

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2020

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

5:00 P.M.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in a Re-Organizational Session on Tuesday, July 2, 2020 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Gary Braasch, Kristina Phillips, Charlie Parrish, Kevin Arnold, Ed Lane and Janice Deno. Rick Odle was present via phone.

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

President Phillips determined a quorum present.

Superintendent Craig administered the Oath of Office to Newly Appointed board members Janice Deno and Rick Odle. (See Attachment "A")

The next item of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Parrish nominated Mrs. Kristina Phillips for Board President. Mr. Lane seconded the nomination. Mr. Parrish made the motion to close the nominations. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of Mrs. Phillips as Board President.

Mrs. Kristina Phillips was elected Board President for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Arnold nominated Mr. Parrish for Board Vice President. Mr. Lane seconded the nomination. Mr. Lane made the motion to close the nominations. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of Mr. Parrish as Board Vice President.

Mr. Charlie Parrish was elected Board Vice President for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Lane nominated Mr. Kevin Arnold for Board Secretary. Mr. Parrish seconded the nomination. Mr. Lane made the motion to close the nominations. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of Mr. Arnold as Board Secretary.

Mr. Kevin Arnold was elected Board Secretary for the 2020-2021 school year.

Superintendent Craig recommended Mrs. Dawn Claussen as Treasurer and Mrs. Debra Siebert as Assistant Treasurer for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Phillips stated there was one addition to the agenda – Item W.1 – Acceptance of Resignation from Mike Feagans. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig recommended Jacob Ahler of Riley and Ahler as Local Attorney and Mike Lacey of Hulse, Lacey, Hardacre and Shine, P.C. as School Attorney for special assignments. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

At this time, board members volunteered to serve on the following committees during the 2020-2021 school year:

I.S.B.A. Liaison	Kristina Phillips
Athletic Council	Gary Braasch, Ed Lane
B.A.E.	Rick Odle
Sick Leave Bank	Charles Parrish, Ed Lane
Vocational Business Alliance	Ed Lane, Janice Deno
Rensselaer City Park Board	Kevin Arnold
Wellness Committee	Charles Parrish, Rick Odle
Joint Services Cooperative	Kristina Phillips
Finance Committee	Kristina Phillips, Charles Parrish, Ed Lane
Construction Project Committee	Ed Lane, Gary Braasch, Rick Odle
Step Ahead Committee	Janice Deno
Rensselaer Redevelopment Commission	Janice Deno

Superintendent Craig recommended the Regular Board Meetings dates be set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of September and October, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and Special Meetings called as needed. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement was received from Mr. Parrish.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to pay bills early, before the regular board meetings, due to payment due dates and to avoid penalties. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to set the Corporation Mileage Rate at .44 cents. Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mrs. Deno, Mr. Braasch, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Lane, Mr. Odle. Nay – Mrs. Phillips.

Superintendent Craig requested board permission to accept resignations and hire personnel as needed prior to the first day of school. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of payment up to \$10,000 to re-surface the turn lanes at the Primary School. Superintendent Craig explained that the County is re-surfacing Melville Street and asked the school corporation to pay for the asphalt for the turn lanes. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Mrs. Phillips stated that she does not believe the County should ask the school corporation for payment, that that should be part of the project. After further discussion the vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mrs. Deno, Mr. Braasch, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Lane, Mr. Odle. Nay – Mrs. Phillips.

Superintendent Craig presented to the board the RCSC Pandemic Reopening of School Survey Results. There were 173 staff responses and 864 community responses. Mr. Parrish made the motion to accept the Pandemic Survey results. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig presented to the board and asked approval of the RCSC Pandemic Plan for the Reopening of School for the 2020-2021 school year. After further review of the Pandemic Survey results and input from the Jasper County Health Department, Indiana Department of Education, school attorneys and current Indiana guidelines Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the RCSC Pandemic Plan for the Reopening of School for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to create the position of Nurse's Aide for the 2020-2021 school year with a beginning wage of \$11.00 per hour. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to accept the donation of three (3) fruit trees from Dave DelPrincipe to be planted by the Greenhouse. 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 approval of the 2020-2021 Transportation Handbook. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following 2020-2021 Student Transfer Requests:

- Ashton Campbell – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Christian Campbell – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Sebastian Campbell – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mr. Lane 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 a \$5,000 stipend for Mrs. Jennifer Norris for Grant Management and Writing. After discussion of the time and duties involved, Mr. Braasch made a motion to pay a stipend of \$6,000 to Mrs. Jennifer Norris for Grant Management and Writing. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of the following resignations:

- Christine Lang – Middle School Language Arts Teacher
- Ky-suk Kim - High School Math Teacher
- Mike Feagans – Middle School Computer Teacher, Girls Golf Coach and Boys Golf Coach

Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Braasch seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mrs. Phillips thanked those leaving for their service and dedication to RCSC and wished them well.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Maternity Leave Request, December, 2020 – March, 2021 for Kaitlyn Ostendorff. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following 2020-2021 Teacher Recommendations:

- Christopher Bily – High School Science Teacher
- Christine Hickman – Middle School Language Arts Teacher
- Crystal Zeilmann – Middle School Art Teacher

Mr. Arnold 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 informed the board that due to the Governor not opening up the State to Stage 5, graduation plans are being re-evaluated. They will be meeting Friday, to come up with a plan to insure the safety and concerns of all graduates and families. New information will be posted to the website and social media as soon as possible.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, Mrs. Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Braasch and a second by Mr. Parrish.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
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