

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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, February 18, 2020 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Gary Braasch, Kristina Phillips, Charlie Parrish, Joe Kosta, Kevin Arnold and Ed Lane. Julie Koczan was 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.10 – Approval to Purchase Walk-In Freezer/Cooler. Mr. Braasch made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Kosta seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the January 21, 2020 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Arnold 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 stated that a Legislative Public Forum was going to be held this Saturday at the Hospital and urged everyone to go discuss public education.

President Phillips asked for patron comments. There were none.

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The Rensselaer Central High School Treble Choir performed, for the board, under the direction of Mrs. Stephanie Davisson. They will be attending the State competition this Saturday.

Ken Hickman, RCSC Athletic Director, informed the board that the current Senior class has had several athletes compete at the State Level and several others going on to college with athletic scholarships. Mr. Hickman also discussed the requested purchases on the agenda including new Pool Start Blocks, Wrestling Mats and High School Gym Scoreboards.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Leave Request from Third Grade Teacher Shannon Anderson for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Braasch 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 a resignation from Brandy Cook as Dance Team Sponsor. Mr. Parrish 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 approval of Stephanie Davisson as Dance Team Sponsor. Mr. Kosta 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.

Claims dated January 1 – 31, 2020, #174 - 260 and claims dated February 1 – 18, 2020, #261 - 381 was presented for board approval. Mr. Braasch 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 January 31, 2020.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Resolution for the Issuance of Refunding Bonds. (Attachment “A”) Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to hire a second Agriculture Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Lane 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 to increase the starting wage for Instructional Aides, Transportation Aides and Cafeteria Employees to \$10.00 per hour and Custodians to \$11.00 per hour. Mr. Kosta made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to increase the following Current Non-Certified Employees hourly wage effective immediately:

- Instructional Aides - \$0.50
- Transportation Aides - \$0.50
- Cafeteria Employees - \$1.10
- Custodians – Those making less than \$11.00 per hour increase to \$11.00 per hour

Mr. Lane 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 Foster Flooring to re-finish Van Elementary School Gym Floor for a total price of \$13,800. 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 for the purchase and installation of new Spectrum Xcellerator Pool Starting Blocks from Spear Corporation for a total price of \$30,675. Mr. Braasch 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 approval for the purchase of two (2) new NEVCO, LED Scoreboards for the High School Gym for a total price of \$28,639.12 Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for the purchase of two (2) Resilite Practice and Competition Wrestling Mats from GJ Sales, LLC for a total price of \$21,772. Mr. Kosta 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 the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Wellness Policy and Goals. Mr. Lane 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 2020-2021 Student Transfer Requests:

- Brayden Olds – 5th Grade
- Khloee Hanley – 3rd Grade
- Aaliyah Hanley – Kindergarten

Mr. Braasch 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 for the purchase of a new Walk-In Freezer/Cooler for Van Elementary Kitchen from HPS with A.J. Kitchen Installations for a total price of \$56,344.18. Mr. Parrish 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.

President Phillips stated that Tuesday, March 10, 2020 will be the end of the Third Nine Weeks.

President Phillips stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Phillips stated that there will be no school for Spring Break, Friday, March 20 – Friday, March 27, 2020.

President Phillips stated there will be no school for Good Friday, April 10, 2020.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Phillips adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Parrish and a second by Mr. Kosta.

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

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