

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020

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 17, 2020 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Kristina Phillips, Charlie Parrish, Kevin Arnold and Rick Odle. Gary Braasch and Ed Lane were absent.

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

President Phillips determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Phillips stated that there was one (1) addition to the agenda. Item J.7 – Approval of Administrators Receiving Comparable TAG Award. Mrs. Deno made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the October 20, 2020 Regular Session and the November 9, 2020 Public Hearing were presented for board approval. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Phillips asked for comments from the RCCTA. Mrs. Stacy Kurdelak, via Google Meet, stated that State Board of Education will be having Accountability Framework Panels in which she will be participating. She will send the link and information for the board.

President Phillips asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Phillips asked for Board comments. There were none.

Mr. Brock Bowsher of Bakertilly Municipal Advisors presented to the board information and options to refund the 2011 Primary School Bonds. With interest rates being lower, the corporation could save over \$2,000,000 over the life of the bonds with a payoff in January, 2031.

Mr. Mark Heinig, Director of Technology, presented to the board the three (3) year plan for surveillance cameras in all of the buildings. There are currently 100 cameras with security sensors

and environmental sensors. The cameras have helped with contact tracing this year. The goal is to increase the number of cameras and adjust placing of some of the cameras to more needed areas.

Claims dated October 1 - 30, 2020, #2043 - 2145 and claims dated November 1 – 17, 2020, #2146 - 2282 was presented for board approval. Mr. Odle made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Arnold 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 October 31, 2020.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2021 RCSC Health Insurance Plan with United Health Care. Rates will remain the same and deductibles were lowered. 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 Non-Certified employee stipends of 1.5% of 2019-2020 earnings plus \$300 and a salary adjustment for Transportation Secretary Angela Tomlinson. Mr. Parrish 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 Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance Renewal, December 15, 2020 – December 15, 2021 with Indiana Public Employers Plan for a total cost of \$44,184. Mr. Odle 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.

Mark Heinig, Director of Technology requested board approval of the purchase of 639 Chromebooks for the 2021-2022 school year. GEER funding in the amount of \$75,746.90 will purchase 289 devices. The additional 350 devices plus licensing costs, \$108,349 would be funded through Textbook Rental. Mr. Odle 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 acceptance of Donations for the High School. Mr. Parrish 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 for the Corporation to use the services of an outside vendor for online electronic ticket sales to fans that attend our school sponsored sports. The specific agreement would need Administration approval and service would begin as soon as feasible. Mr. Odle made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for the Administrators to receive the same TAG (Teacher Appreciation Grant) award as the teachers. Highly Effective - \$658.35, Effective - \$526.68. Mr. Odle 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 requested board approval of the following 2020-2021 Extra-Curricular Recommendation:

- Talaina Pinkerton – Primary School Tech Coach

Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Phillips stated that there will be no school Wednesday, November 25, 2020 – Friday, November 27, 2020 for Thanksgiving Break.

President Phillips stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, **7:00 p.m.** in the Board Conference room.

President Phillips stated that Friday, December 18, 2020 will be the end of the First Semester.

President Phillips stated that there will be no school Monday, December 21, 2020 – Friday, January 1, 2021 for Christmas Break.

President Phillips stated that School will resume on Monday, January 4, 2021.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Phillips adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Odle and a second by Mr. Parrish.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
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