

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

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, January 20, 2026 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. Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Buschman seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the December 16, 2025 Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. Mrs. Deno 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. Sara Clouse stated that RCCTA is excited about the changes being made to the breakfast and lunch programs. The students seem to be enjoying the new food and added choices. She wished to encourage all board members and patrons to complete the survey sent out by Representative Kendall Culp.

Mayor Jeff Phillips thanked all of the school board members on behalf of the City of Rensselaer in honor of National School Board Appreciation Month for their time and dedication.

President Braasch asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Braasch asked for board comments. Mark Jordan stated that he hoped the board members are receiving weekly updates and that Legislative Day is the 17th. President Braasch also wished to thank the board for their dedication. He stated that he would like to congratulate Stacia Crabtree who finished 3rd in the State Wrestling competition.

Superintendent Jones reviewed the Federal Accountability report. He acknowledged our Aviation instructor, Emily Hackler, for being honored as one of the Top 40 under 40 by 2025 Airport

Business. He also reported that our new food service program began last week with a great response by the students. He stated that last week alone they served 700 more meals. He thanked all the staff for their patience and support with all the changes.

Superintendent Jones announced that Fred Eaton retired from the Primary School's Head Custodian position. He stated that Jason Finefellow took over that position at the beginning of January. Chris Northcutt and Andrew Northcutt recently had to replace 8 fan powered box motors in the new science wing at the High School. Brand Technology recently installed eight cameras at the bus garage, they will also be installing card readers on the doors. The HVAC in the pool area is not functioning correctly, we are waiting on back-ordered parts. There will be an assessment on the Middle School gym lights soon.

Claims dated January 20, 2026 were presented for board approval. Mr. Buschman made the motion to approve the claims. Mrs. Wilcox 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 December 31, 2025.

Superintendent Jones requested board approval of a Preliminary Bond Resolution. (Attachment "A") Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Cover seconded the motion and the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Jones requested the Approval of a Declaration of Intent to Reimburse Expenditures. (Attachment "B") Mr. Cover 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 acceptance of Donations for the following: (Attachment "C")

- High School

Ms. Lyons 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 Leave Request:

- Mackenzie Logsdon – Maternity Leave

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 the following Coaching Recommendations:

- David Tillett – Asst. Boys HS Track Coach
- Kim Schmid – Head Middle School Track Coach
- Allison Conley – Asst. Middle School Track Coach
- Emma Sinn – Asst. Middle School Track Coach
- Josh Davis – Asst. Middle School Track Coach

Mr. Jordan 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 Friday, February 13, 2026 will be a Weather Make-up Day, if needed.

President Braasch stated that there will be no school on Monday, February 16, 2026 for President’s Day.

President Braasch stated that the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting into a Board of Finance Meeting at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Buschman and a second by Mrs. Deno.

Board of Finance Meeting

- A. Call to Order at 7:35.
- B. Gary Braasch was elected Board of Finance President.
- C. Emily Lyons was elected Board of Finance Secretary.
- D. Superintendent Jones presented a review of the DUAB Financial Indicator’s Report.
- E. Approval to Write Off 2-Year-Old Checks was granted on a motion by Mr. Cover and a second by Mrs. Wilcox. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- F. Adjournment at 7:52 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Jordan and a second by Ms. Lyons.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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