

RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020

RENSSELAER 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, July 21, 2020 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Kristina Phillips, Charlie Parrish, Gary Braasch and Rick Odle. Board Member present via Google Meet was Kevin Arnold. Ed Lane was absent.

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

President Phillips determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Phillips stated that there were no changes to the agenda. Mr. Braasch made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the June 16, 2020 Regular Session and the July 2, 2020 Re-Organizational Meeting were presented for board approval. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Phillips asked for comments from the RCCTA. Mrs. Stacy Kurdelak, via Google Meet, stated that the Association is having concerns on returning to school without the masks mandates due to the increase of COVID-19 cases locally. She was able to participate in a meeting with the ISTA, Governor Holcomb and Dr. Box. They are encouraging working with the local Health Departments to make decisions.

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Superintendent Craig informed the board that the demolition of the north High School Parking Lot was to start on July 20 and be completed by July 23. It has not started and Mr. Craig said that he will be contacting them to see what the problem is. Angie Tomlinson, Greg Michael and Julie Schmidt-Goecker will be meeting to compose a transportation plan for traffic while the parking lot is being re-done. A lot of discussion and concerns are being addressed on the mandate of masks for staff and students. A meeting with the Health Department, County Commissioner

Culp and K.V. Superintendent is scheduled for Wednesday to discuss masks mandates and how the county is going to determine moving from green to yellow and yellow to red. Superintendent Craig stated that he would like to have wide spread support for the use of masks. Cloth and single use masks have been ordered for students and staff.

Claims dated June 1 - 30, 2020, #1193-1290 and claims dated July 1 – 21, 2020, #1291 - 1391 was presented for board approval. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Parrish 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 June 30, 2020.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2020-2021 Non-Certified Employee Handbooks. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the requests. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of 2020-2021 Student Handbooks for the Primary School, Van School, Middle School and High School. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Odle seconded the motion. Mrs. Phillips asked about the “Vape Education” course and asked if that was something students would have to pay for. Superintendent Craig explained that a video program was purchased for the course and there would be no cost to the student. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2020-2021 Cooperative School Services Technology/Administrative Agreement. Mr. Odle 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 the 2020 – 2021 Teacher Appreciation Grant Agreement, stating those scoring Highly Effective will receive an amount that is 25% more than teachers scoring Effective. 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 requested board approval of a Pandemic/Epidemic Events – Use of Face Masks Policy. (Attachment “A”) Superintendent Craig explained that this policy states that students will not be charged for masks that are received from the State. Mr. Parrish 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 the following 2020-2021 Student Transfer Requests:

- Kelsey Kohlhausen – 11th Grade
- Kendra Kohlhausen – 7th Grade

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 acceptance of the following resignation:

- Jacob Brown – Kindergarten Teacher

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 coaching Recommendations:

- Stacy Metzger – 6th Volleyball Coach
- Missy Garcia – 7th Volleyball Coach
- Jack Drone – 6th Boys Basketball Coach
- Craig Clouse – 7th Boys Basketball Coach
- Kerry Mathew – 8th Boys Basketball Coach
- Wesley Radtke – Varsity Girls Golf Coach

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.

President Phillips stated that the New Teacher Meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2020, 11:00 a.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Phillips stated that the Corporation Employee Orientation Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 8:00 a.m. in the High School Auditorium. This meeting may be changed or done differently.

President Phillips stated that Wednesday, August 12, 2020 will be a Teacher In-Service Day.

President Phillips stated that Thursday, August 13, 2020 will be the First Student Day.

President Phillips stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Phillips adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Parrish and a second by Mr. Braasch.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
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