

RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

REGULAR SESSION

5:00 p.m.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. All Board Members were present.

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

President Braasch determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Braasch stated that there was (1) deletion to the agenda, Item L.5 – Remove Kylin Godina from the Out of District Student Transfer List. Mrs. Deno made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Lyons seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the September 19, 2023 Regular Session Meeting were presented for board approval. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Braasch asked for comments from the RCCTA. Ashton Wireman stated that they appreciate the letter sent out by Mr. Braasch on behalf of the board thanking us for all of our hard work this first quarter and for being a part of a team that works together for our students and our community. She said that teams see the most success when all parties give their best. She stated that tomorrow would be the beginning of bargaining.

President Braasch asked for patron comments. Michelle Carrera spoke in regards to her concerns with English Learner Program Staffing.

President Braasch asked for board comments. Mr. Braasch stated that the ISBA Fall Conference is a good opportunity with a lot of resources for board members.

Principal Jennifer Norris and Principal Chad Wynn explained the Science of Reading expectations that are coming next school year.

President Braasch requested board approval of the 2024 Budget Resolution, Capital Projects Fund Resolution and Bus Replacement Plan Resolution of the Rensselaer Central Schools

Corporation. Mr. Odle made the motion to approve all 2024 Budget Resolutions. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig updated the board on projects that are planned and that have already been completed within the corporation.

- High School doors are closing.
- Seeking a permanent solution for the High School doors and looking into replacing single pane windows too.

Claims dated October 17, 2023 were presented for board approval. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Buschman 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 September 30, 2023.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of Donations for the High School. (Attachment A) 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 “The London Theatre” Field Trip request for High School students, London, England, March 22-29, 2025. 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.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Winter Driver’s Education Course, November 29, 2023 - February 1, 2024. Ms. Lyons 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 accept a bid for the Restroom/Concession Facility.

- Spencer Construction \$1,186,000
- Steve’s Specialized Services \$ 867,580

After further discussion, Mr. Buschman made the motion to table the subject. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following 2023-2024 Student Transfer Requests:

- Kamreigh Conley – 3rd Grade
- Madison Foster – 10th Grade
- Nahomy Rodriguez – 5th Grade
- Drayton Smith – 4th Grade
- David Whiting – 10th Grade
- Trent Whiting – 12th Grade
- Autumn Yoder – 3rd Grade

Mr. Odle made the motion to approve the request. Ms. Lyons seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the Bus Mechanic's Job Description. Mrs. Wilcox made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Buschman seconded the motion. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following FFA Overnight Field Trip Request with Updated dates:

- November 17-19, 2023 to Trafalgar, IN

Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Buschman seconded the motion. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of High School Winter Cheer Camp for Pre-K – 3rd Grade students, February 10, 2024. Ms. Lyons 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 Baseball Winter Camp for Kindergarten – 8th grade students, January 27, 2024. 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 High School Baseball 2024 Spring Break Trip to Tennessee to participate in the USA Stadium High School Challenge. Mr. Odle made the motion to approve the request. Ms. Lyons seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of 2023 Winter Wrestling Camp for Kindergarten – 6th Grade students, November 7-16, 2023. 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 the following Extra Curricular Activities Resignation:

- Jen Yeager – High School Academic Team Sponsor

Ms. Lyons made the motion to accept the request. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Braasch stated there will be no school Friday, October 20 – Monday, October 23, 2023 for Fall Break.

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Braasch stated that Thanksgiving Break will be Wednesday, November 22 – Friday, November 24, 2023.

Mr. Jordan stated that he would like to see a response to the English Learner requirements at the next board meeting.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Buschman and a second by Mrs. Wilcox.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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