

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR SESSION

7:00 P.M.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Re-Organizational and Regular Session on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Charles Parrish, Earl Zeider, Jacob Ahler, Julie Koczan, Ed Lane and Rich Ludington. Joe Kosta was absent.

Superintendent Speicher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Speicher determined a quorum present.

Superintendent Speicher administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed board member Jacob Ahler and re-appointed board member Julie Koczan. (See Attachment "A")

The next item of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Zeider nominated Mr. Charles Parrish for Board President.

Mr. Parrish made the motion to close nominations. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The vote of the board for Mr. Parrish was as follows: Aye – Mr. Zeider, Mr. Ahler, Mrs. Koczan, Mr. Lane. Mr. Ludington and Mr. Parrish abstained.

Mr. Charles Parrish was elected Board President for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Ludington nominated Mrs. Julie Koczan for Board Vice President. Mr. Zeider nominated Mr. Lane for Board Vice President. Mr. Ludington made the motion to close nominations. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion. The vote of the board for Mrs. Koczan was as follows: Aye – Mr. Ahler, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Lane, Mr. Ludington. Nay – Mr. Zeider. Mrs. Koczan abstained.

Mrs. Julie Koczan was elected Board Vice President for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mrs. Koczan nominated Mr. Rich Ludington for Board Secretary. Mr. Ludington declined the nomination. Mr. Zeider nominated Mr. Ed Lane for Board Secretary. Mr. Ludington made the motion to close nominations. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the nomination with Mr. Lane abstaining.

Mr. Ed Lane was elected Board Secretary for the 2016-2017 school year.

Superintendent Speicher recommended Mrs. Dawn Claussen as Treasurer and Mrs. Debra Siebert as Assistant Treasurer for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Superintendent Speicher stated there were two (2) additions to the agenda, Personnel – Acceptance of Resignation and Item R.8 – Recommendation of a Copier Contract with Advanced Imaging Solutions. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher recommended Mike Lacey of Hulse, Lacey, Hardacre and Shine, P.C. as School Attorney for special assignments. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Ludington seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

At this time, board members volunteered to serve on the following committees during the 2016-2017 school year:

I.S.B.A. Liaison	Charles Parrish
Athletic Council	Julie Koczan, Earl Zeider, Ed Lane
B.A.E.	Rich Ludington, Julie Koczan
Sick Leave Bank	Jacob Ahler, Ed Lane
Vocational Business Alliance	Ed Lane, Joe Kosta
Rensselaer City Park Board	Julie Koczan
Wellness Committee	Julie Koczan, Charles Parrish
Joint Services Cooperative	Julie Koczan
Finance Committee	Earl Zeider, Rich Ludington, Ed Lane
Construction Project Committee	Ed Lane, Earl Zeider, Joe Kosta
Step Ahead Committee	Julie Koczan
Rensselaer Redevelopment Commission	Charles Parrish

Superintendent Speicher recommended the Regular Board Meetings dates be set for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of the 3rd Tuesday of September and October, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. and Special Meetings called as needed. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Ludington seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements were received from Mr. Zeider and Mr. Parrish.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval to pay bills early, before the regular board meetings, due to payment due dates and to avoid penalties. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the Corporation Mileage Rate to be set at .44 cents. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the June 21, 2016 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Koczan 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 Kurdalak stated that she would like to congratulate the newly elected officers and new members.

President Parrish asked for patron comments. Mr. Adam Alson came before the board to voice his concerns on how new board members are appointed to the board and qualifications to be on the board. Mrs. Margaret Miller, Newton Township Trustee, came before the board to voice her concerns on how meetings are posted and how appointments were made to the School Board Study Committee. Mr. George Cover, City Councilman, came before the board to state that the City appointments, to the board, are qualified residents and voters. Mr. Adam Alson came before the board to state that he welcomed all documentation following the rules, by-laws and policies.

President Parrish asked for Board comments. There were none.

Superintendent Speicher presented to the Board, slides from the Model Schools Conference that he and several Administrators attended in June. Superintendent Speicher stated that the demographics of people in the United States is changing and the influence technology has on communication, relationships and education system is changing as well.

Superintendent Speicher informed the Board of the start of the 2016-2017 school year letters that were sent out to all employees informing them of Professional Development Opportunities for Teachers, New Teacher Orientation, Corporation Staff Orientation and the First Day of School for Students.

Claims dated June 12 - 30, 2016 #1085 - 1150, were presented for board approval. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher presented to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through June 30, 2016 and informed the Board of current Fund Balances.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation 2016-2017 Employee Handbooks for the following groups:

- Administrators
- Teacher Aides
- Building Custodians, Facility Custodians, Maintenance Personnel
- Secretarial, Library Aides, Health Related Personnel
- Bus Drivers

Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Ludington seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the following 2016 – 2017 Student Transfer Requests:

- Sydney VanMeter – 9th Grade
- Morgan VanMeter – 7th Grade
- Terry McCallister – 12th Grade
- Anna McCallister – 10th Grade
- Beth McCallister – 9th Grade
- Colleen McCallister – 7th Grade

Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board permission to accept resignations and hire personnel, as needed, prior to the first day of school. Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Ludington seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board acceptance of Donations for the Rensselaer Central High School. (Attachment “B”) Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation 2017-2018 School Calendar. (Attachment “C”) Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of New and Revised NEOLA Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Policies and Guidelines. Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of a Resolution for the PNC Bank Safe Deposit Box Rental Agreement. (Attachment “D”) Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of a contract with Advanced Imaging Solutions for seven (7) Multi-Function Copiers for the schools for a total price of \$6,496.77 per month. Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Ahler seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the 2016-2017 Regular Route Bus Drivers and Substitutes. (Attachment “E”) Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Ludington seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher presented the following resignation:

Adam Current - High School Language Arts Teacher

Mrs. Koczan made the motion to accept the resignation. Mr. Ahler seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish stated that Certified Staff Professional Development opportunities will be held July 18 - 21 and July 25 – 28, 2016.

President Parrish stated that New Teacher Orientation will be held on Monday, August 8, 2016, 8:30 a.m. at the Administrative Offices Board Conference Room.

President Parrish stated that Corporation Employees Orientation Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 8:15 a.m. at the High School Auditorium.

President Parrish stated the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Room. This meeting will be held one (1) week early.

President Parrish stated that Wednesday, August 10, 2016 will be a Teacher In-Service Day.

President Parrish stated that Thursday, August 11, 2016 will be the First Student Day.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. with a motion by Mrs. Koczan and a second by Mr. Lane.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
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