

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Gary Braasch, Charles Parrish, Kevin Arnold, Emily Lyons and Rick Odle. Mark Jordan was absent.

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

President Parrish determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Parrish stated that there were two (2) additions to the agenda, Item K. 3 – Additional Donation for Electric Special Purpose Bus and Item K.4 – Approval to Re-Bid Tennis Courts Projects with concrete. Mr. Braasch made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the December 21, 2021 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Lyons seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Parrish asked for comments from the RCCTA. Mrs. Stacy Kurdelak stated that the association surveyed their members and found that 86% support the use of masks in the buildings. Mrs. Kurdelak asked that the board contact legislatures concerning House Bill 1134. It would take debate and discourse out of the classroom along with having to have parent permission before helping a student with their emotions.

President Parrish asked for patron comments. The following patrons voiced their concerns for and against mask mandates in the schools: Jim Armbruster, Heather Vandermark, Jodi Hickman, Jeff Webb, Hunter Hickman, Jan Benner.

President Parrish asked for Board comments. There were none.

Mr. Andrew Jones, High School Principal, introduced and congratulated Jasper County 2022 Lilly Scholarship recipient Amzie Maienbrook, along with First Runner-Up Tate Drone and Second Runner-Up Elizabeth Parrish.

Mrs. Jennifer Norris, Primary School Principal and Mr. Chad Wynn, Van Intermediate School Principal, presented to the board NWEA Reading and Math mid-year achievement results. Mrs. Norris pointed out that even though some of the scores were low, great progress is being made. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students were in Kindergarten when the schools closed for the pandemic. Those students, teachers and staff are working very hard and are making great progress.

Superintendent Craig informed the board that the contractors have been working on preliminary piping and electrical work for the boilers. Asbestos was located with the boilers and will need to be abated.

Claims dated January 18, 2022 was presented for board approval. Mr. Braasch 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 Craig presented, to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through December 31, 2021.

Superintendent Craig presented and requested board approval of the Financial Indicators Report for Calendar Year 2020. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Revised 2021-2022 Re-Entry Plan. Superintendent Craig explained that with new CDC and Health Department guidelines, the school corporation has two (2) options. One - wear masks and close contacts do not have to quarantine. Two - don't wear masks and close contacts have to quarantine. Superintendent Craig recommended that the corporation require masks for all students and staff for a period of time and re-evaluate after that period of time to decide whether to continue or not. Mr. Braasch made the motion to mandate masks in all grade levels for a two (2) week period starting January 19, 2022 and meet to re-evaluate after two (2) weeks, February 1, 2022. Mr. Odle seconded the motion. After further discussion the vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mrs. Deno, Mr. Braasch, Mr. Parrish, Ms. Lyons, Mr. Odle. Nay – Mr. Arnold.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2022-2023 Student Transfer Request Application Form. Superintendent Craig noted that the only change was the deadline date was changed from August 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Braasch 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 Craig requested board acceptance of Donations for the Corporation Electric Special Purpose Bus. (Attachment “A”) Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to Re-Bid the Tennis Courts Project for concrete. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Ms. Lyons seconded the motion. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following coaching recommendation:

- Bianca Radtke – 7<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Coach

Mr. Braasch 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.

President Parrish stated that Friday, February 11, 2022 will be a Weather Make-Up Day if needed.

President Parrish stated that Monday, February 14, 2022 will be a Weather Make-Up Day if needed.

President Parrish stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Parrish adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Arnold and a second by Mrs. Deno.

Board of Finance Meeting

- A. Call to Order at 8:26 p.m.
- B. Rick Odle was elected Board of Finance President
- C. Mark Jordan was elected Board of Finance Secretary
- D. Superintendent Craig presented a review of current Corporation investments and funds.
- C. Adjournment at 8:38 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Deno and a second by Mr. Odle

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