

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017

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, August 15, 2017 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 two (2) additions to the agenda. Item I.6 – Acceptance of Donations for Van Intermediate School and Middle School and Item J.3 Additional Personnel Hiring Recommendations. Mr. Lane made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the July 11, 2017 Re-Organizational and Regular Session and the August 3, 2017 Executive 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. Mrs. Stacy Kurdelak stated that it has been a good start to the year and look forward to begin negotiations September 1<sup>st</sup>.

President Parrish asked for patron comments. Mr. Tim Hendrix came before the board to voice his concerns of the policy of Home School students having to be enrolled in four (4) classes in order to participate in Extra Curricular Activities. Mr. Neil Trahan also came before the board to voice his concerns of the Home School student policy.

President Parrish asked for Board comments. Mrs. Phillips stated that individual board members can accept patron phone calls but cannot give a decision. Decisions are made by the board as a whole.

Claims dated July 1 - 19, 2017 #1432 – 1585, Claims dated July 1 – 31, 2017, #1586 – 1630 and Claims dated August 1 - 15, 2017, #1631 - 1813 were presented for board approval. Mr. Ahler made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Kosta 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 July 31, 2017.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Student Transfer Requests for the 2017-2018 School Year:

- Colten Allen – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Destiny Taylor – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Devin Taylor – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Chris Majkai – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Alayna Zweck – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Hunter McElroy – Kindergarten
- Alexis Rehn – Kindergarten
- Aydien Williams – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Ethan Phillips – Kindergarten
- Christian Campbell – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Sebastian Campbell – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Ashton Campbell – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 with Mrs. Phillips abstaining.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2017 – 2018 School Improvement Plans for the High School, Middle School, Van Intermediate School and Primary School. Mrs. Phillips made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of 2017-2018 FFA Ag Department Field Trip Requests. (Attachment “A”) 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 Craig requested board approval of the Rensselaer Central Schools Modified RISE Evaluation Plan for 2017-2018. Mrs. Phillips made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the Teacher Appreciation Grant Agreement for 2016-2017. (Attachment “B”) Mrs. Phillips 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 Craig requested board acceptance of Donations for the Van Intermediate School and Middle School. (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 Craig requested board acceptance of the following resignations:

- Sherry O’Dette – Kindergarten Teacher
- Mark McFarland – High School Business Teacher and Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

- Kelso Daning – High School/Middle School Band Director
- Christina Lanier – Middle School Language Arts Teacher
- Margaret Sayler Schreyer – Developmental Pre-K Teacher

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

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Leave Requests:

- Kim Barton – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Sabbatical Leave 2017-2018

Mrs. Phillips 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.

- Heather Heinig – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher Medical Leave 2017-2018

Mrs. Phillips 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 Craig requested board approval of the following Teacher Recommendations:

- Kimberly Jones – Developmental Pre-K Teacher

Mrs. Phillips 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.

- Sarah Taylor – Fourth Grade Teacher

Mr. Ahler 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.

- Danielle Jordan – Fifth Grade Teacher

Mrs. Phillips 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.

- Kelsey Foy – Middle School Life Skills Teacher

Mrs. Phillips 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.

- Christina Lang – Middle School Language Arts Teacher

Mrs. Koczan 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.

- Michael Jamieson – High School/Middle School Band Director

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

- Joseph Koczan – Transfer to High School Business Teacher

Mrs. Phillips 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 with Mrs. Koczan abstaining.

- Derrick Stalbaum – Transfer to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

Mrs. Phillips 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.

- Kim Schmid – Transfer to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

Mr. Kosta 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.

- Chad Pulver – Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

Mr. Ahler 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.

- Adam Lyons – High School Assistant Track Coach

Mrs. Phillips 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 Craig presented to the board a slide show and information on the following Building and Grounds Items:

- The new chiller for Van intermediate School is installed and working good.
- Paving and landscaping at the Primary School and High School.
- High School hallways and classrooms painted.
- Locker Room and Restroom tile repair at the High School.

Superintendent Craig stated that he is very pleased with all the projects and hard work that the custodial staff completed over the summer.

President Parrish stated that the Corporation will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 for Labor Day.

President Parrish stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at **5:00 p.m.** in the Board Conference Room.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that the Safe Schools Help Line now has an app that students, staff and parents can download on their phones.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that the Homecoming Parade will take place on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that the Homecoming Football Game will take place on Friday, September 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that this Friday, August 18, 2017, is a Home Football game with K.V.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Phillips and a second by Mrs. Koczan.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
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