the Board Conference Room.

President Parrish stated that the All Staff Celebration Breakfast and Orientation Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 7:00 a.m. in the High School Auditorium.

President Parrish stated that Wednesday, August 11, 2021 will be a Teacher In-Service Day.

President Parrish stated that Thursday, August 12, 2021 will be the First Student Day.

President Parrish stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

Mrs. Deno asked if Kindergarten and Pre-School enrollment was up. Superintendent Craig stated that he was not sure but expected numbers to be up.

Mr. Jordan asked about the garden shed by the greenhouse. Superintendent Craig stated that Mr. Armbruster was coming up with a different plan.

Mr. Braasch informed the board that the annual Football Fish Fry will be held August 14, 2021 and there will be in person dining.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that he will be meeting with the Health Department tomorrow.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting 8:21 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Odle and a second by Mr. Braasch.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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