

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021

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, April 20, 2021 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Gary Braasch, Kristina Phillips, Charlie Parrish, Kevin Arnold. Ed Lane and Rick Odle were 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 four (4) additions to the agenda. Item K.8 – Additional FFA Field Trip Request, Item K.10 – Approval to Use ESSER Funding to Pay Full Time Staff to the Greatest Extent Practicable, Item L.3 – Additional Summer School Recommendations, Item L.5 – High School Chemistry Teacher Recommendation and one (1) deletion – Item K.4 – Driver Education Instructor Salary Proposal. Mr. Braasch made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the March 16, 2021 Executive Session and Regular Session and the April 5, 2021 Executive Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Arnold 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 stated that the State Education Budget received a 9.1% increase to \$1.03 billion with 40% required to go towards teacher pay and beginning teacher salaries raised to \$40,000.

President Phillips asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Phillips asked for Board comments. There were none.

Mr. Andrew Jones, High School Principal, presented to the board a yearend review for the High School. Mr. Jones stated that he wanted to congratulate and thank the staff, students and coaches for a very successful year. The Counselors worked with the virtual students and 100% completed their tests. Mr. Jones acknowledged Seniors Will Messman for National Merits Finals and an Indiana Academic All Star and Aiden Geleott for receiving the Lily Scholarship. This summer staff will be working on Math assessments and social and emotional needs of students.

ISTEP scores were up for Language Arts from 61% to 71% and Math from 24% to 31%, both above State Average. Prom is being planned for April 23<sup>rd</sup> for Seniors only. Senior Awards will be June 4<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium by invite only for recipients and Graduation will be held in the gymnasium with a ticket system.

Claims dated March 1 - 31, 2021, #524 - 615 and claims dated April 1 – 20, 2021, #616 – 741 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 March 31, 2021.

Superintendent Craig presented, to the board, a proposed Timetable for the 2021 Multi-School Bond Issue.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a 1028 Public Hearing on the proposed \$5,575,000 Bond Issue. 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 a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rensselaer City Police Department for the “Handle with Care” program. (Attachment “A”) Mrs. Deno 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 for Jasper County Teen Mission to use the High School showers August 2 – 6, 2021. 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 the following 2021 Rensselaer Central High School Football Camps:

- Manchester University Team Camp – June 14-17
- Bomber Football Team Camps – July 19-23
- Back in Black Football Camp – September 18

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 following: (Attachment “B”):

- Van Library
- Van Art
- High School

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 the following 2021-2022 Student Transfer Request:

- Shay Northern – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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 Revised Administrative Guideline #2623 – Testing Program. 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 the following FFA Field Trip Requests:

- State Poultry Judging Contest – Clinton County – May 21-22, 2021
- FFA Officer Training – Akron, IN – June 10-12, 2021
- FFA Points Trip – Mega Caverns, Louisville, KY – June 22, 2021

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 potential Boys Basketball Spring gym dates and times for April and May. Mr. Braasch made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to use ESSER funding to pay full time staff to the greatest extent practicable. 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 acceptance of the following Retirement Requests:

- Penny Whaley – Van Intermediate School Special Education Teacher
- Kimberly Zeilmann – Primary School Special Education Teacher

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 following Resignations:

- Shannon Anderson – Third Grade Teacher
- Jennifer Ousley – Elementary Physical Education Teacher

Mr. Parrish 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 Summer School Recommendations:

- Jamie Fields – Elementary Art
- Bobbi Jo Sammons – IREAD
- Crystal Zeilmann – Middle School Art
- Brandy Cook – High School Credit Recovery
- Dan Hawthorne – High School Credit Recovery
- Matt Stevens – High School Credit Recovery
- Amber Hall – High School/Middle School Summer Band
- Jim Armbruster – High School SAE

- Brenlyn Hoover – Middle School SAE
- Chris Meeks – Drivers Education
- Linda Kaufman – Drivers Education
- Meghan Stalbaum – Elementary ESY
- Rebecca Fuller – Elementary ESY
- Ashton Wireman – Van/Pre-K ESY
- Rose Sell – Middle School ESY
- Stacy Kurdalak – High School ESY

Mrs. Deno 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 Summer Student Technology Helpers:

- John Michael
- Matthew Swartz
- Abigail Budd
- Anderson Heinig

Mrs. Deno 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 John-Tyler Butler as High School Chemistry/Physics/Integrated Chemistry and Physics Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year. Mrs. Deno 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.

President Phillips stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Phillips stated that the Last Student Day will be Friday, May 28, 2021.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Phillips adjourned the meeting 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Braasch and a second by Mr. Parrish.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY  
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