

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016

RENSELAER 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, November 15, 2016 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Jacob Ahler, Earl Zeider, Charlie Parrish, Ed Lane, Joe Kosta and Rich Ludington. Julie Koczan was absent.

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 no changes to the agenda. Mr. Lane made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the October 18, 2016 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Ahler made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish asked for comments from the RCCTA. Stacy Kurdelak stated that the Association thanks the administration for the communication and the updates on school grades.

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Mr. Jay Beckell of the Retired Teachers Association presented to Jason Shupryt, High School Social Studies Teacher, the Active Teacher Grant award in the amount of \$400.

Superintendent Speicher presented to Stephanie Davisson a Hoosier Heritage Educator Award.

Mr. Craig presented to the board an overview of how data is used for student instruction using Acuity and Star testing.

President Parrish stated that Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation has advertised a notice to taxpayers of additional appropriations in the General Fund in the amount of \$300,000 for Personal Services. (Attachment "A") President Parrish then opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments.

Claims dated October 14 - 31, 2016, #2048 - 2131 and Claims dated November 1 - 15, 2016, #2132 - 2284 were presented for board approval. Mr. Ludington 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 October 31, 2016.

Superintendent Speicher presented to the board, the steps that will be taken for the final ISTEP Assessment for 2015-2016. School grades were to be released today, but were not. They hope to be released tomorrow. Once the school grades are received calculation of RISE points and stipends, for teachers, can be completed. The goal is to give new contracts, back pay and stipend payments to teachers before Christmas Break. Performance Awards payments for teachers is based on funds received from the State of Indiana, which most likely will not be until sometime in January.

Superintendent Speicher requested board acceptance of donations for the High School. Mr. Lane 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 Curtis Craig as Superintendent, January 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020 with benefits as outlined in Attachment "B". Mr. Ludington 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 matching Performance Awards Payments for Certified Administration based on ISTEP Assessment. The amount of the payments will match what teachers receive and will be paid from the General Fund. Mr. Ludington made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the following resignations:

- Kaitlyn Hilman - Varsity Cheerleading Coach

Mr. Ahler 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 hiring recommendations:

- Mary Molenaar - Color Guard Sponsor

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.

President Parrish stated that there will be No School Wednesday, November 23 - Friday, November 25, 2016 for Thanksgiving Break.

President Parrish stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

President Parrish stated that Wednesday, December 21, 2016 is the end of the First Semester.

President Parrish stated that there will be No School Thursday, December 22, 2016 – Tuesday, January 3, 2017 for Christmas Break.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Ludington and a second by Mr. Zeider.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
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