

RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
BOARD BITS – JULY 14, 2015

- Superintendent Speicher administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed board members Charles Parrish and Brad Cozza
- The Board elected the following officers for the 2015-2016 school year:
 - President – Rich Ludington
 - Vice President – Ed Korniak
 - Secretary – Julie Koczan
- The Board approved Dawn Claussen as Treasurer and Debra Siebert as Assistant Treasurer for the 2015-2016 school year.
- The Board approved Mike Lacey of Hulse, Lacey, Hardacre and Shine, P.C. for Special Assignments.
- Board Members volunteered to serve on the following committees:
 - I.S.B.A. Liaison – Rich Ludington
 - Athletic Council – Julie Koczan, Ed Lane, Earl Zeider
 - B.A.E. – Rich Ludington, Julie Koczan
 - Sick Leave Bank – Ed Korniak, Julie Koczan
 - Vocational Business Alliance – Ed Korniak, Ed Lane, Earl Zeider
 - Rensselaer City Park Board – Brad Cozza
 - Wellness Committee – Julie Koczan, Charles Parrish
 - Joint Services Cooperative – Julie Koczan
 - Finance Committee – Earl Zeider, Rich Ludington, Brad Cozza
 - Construction Project Committee – Ed Korniak, Ed Lane, Earl Zeider
 - Step Ahead Committee – Julie Koczan
 - Rensselaer Redevelopment Commission – Charles Parrish
- The Board set the Regular Board Meetings dates for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of the 3rd Tuesday of September and October at 5:00 p.m.
- Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements were received from Mr. Zeider and Mr. Parrish.
- The Board approved the paying of bills early, before the regular board meetings, to avoid penalties.
- The Board approved the Corporation Mileage Rate at .44 cents.
- The minutes of the June 16, 2015 Regular Session and Executive Session were approved as presented.
- The Board was informed of the Summer Professional Development Trainings, for teachers, that will take place July 20 – 23 and July 27 – 30, 2015.

- The Board was informed of the following Student Registration Dates for the 2015-2016 school year:
 - August 3, 2015 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 - August 4, 2015 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 - August 5, 2015 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 - August 6, 2015 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- The Board was informed of New Teacher Orientation to take place August 6, 2015.
- The Board was informed of All Faculty and Staff Orientation to take place August 7, 2015.
- The Board was informed of individual buildings Faculty In-Service/Orientation Meetings to take place August 10, 2015.
- The Board was informed of the First Student Day being August 11, 2015.
- The Board approved the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Modified RISE Evaluation Plan for 2015-2016.
- The Board was informed of the Rensselaer Central High School Football team volunteering to help the City of Rensselaer pick up sand bags for the community.
- The Board approved claims dated June 1 - 30, 2015, #1075 - 1152 and claims dated July 1 - 14, 2015, #1153 - 1209.
- The Board was presented a financial report showing expenditures through June 30, 2015.
- The Board was updated on the Summer Middle School Construction Project.
- The Board approved the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation 2015-2016 Student Handbooks for the Primary School, Van Intermediate School, Middle School, High School and Athletics.
- The Board approved the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation 2015-2016 Non-Certified Employee Handbooks for Administrative, Teacher Aides, Building Custodians, Facility Custodians, Maintenance, Secretarial, Library Aides, Health Related Personnel and Bus Drivers.
- The Board approved the following 2015-2016 Food Service Bid Recommendations:
 - Grocery - Gordon Food Service, Grand Rapids, MI
 - Bread - Aunt Millie's Bakeries, Fort Wayne, IN
 - Milk - Deans Foods, Carmel, IN
- The Board approved one (1) student transfer request for the 2015-2016 school year.
- The Board approved a pay requests from Gariup Construction Company and Lorenz Williams Clinton.

- The Board approved Superintendent Speicher to accept Resignations and Hire Personnel as needed prior to the first day of school.
- The Board approved New and Revised NEOLA Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Policies and Guidelines.
- The Board approved a two (2) year contract for Eric Huffman as Middle School Principal.
- The Board approved the following teachers recommendations:
 - Elizabeth Taden – 5th Grade Teacher
 - Darcy Hall – 4th Grade Teacher
 - Melia Paulino – 5th Grade Teacher
 - William Capehart – Middle School Special Education Teacher
 - Alyson Kieffer – Middle School Language Arts Teacher
 - Rebekah Maddack – Middle School Language Arts Teacher
 - Joseph Breneman – High School Mathematics Teacher
 - Jonathan Johnson – High School Science Teacher
- The Board approved 2015-2016 Regular Route Bus Drivers and Substitutes.
- The Board approved the following Athletic Ticket Managers:
 - Sue Cook
 - Dave Webb – Varsity Football Ticket Manager
 - Beverly Webb – Varsity Football Ticket Manager
- The Board accepted the following resignations:
 - Breann Fife – Middle School Language Arts Teacher
 - Jeff Chicki – Middle School Technology Coach
 - Shari Tonner – 2nd Grade Teacher
- The Board was presented Volunteer Applications.
- Announcements were made of the following dates:
 - July 20 – 23 and July 27 – 30, 2015 – Certified Staff Professional Development Opportunities
 - Thursday, August 6, 2015 – New Teacher Orientation
 - Friday, August 7, 2015 – Corporation Employees Orientation Meeting
 - Monday, August 10, 2015 – Teacher In-Service Day
 - Tuesday, August 11, 2015 – First Student Day
 - Tuesday, August 18, 2015 – Next Regular Board Meeting
- The Board met in Executive Session.