

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

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, February 20, 2024 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Cole Buschman, Gary Braasch, Courtney Wilcox, Nancy Souza and Mark Jordan. Emily Lyons 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 (1) addition. Item K.18 Approval of Energy Harness LED retrofit proposal with a total cost of \$29,394. Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Buschman seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the January 16, 2024 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. Stacy Kurdelak wished to acknowledge the great loss that KV is facing right now. She expressed her support for the Early Literacy Fund distribution. She is excited for the Athletic Secretary position being filled. She stated that the House Bill 1360 died in committee. She stated her concerns regarding the potential change with the Child Labor Laws and her support for the Bond issue. She thanked Gary Braasch and Mark Jordan for attending Statehouse Day.

President Braasch asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Braasch asked for board comments. President Braasch and Mark Jordan spoke about their experience attending Statehouse Day on February 6, 2024.

Mrs. Stephanie Davisson recognized her High School Choir program. She had two group ensembles and six soloists compete at the ISMMA contest, all of which earned a gold status. She recognized the following students that accompanied her to the meeting: Paige Barnett, Rowan Michal, Hunter LaCosse and Isaac Calhoun.

Mr. Mark Heinig presented the board with an Auditorium Overview.

Superintendent Craig updated the board on the following projects:

- Art Room Exterior door has been installed, storage room doors are coming.
- Pool, weld shop and gym LED lights are complete.
- The state has put a hold on the building permit for the Restroom/Concession building.

Claims dated February 20, 2024 were presented for board approval. Mrs. Wilcox made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Jordan 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 January 31, 2024.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of Donations for the following: (Attachment A)

- High School
- Van Rensselaer Elementary

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 Craig requested board approval of Multi-Year Visitor Management Software and Hardware – Verkada. 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 Craig requested board approval of Student Device Lease with Apple – 0% 4 Year Lease with \$1 buyout. Mr. Jordan 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 Craig requested board approval of Scale Computing Data Center Upgrades. 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 Craig requested board approval to Purchase Furniture for Fifth Grade Classrooms for a Total Cost of \$68,829.02. 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 Craig requested board approval to Create a Rensselaer Central Bass Fishing Club. 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. Mr. Buschman made the motion to approve Chris Northcutt as the Rensselaer Central Bass Fishing sponsor. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media Companies. The request failed for lack of motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of an Overnight FFA Field Trip Request, February 9-10, 2024, Lebanon, IN. 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 Craig requested board approval of an Overnight FFA Field Trip Request, February 23-24, 2024, Indianapolis, IN. 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 Craig requested board approval of Board Resolution to Distribute Early Literacy Funds. 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 with Mr. Braasch abstaining.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Property and Liability Insurance. Mrs. Wilcox 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 Craig requested board approval of High School Boys Baseball Overnight Field Trip, Millington, TN, March 24-28, 2024. Mrs. Wilcox 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 Craig requested board approval of High School History Club Field Trip to Museum of Science and Industry, May 4, 2024. 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 Craig requested board approval of School Safety Specialist's Job Description. 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 Craig requested board approval to Complete Bleacher Repairs. 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 Craig requested board approval of 2024 First Tee Camp, Curtis Creek Golf Course, with Van Rensselaer Elementary as an Inclement Weather Location, May 28 – June 4, 2024. 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 Craig requested board approval to Prepare Recommendation for a \$2,000,000 General Obligation Bond Issue. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion. After further discussion, Mrs. Deno amended the motion to request a Trust Indiana Proposal. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Energy Harness LED retrofit proposal with a total cost of \$29,394 for:

- Primary Cafeteria
- Middle School Cafeteria

- Primary Library
- Middle School Life Skills Classroom

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 Craig requested board approval of the following Teacher Resignations:

- Katie Ferrer – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher
- Ian Somerville – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher

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 Craig requested board approval the following Extra Curricular Resignation:

- Stephanie Davisson – Middle School Play Sponsor

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 Craig requested board approval of the following Extra Curricular Activities Recommendations:

- Deanna Hannon – Asst. Softball Coach
- David Tillett – H.S. Boys Asst. Track Coach
- Allison Conley – M.S. Asst. Track Coach
- Kim Gilbert – M.S. Asst. Track Coach

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.

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Braasch stated that there will be no school Friday, March 22, 2024 – Friday, March 29, 2024 for Spring Break.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Wilcox and a second by Mrs. Deno.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY  
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