

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

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, October 21, 2025 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. All Board Members were present.

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

President Braasch determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Braasch stated that there were no additions. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the September 16, 2025 Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cover seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Braasch asked for comments from the RCCTA. There were none.

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Superintendent Jones requested board approval of the 2026 Budget Resolution, Capital Projects Fun Resolution and the Bus Replacement Plan Resolution of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation. (Attachment "A") Mr. Cover made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Buschman seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ashley Webb updated the board on the various accomplishments the BAM FAM (Bomber Athletic Medicine Family) have made. BAM FAM students present were: Abigail Jordan, Alivia Cain, Brynley Webb & Cayden Webb.

Superintendent Jones stated that the Auditorium lights look fantastic. The bus barn garage will be getting block heaters installed.

Claims dated October 21, 2025 were presented for board approval. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the claims. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones presented, to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through September 30, 2025.

Superintendent Jones requested board approval of RCHS Bomber Expeditions Trip to Athens, Greece & the Greek Isles, March 19-27, 2027. Mr. Buschman made the motion to approve the request including the bus transportation to and from the airport. Ms. Lyons seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones requested board acceptance of Donations for the following: (Attachment "B")

- High School

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

Superintendent Jones requested board approval of the following 2025-2026 Student Transfer Requests:

- Isaac Bowman – 2nd Grade

Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones requested board approval to switch legal services from Jacob Ahler & Mike Lacey to Lewis Kappes. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones requested board approval to declare Bus 12 as Surplus Equipment. Mr. Cover made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Buschman seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones requested board approval of the Food Service Director's Job Description. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones requested board approval of RCHS Winter Driver's Education at a cost of \$450 per student, December 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026. Mrs. Wilcox 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 Jones requested board acceptance of the following Retirement Request:

- Lori Zeider – Food Service Director – effective December 31, 2025

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

Superintendent Jones requested board approval of the following Hiring Recommendation:

- Taryn Johns – Elementary Life Skills/Special Education Long Term Substitute

Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones requested board acceptance of the following ECA Resignations:

- Dan Hawthorne – High School Science Olympiad Sponsor
- Dan Hawthorne – Gay Straight Alliance Sponsor

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

Superintendent Jones requested board approval of the following ECA Recommendation:

- Stacy Kurdelak – Gay Straight Alliance Sponsor

Mr. Jordan made the motion to table the request until after negotiations are complete. Mr. Cover seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones requested board approval of the following Coaching Recommendations:

- Winter 2025-2026
 - Dylan DeVault – 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - Tara Hammond – 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

Mr. Buschman made the motion to approve the request. Ms. Lyons seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Braasch stated that there will be no school Friday, October 24 – Monday, October 27, 2025 for Fall Break.

President Braasch stated that the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

President Braasch stated that there will be no school Wednesday, November 26 – Friday, November 28, 2025 for Thanksgiving Break.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Deno and a second by Mrs. Wilcox.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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