

**RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**BOARD BITS – JULY 18, 2023**

- The minutes of the June 20, 2023 Regular Session Meeting and July 5, 2023 Re-Organizational Meeting were approved.
- Patrons, Kimberly Voss, Lana Zimmer, John Groppe, Caleb Voss, Debbie Voss, Bill Zimmer, Kathy Staddon, Emmett Booher, Anita Risner, David Staddon, Debbie Rodibaugh, Ote Wood, Rachel Hendrix all spoke regarding Lifewise Academy.
- Superintendent Craig presented 2023 SAT and I-Learn results.
- Superintendent Craig updated the board on several projects that are planned and completed within the corporation:
  - New Roof at the High School is progressing.
  - Pool lockers are installed.
  - Old pool lockers are going in the High School boy's locker room.
  - Welding shop is getting a new ventilation system.
  - Van Office furniture is replaced.
  - Maintaining and sealing cracks in parking lots.
- The Board approved claims dated July 18, 2023.
- The Board was presented a Financial Report showing expenditures through June 30, 2023.
- The Board approved the Proposal to Revote on Board Decision to release students to Lifewise Academy for religious instruction for Van Elementary students. The Board tabled the subject until a Special Session could be held on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Board approved the 2023 TAG (Teacher Appreciation Grant) Award Policy.
- The Board approved two (2) Student Transfer Requests for the 2023-2024 school year.
- The Board approved the Resolution to Modify the Rainy Day Fund.
- The Board approved 2023-2024 Student Handbooks for the Rensselaer Central High School, Rensselaer Middle School, Van Intermediate School and Rensselaer Central Primary School.
- The Board approved 2023-2024 Non-Certified Employee Handbook and 2023-2024 Administrator Handbook.
- The Board approved 2023-2024 Student/Adult Breakfast/Lunch Prices.
- The Board approved Susan Traynor Chastain, Attorney with Lewis Kappes, to Represent Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation during Negotiations.

- The Board accepted the following 2023-2024 Teacher Resignation:
  - Debra Spangler – Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher
  
- The Board approved the following 2023-2024 Teacher Recommendations:
  - Brant Schmid – Building Trades Teacher
  - Isaac Woolace – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher
  - Katie Ferrer - Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher
  
- The Board accepted the following Extra Curricular Activities Resignation:
  - Megan Sterk – Middle School Newspaper Sponsor
  
- The Board approved the following Coaching Recommendations:
  - Fall 2023-2024
    - Spring Cotner – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach
    - JV & Asst. Volleyball Coach Recommendations:  
Combine the 2 position's stipends and divide it as follows:
      - Tara Hammond – JV Volleyball Coach (combined stipends minus \$250)
      - Katie Bilyeu – Asst. Volleyball Coach (combined stipends minus \$250)
      - Beth Hege – Asst. Volleyball Coach (\$500)
  - Winter 2023-2024
    - Brandon Crimmons – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach
  
- The Board approved the following Leave Request:
  - Maggie Hickman – Maternity Leave
  
- Announcements were made of the following dates:
  - Monday, August 7, 2023 – New Teacher Meeting, 9:00- 11:00 a.m. - Board Conference Room
  - Tuesday, August 8, 2023 – Staff Orientation Meeting, 8:00 a.m. – High School Auditorium
  - Wednesday, August 9, 2023 – Teacher In-Service Day
  - Thursday, August 10, 2023 – First Student Day
  - Tuesday, August 15, 2023 – Next Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Board Conference Room