

RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Cole Buschman, Gary Braasch, Emily Lyons, Nancy Souza and Mark Jordan. Courtney Wilcox was absent.

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

President Braasch determined a quorum present.

Superintendent Craig administered the Oath of Office to Newly Appointed board member, Nancy Souza. (See Attachment "A")

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Braasch stated that there were six (6) additions. Item K.8 – Approval of an Overnight FFA Field Trip, January 19-20, 2024, Indianapolis, IN. Item K.9 – Approval of an Overnight FFA Field Trip, February 2-4, 2024, Trafalger, IN. Item K.10 – Approval of an Overnight FFA Field Trip, April 27 – May 3, 2024, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Item K.11 – Approval of an Overnight FFA Field Trip, May 10-11, 2024, Frankfort, IN. Item K.12 – Approval of an Overnight FFA Field Trip, June 6-7, 2024, Portage, IN. Item K.13 – Approval of a Contract with IEP Therapy for Speech Language Pathologist Assistant through their employee, Addison Goerl for 2023-2024 School Year. Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the November 21, 2023 Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. 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 Rick Odle for his service to the Rensselaer Central Schools and the community. She welcomed Nancy Souza to the board.

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Principal Chad Wynn presented the 2023-2024 NWEA Math and Reading test results to the board.

Superintendent Craig updated the board on the following projects:

- Meeting with Performance Services tomorrow to discuss windows and entrance doors at the High School.
- The Restroom/Concession Facility is progressing.

Claims dated December 19, 2023 were presented for board approval. Ms. Deno made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Buschman 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 November 30, 2023.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the Resolution to Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to the Operations Fund effective January 1, 2024. (Attachment B) Ms. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Buschman seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the Resolution for the Payment of 2023 Bills and Transfer of Appropriations. (Attachment C) Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the request. Ms. 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 following: (Attachment D)

- High School

Mr. Buschman 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 2024 Health Insurance Plan Rates. (Attachment E) 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 2024-2025 Dental and Vision Insurance Rates. (Attachment F) Ms. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Buschman seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the Continuation of RCSC Re-Opening Plan. 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 High School Marketing and Media Classes Field Trip Request to McCormick Center, Chicago, IL, February 12, 2024. Ms. 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 Business Professionals of America Overnight Field Trip Request to Indianapolis, IN, March 10-12, 2024. Mr. Buschman 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 an Overnight Trip Request for High School Boys Wrestling Team State, Jay County High School, January 5-6, 2024. Mr. Buschman 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.

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Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Extra Curricular Activities Resignation:

- Stephanie Davisson – Middle School Newspaper Sponsor

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Extra Curricular Activities Recommendation:

- Debbie Standish – Middle School Newspaper Sponsor

Mr. Jordan made the motion to accept the request. Ms. Lyons seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Braasch stated that Christmas Break will be Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

President Braasch stated that school will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

President Braasch stated that Monday, January 15, 2024 will be a weather make-up day if needed or no school.

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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 8:08 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Deno and a second by Mr. Jordan.

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

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