

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

REGULAR SESSION

5:00 P.M.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Julie Koczan, Kristina Phillips, Charlie Parrish, Kevin Arnold and Joe Kosta. Gary Braasch and Ed Lane were absent.

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

President Phillips determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Phillips stated that there were two (2) additions to the agenda, Item K.9 – Acceptance of Donations for the High School and Item L. B – Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommendations. Mrs. Koczan 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 September 17, 2019 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Koczan 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 thanked the board for working with the Association on negotiations and the Tentative Agreement. There will be a forum on Education Funding, October 28 and November 19 is Capitol Organization Day where you can meet with your local officials. Information will be sent out on these two events.

President Phillips asked for patron comments. Mr. Jacob Brown came before the board to voice his concerns on the Primary School area asking if the board could approach the City to have “School Zone” signs put up. Mrs. Phillips informed Mr. Brown that the City has already ordered four (4) signs and they should be installed soon.

President Phillips asked for Board comments. There were none.

Superintendent Craig presented the 2019-2020 Tentative Agreement between the Rensselaer Central Classroom Teachers Association and Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation. Public testimony will be taken pursuant to Indiana Code 20-29-6-19(a) to discuss the terms of the Tentative Agreement of the Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement. There were no public comments.

Superintendent Craig updated the board on the Energy Savings Projects, stating that they are still working on the systems and the chillers and boilers are working.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2020 Budget, Capital Projects Fund Plan Resolution and the Bus Replacement Plan Resolution. (Attachment "A") Mr. Parrish 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.

Claims dated September 1 – 30, 2019, #2046 - 2176 and claims dated October 1 – 15, 2019, #2177 - 2338 was presented for board approval. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Parrish 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 September 30, 2019.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a pay request from Performance Services in the amount of \$37,053.42. Mrs. Koczan 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 approval of the purchase of six (6) Tek Vision Harris Computers for the Lunch Program for a total cost of \$12,760.00. Mrs. Koczan 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 of a FFA Overnight Field Trip request to Indianapolis, October 30 – November 2, 2019. 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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Volume 31 No. 2 New/Revised/Replacement NEOLA Policies, Guidelines and Forms. (Attachment "B") Mr. Parrish 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 approval of the High School Spanish Class Trip to Spain, Spring Break, 2021. Mrs. Jan Benner, High School Spanish Teacher, stated that they would like to leave on Thursday, March 18 and return on Saturday, March 27, 2021 and request the use of one (1) or two (2) buses to take them to the airport and pick them up. Mr. Arnold 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 the board to postpone the approval of the School Improvement Plans until the October 22, 2019 Special Session.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to declare a Sullivan Palatek, 3 Phase, On-Demand Air Compressor as Surplus Property. Mr. Parrish 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 approval to create the following positions:

- Clubs/Academic Teams not on contract:
 - High School (5)
 - Middle School (2)
 - Van Intermediate School (4)
- School Tech Coaches
 - Primary School (1)
 - Van Intermediate School (1)

Mrs. Koczan 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 acceptance of Donations for the High School. (Attachment “C”) Mrs. Koczan 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 acceptance of the following resignation:

- Sean Cawby – Technology Assistant
- Jared Courtney – J.V. Boys Basketball Coach

Mrs. Koczan 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 of the following Extra Curricular recommendations:

- Van Intermediate School Math Bowl
 - Denise Yentes
 - Beth Korniak
 - Kaitlyn Ostendorf
 - Alexa Mason
- Van Intermediate School Science Bowl
 - Jessica Davis
 - Denise Yentes
- Van Intermediate School Robotics
 - Kaitlyn Ostendorf
 - Jessica Davis
 - Denise Yentes
- Van Intermediate School Geo Bee
 - Denise Yentes
 - Penny Whaley

- Middle School Math League
 - Jamie Nelson
- Middle School Academic Super Bowl
 - Deb Spangler
- High School Spanish Quiz Bowl
 - Jan Benner
 - Tracy Kalbaugh
- High School History Club
 - Dan Hawthorne
- High School Art Club
 - Kelley Spurgeon
- High School Community Service
 - Dan Hawthorne
- Primary School Tech Coach
 - Jacob Brown
- Van Intermediate School Tech Coach
 - Kaitlyn Ostendorf

Mrs. Koczan 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 a Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 5:00 p.m., Board Conference Room, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the Rensselaer Central Classroom Teachers Association.

President Phillips stated that there will be no school on Friday, October 25 – Monday, October 28, 2019 for Fall Break.

President Phillips stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Phillips stated that there will be no school Wednesday, November 27 – Friday, November 29, 2019 for Thanksgiving Vacation.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Koczan and a second by Mr. Parrish.

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

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