

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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, December 16, 2025 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members were present Janice Deno, Cole Buschman, Gary Braasch, Courtney Wilcox, Emily Lyons and Mark Jordan. George Cover was absent.

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 was one addition:

- I.5 – Approval of Board Resolution for Administrator Renewal Notices

Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the November 13, 2025 Ratification of the 2025-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement Meeting and the November 18, 2025 Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. Mr. Buschman made the motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Braasch asked for comments from the RCCTA. Jamie Nelson stated that the association is looking forward to how the TAG process works and to see if any changes need to be made for the future. The teachers are looking forward to a break and rejuvenate so they will be ready to tackle the second semester when they return in January.

President Braasch asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Braasch asked for board comments. There were none.

Claims dated December 16, 2025 were presented for board approval. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the claims. Ms. Lyons 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 November 30, 2025.

Superintendent Jones requested board approval of a Resolution to Transfer amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund Effective January 1, 2026. (Attachment “A”) Mr. Buschman made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones requested the Approval of a Resolution for the Payment of the 2025 Bills and Transfer of Appropriations. (Attachment “B”) Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones requested board approval of Canine Companions at Rensselaer Central Middle School. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion, after further discussion Mr. Buschman made a motion to amend the motion to require annual certification for the canines. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the amended motion to require annual certification for the canines. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the amended motion.

Superintendent Jones requested board acceptance of Donations for the following: (Attachment “C”)

- High School

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 of RCHS Business Professionals of America Overnight Trip, Indianapolis, IN, March 8-10, 2026. Mr. Buschman 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 sign an agreement with the Northern Indiana Education Service Center for Food Service consulting and management services, along with a licensed Dietitian. Mr. Buschman 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 approval of the Board Resolution for Administrator Renewal Notices. (Attachment “D”) Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Jordan 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:

- Chris McElroy – RCSC Food Service Director

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 approval of the following Coaching Recommendations:

- Jared Courtney – Varsity Baseball Coach
- JV & Asst Baseball Coach Recommendations:

- Combine 2 Positions Stipends & divide it 3 equal ways between the following 3 coaches
  - Mike Spangler – JV Baseball Coach (1/3 of the 2 Stipends)
  - Brett Kosanovich – Asst. Coach (1/3 of the 2 Stipends)
  - Clay Martin – Asst. Coach (1/3 of the 2 Stipends)
- Ernest Watson – Girls Tennis Head Coach
- Mark Bilyeu – Varsity Softball Head 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, December 19, 2025 – Friday, January 2, 2026 for Christmas Break.

President Braasch stated that Monday, January 19, 2026 will be a Weather Make-up Day, if needed.

President Braasch stated that the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Superintendent Jones wished to thank Lori Zeider for her many years of service as the Corporation Food Service Director.

President Braasch thanked Dawn Claussen for her many years of service as the Corporation Treasurer.

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

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


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