

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

RENSELAER 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, November 21, 2023 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Cole Buschman, Gary Braasch, Courtney Wilcox, Emily Lyons and Mark Jordan. Rick Odle was absent.

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

President Braasch determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Braasch stated that there were no additions. Mr. Buschman made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the October 17, 2023 Regular Session Meeting, October 24, 2023 Executive Session Meeting, November 3, 2023 Tentative Agreement Public Hearing, and the November 8, 2023 Ratification of the 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement were presented for board approval. Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Braasch asked for comments from the RCCTA. Michelle Carrera stated that the Association would like to thank the central office staff for their timely turn around on the back pay, new contracts and the new insurance. They are also grateful to their school board, administration, faculty, staff and the families that share their children with them everyday.

President Braasch asked for patron comments. There were none.

President Braasch asked for board comments. Ms. Deno stated that she would like to recognize the following FFA Members: Brent Harvey, Dalton Wilson, Kendra Kohlhagen and Hailey Graf. The four of them placed 2nd in the soils judging competition and will compete at the National level in May in Oklahoma.

Principal and Title III Director, Jennifer Norris, updated the board on the English Learning and Migrant Education compliance status throughout our corporation.

Cindy Stath, on behalf of The National Society Descendants of American Farmers, presented an Agricultural Educator Award to Jim Armbruster.

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

- Internal High School doors are doing fine.
- New High School outside doors by the art room and the loading dock are being ordered.
- Seeking a permanent solution for the High School entrance doors and looking into replacing single pane windows too.
- The cafeteria doors at the high school have been installed and look sharp.

Claims dated November 21, 2023 were presented for board approval. Mr. Buschman made the motion to approve the claims. Ms. Deno 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 October 31, 2023.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of Donations for the following: (Attachment A)

- High School
- Primary School

Ms. Deno 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 a Salary Increase for Administrators. (Attachment B) Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Ms. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of 2023-2024 School Calendar Change for Eclipse. (Attachment C) Ms. Deno 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 Increase Lifeguard pay to \$12 per hour. Mr. Buschman made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for Energy Harness to replace lighting in Pool, Weld Shop and Gymnasium with LED lighting.

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| • Weld Shop | \$ 3,275.20 |
| • Pool | \$23,147.50 |
| • Gymnasium | <u>\$33,134.36</u> |
| TOTAL | \$59,557.06 |

Mrs. Wilcox 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 to accept a bid for the Restroom/Concession Facility.

- Steve’s Specialized Services \$ 805,310

Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Ms. Deno, Mr. Buschman, Mr. Braasch, Mrs. Wilcox, Ms. Lyons. Nay – Mr. Jordan

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for Principals, Assistant Principals and Technology Director to Receive Comparable TAG (Teacher Appreciation Grant) Award. 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 the following Extra Curricular Activities Recommendation:

- Stephanie Davisson – Middle School Newspaper Sponsor

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

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

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Braasch stated that Christmas Break will be Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Wilcox and a second by Mr. Buschman.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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