

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

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, March 18, 2025 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members were present Janice Deno, Cole Buschman, Gary Braasch, Courtney Wilcox, George Cover and Emily Lyons. Mark Jordan was absent.

President Braasch called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

President Braasch determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Braasch stated that there were three (3) additions. H.1 – Building and Grounds – Recognize High School Girls Basketball, Swimming and Wrestling Accomplishments – Recognize Business Professionals of America Accomplishments. J.7 – Additional Summer Worker Recommendation: Damon Gross – Tech - \$9.00/hr. J.10 – Approval to hire Joyce Butler for 2 days/month to teach Speech/Hearing at St. Augustine at a daily rate of \$414.17. Mrs. Deno made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Wilcox seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Session Meeting, March 6, 2025 Executive Session, and March 11 & 12, 2025 Executive Sessions were presented for board approval. Mr. Cover made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Buschman seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Braasch asked for comments from the RCCTA. Stacy Kurdelak invited everyone on behalf of the Association to meet at the flag pole at their prospective school tomorrow morning as a show of support for public schools. She added that the Association will be sending members down to the Statehouse on April 14, 2025 and invited the board to join them.

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Mr. Ken Hickman presented the board with a list of the 2024-2025 Winter Athletic Department Highlights. Athletes and Coaches from the Boys Wrestling Team, Girls Wrestling Team,

Girls Swim Team, and Girls Basketball Team were recognized by the board for the various accomplishments.

Mrs. Maggie Hickman shared with the board several accomplishments that were made by the Business Professionals of America this year.

Claims dated March 18, 2025 were presented for board approval. Ms. Lyons made the motion to approve the claims. Mrs. Wilcox 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 February 28, 2025.

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

- High School
- Van Elementary

Mr. Cover 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 following 2025-2026 Student Transfer Requests:

- Dreygon Hurd – 3rd Grade
- Samzon Hurd - Kindergarten

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

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of St. Augustine School Out of State Field Trip request to the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL, April 10, 2025. Mrs. Wilcox 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 Business Professionals of America Out of State Trip request to Orlando, FL, May 7-11, 2025. Mr. Cover 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 for the purchase of two 3 Door Reach-In Freezers for the Middle School and the High School at a cost of \$12,142 per unit. 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 2025 Summer Work Recommendations:

- Stephenie Budd – Tech - \$15.96/hr
- Matthew Swartz – Tech - \$12.00/hr
- Anderson Heinig – Tech - \$12.00/hr
- Wyatt Chapman – Tech - \$11.00/hr

- Damon Gross – Tech - \$9.00/hr
- Holden Day – Custodial - \$10.00/hr
- Parker Northcutt – Custodial - \$10.00/hr

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 2025 Lady Bombers Skills and Drills Basketball Camp, K-2nd Grade Students and 3-5 Grade Students, April 21-25, 2025, Rensselaer Central Middle School Gym. Mrs. Wilcox 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 following 2025 Rensselaer Central High School Football Camps:

- Manchester University Team Camp, June 9-12, 2025
- Bomber Football Team Camps, July 14-18, 2025, Grades K-8
- “Back in Black” Football Camp, September 6, 2025, 4 years old – 5th Grade

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.

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Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following ECA Recommendation:

- Sara Garcia – High School Spanish Quiz Bowl

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 for the following Resignation/Retirement Requests:

- Walt Brown – Auto Mechanics Teacher
- Adelynne Reoch – 3rd Grade Teacher
- Sara Garcia – High School Spanish Teacher

Mrs. Wilcox 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.

President Braasch stated that there will be no school on Friday, March 21, 2025 – Friday, March 28, 2025 for Spring Break.

President Braasch stated that the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

President Braasch stated that there will be no school on Friday, April 18, 2025 for Good Friday.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Deno and a second by Mrs. Wilcox.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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