

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016

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, June 21, 2016 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Charlie Parrish, Earl Zeider, Rich Ludington, Julie Koczan, and Ed Lane. Ed Korniak arrived at 7:04 p.m. and Brad Cozza arrived at 7:15 p.m.

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

President Ludington determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Ludington stated that there was one addition to the agenda, Item K12 – Special Education Cooperative LEA and one deletion Item L Candace Hively Maternity Leave Request. Mrs. Koczan made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the May 17, 2016 Regular Session and the June 7, 2016 Special Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Ludington asked for comments from the RCCTA. Stacy Kurdelak thanked the board for their work on preliminary negotiations and looks forward to keep moving forward in a positive way.

President Ludington asked for patron comments. Mr. John Amsler, Marion Township Trustee, came before the board, representing all of the township trustees, to show their support for the rural patrons. The Trustees feel that the appointed school board is very sufficient and all that they ask of their appointees is to be fiscally responsible. They do not try to encourage their voting in any way.

President Ludington asked for Board comments. Mr. Parrish stated that he has researched the issue of Restructuring the School Board and Rensselaer is not out of compliance according to State Law. Mr. Lane also stated that he does not see a problem with the way things currently are.

Superintendent Speicher informed the board that a Public Hearing needed to be held on the Additional Appropriation of \$99,495.79 from the Rainy Day Fund to the Building Acquisition, Construction, Improvement Fund for the Re-Paving Project of Bomber Boulevard, High School Circle Drive and Bus Shuttle Lot. These funds, received from the State of Indiana, were required to be put in to the Rainy Day Fund.

President Ludington then opened the floor for any Public Comments concerning the Additional Appropriation of \$99,495.79 from the Rainy Day Fund to the Building Acquisition, Construction, Improvement Fund. There were no comments.

Assistant Superintendent Craig informed the board of the training all employees are required to attend on Testing Security and Integrity for Statewide Assessments. All employees that could come in contact with testing materials must sign an employee agreement form after the training.

Claims dated May 1 – 31, 2016, #846 - 940 and claims dated June 1 – 21, 2016, #941 - 1084, was presented for board approval. Mrs. Koczan 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 Speicher presented to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through June 30, 2016.

Superintendent Speicher presented to the board, an updated enrollment projection for 2016 - 2017.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of a Resolution for the Additional Appropriation of \$99,495.79 from the Rainy Day Fund to the Building Acquisition, Construction, Improvement Fund for the Re-Paving Project of Bomber Boulevard, High School Circle Drive and Bus Shuttle Lot. (Attachment “A”) Mr. Korniak made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the purchase of a 2016, 78 Passenger Bus from IC/Collins for a total price of \$87,981.00. A trade-in quote of \$1,700 was received for Bus #18, 2000 GMC/Blue Bird bus. Superintendent Speicher recommended that the quote be rejected and to instead place the bus up for auction. Mr. Cozza made the motion to approve the purchase of the bus with no trade in and to place bus #18 up for auction. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the following 2016 Lady Bomber Basketball Skills Camps:

- June 6 - 11, 2016, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. for Grades K – 2
- June 6 – 11, 2016, 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. for Grades 3 – 5
- June 13 – 18, 2016, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. for Grades 6 - 8

Mr. Lane 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 Speicher requested board approval of the following Student Transfer Requests for the 2016-2017 School Year:

- Chase Burlingham – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- Carter Drone – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Bailee Radtke – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Brodie Radtke – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- Bianca Radtke – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Brooklyn Radtke – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Hayley Warne – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Emma Rode – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Cozza seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the 2016-2017 Student Handbooks for the Primary School, Van Intermediate School, Middle School and High School. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of a 1.5% base salary increase based on 2015-2016 employee evaluations and a one-time 2% stipend based on 2015-2016 hours for Non-Certified Employees for the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board acceptance of Donations for the Rensselaer Central High School and Rensselaer Central Middle School. (Attachment “B”) Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Korniak seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of an Updated Criminal Gangs and Criminal Gang Activity Corporation Policy. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Cozza seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the following Food Service Bids for the 2016-2017 School Year:

- Grocery – Gordon Food Service, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Secondary Grocery – Commercial Food Systems, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Milk – Pleasant View Dairy, Highland, Indiana
- Bread – Aunt Millie’s Bakeries, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Korniak seconded the motion. The vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mr. Parrish, Mr. Korniak, Mr. Ludington, Mrs. Koczan, Mr. Lane, Mr. Cozza. Mr. Zeider abstained.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Goals for 2016-2017. (Attachment “C”) Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Cozza seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of a Corporation Wide Attendance Policy for Students in Grades K – 12. Mr. Korniak made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Cozza seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of a Corporation Wide Classroom Visitation Policy. Mr. Korniak made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval to accept the Special Education Cooperative financial management and become the LEA effective July 1, 2016. All Special Education Cooperative employees will continue to be employed with West Central School Corporation contracts and benefits as of July 1, 2016 for the new school year. Mrs. Koczan 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 Speicher presented the bids received for the paving of Bomber Boulevard, High School Circle Drive and Bus Shuttle Lot. The following total bids, with alternate bids were received:

Town & Country Paving	\$346,723
E & B Paving	\$363,500
Milestone Paving	\$375,075

After review and discussion on the bids, Mr. Zeider made the motion to leave the money in the Building Acquisition, Construction, Improvement Fund and budget the project for 2017. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was as follows: Aye – Mr. Parrish, Mr. Zeider, Mr. Korniak, Mrs. Koczan, Mr. Lane, Mr. Cozza. Mr. Ludington abstained.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the following Resignations:

- Brett Weilbaker –Middle School Assistant Football Coach
- Samantha Mitchell – Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach

Mrs. Koczan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Lane seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of a Maternity Leave Request from Heather Muzek, October 10, 2016 - January 4, 2017. Mrs. Koczan 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 Speicher requested board approval of the following teacher recommendations:

Kaylyn Stockdell – Middle School Language Arts Teacher  
Elizabeth Kalbaugh – High School Spanish Teacher

Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher requested board approval of the following coaching recommendations:

- Melissa Garcia – 6<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Coach
- Jodi Kaufman – Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
- Ryan Preston – Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
- Austin Metzger – Assistant Middle School Football Coach

Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Koczan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Speicher presented plaques and thanked retiring Board Members Brad Cozza and Ed Korniak.

Mr. Korniak stated that he has enjoyed his time on the board and getting to know all of the workings of the school corporation from the inside.

Mr. Cozza stated that it has been an honor to serve on the board and being part of an educational team.

President Ludington stated that the Corporation will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2016.

President Ludington stated that the Re-Organizational and next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Room.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Ludington adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION

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