

# AGENDA

**Rensselaer City School District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 6:30 P.M.  
LGI - Room 125**

## **I. ROUTINE MATTERS**

- A. Call to Order by the President upon his/her having ascertained the presence of a quorum and Roll Call.
- B. [Approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated April 30, 2019.](#)
- C. Invitation to visitors to address the Board of Education.
- D. Communications.
  - [Literary Magazine](#)
- E. Board of Education Items.
- F. Consideration of additional items for the Agenda.
- G. Assignment of Action Items.

## **II. REPORTS**

Meghan Heimroth  
Teri Hopper  
Dave Howell - No Report 5/22/19  
[Joseph Kardash](#)  
[Colleen Multer](#)  
[Jeff Palmer](#)  
[Dom Pitaniello](#)

## **III. OLD BUSINESS**

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. [A motion is needed to accept and file the April 2019 Account Reconciliation of the Extra Classroom Activity Fund Submitted by the Central Treasurer, Mike Toney.](#)
- B. [A motion is needed to accept and file the April 2019 Treasurer's Report submitted by the District Treasurer.](#)
- C. [A motion is needed to accept and file the April 2019 Claims Audit Report submitted by Michael Wolff.](#)
- D. A motion is needed to accept and file the results of the May 21, 2019 School Budget

[A motion is needed to accept and file the results of the May 21, 2019 School Budget Vote and Board Member Election as certified by the Rensselaer County Board of Elections.](#)

- E. [A motion is needed to adopt the following resolution authorizing participation in Cooperative Purchasing Service with DCMO BOCES for the 2019-2020 school year:](#)

**WHEREAS**, The Cooperative Purchasing Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly, equipment, supplies and contract items, and

**WHEREAS**, The Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

**WHEREAS**, The Central School named below wishes to appoint the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to advertise for bid, accept, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (3) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

- F. [A motion is needed to adopt the following resolution authorizing participation in Generic Bidding with DCMO BOCES for the 2019-2020 school year:](#)

**WHEREAS**, It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

**WHEREAS**, The Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

**WHEREAS**, The Central School named below wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and providing the information to their Board of Education who will make the awards; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned items, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below agrees to (1) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that it will award contracts based on information provided from the bid; (3) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

G. [A motion is needed to adopt the following resolution authorizing participation in Food and Cafeteria Supplies with DCMO BOCES for the 2019-2020 school year:](#)

**WHEREAS**, It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly Cafeteria supplies including but not limited to food and paper items, and

**WHEREAS**, The Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

**WHEREAS**, The Central School named below wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and awarding bids and reporting the results to the schools; therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun

represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (3) that it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

- H. [A motion is needed to adopt the 2019-2020 school calendar.](#)
- I. A motion is needed to approve the creation of the Eileen Jones Activity Fund Extra Classroom Activity Fund for the purpose of students supporting fellow students including, but not limited to: participation in clubs and school events.
- J. [A motion is needed to approve the agreement for CDB Connections to provide special education services to the Rensselaer City School District during the Summer of 2019.](#)
- K. [A motion is needed to approve the agreement for Music Speaks to provide music therapy services to the Rensselaer City School District from July 8, 2019 through June 26, 2020.](#)

**V. INVITATION TO VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON TOPICS DISCUSSED ABOVE:**

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

A. Personnel

1 Resignations

a.

2 Leaves

- a. [Approve the request of Ashley Zimbal for 12 consecutive weeks of Family Medical Leave as per Rensselaer City School District Policy 9520.2 commencing on or about September 3, 2019 and ending on or about November 25, 2019.](#)
- b. [Approve the request of Sarah Agans for 14 consecutive weeks of Family Medical Leave as per Rensselaer City School District Policy 9520.2 commencing on or about September 3, 2019 and ending on or about December 11, 2019.](#)
- c. [Approve the request of Elizabeth Whitney for an unpaid leave of absence on](#)

[May 10, 2019.](#)

### 3 Assignments

- a. Appoint Jessica Falace to a probationary appointment as a teacher in the Special Education tenure area effective September 3, 2019, for a four-year term tentatively scheduled to conclude on September 2, 2023, contingent upon her successful completion of the probationary term and having received composite or overall APPR ratings of either “Effective” or “Highly Effective” in at least three of the four preceding years and a rating higher than “Ineffective” at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Falace will be paid at a salary of Masters – Level A of the negotiated agreement between the RTA and the RCSD Board of Education. [Ms. Falace holds a Master’s Degree and NYS Initial Certification in SWD Birth-Grade 2, SWD Grades 1-6, Childhood Education Grades 1-6, and Early Childhood Education Birth - Grade 2.]
- b. Appoint Kiersten Cosgrove to a probationary appointment as a teacher in the Special Education tenure area effective September 3, 2019, for a four-year term tentatively scheduled to conclude on September 2, 2023, contingent upon her successful completion of the probationary term and having received composite or overall APPR ratings of either “Effective” or “Highly Effective” in at least three of the four preceding years and a rating higher than “Ineffective” at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Cosgrove will be paid at a salary of Masters – Level A of the negotiated agreement between the RTA and the RCSD Board of Education. [Ms. Cosgrove holds a Master’s Degree and NYS Initial Certification in SWD Grades 1-6, and Childhood Education Grades 1-6.]
- c. [Appoint XXXXX as a Behavior Specialist in the XXXX tenure area effective September 3, 2019 for a four-year term tentatively scheduled to conclude on September 2, 2022. XXXX holds New York State Certification as a XXXX. XXXX will be paid at a salary of Masters – Level XXXXX of the negotiated agreement between the RTA and the RCSD Board of Education.](#)

### 4 Other

- a. [Appoint Karen Urbanski as a Substitute Teacher \(Masters Rate\) effective May 13, 2019.](#)
- b. [Appoint Samantha Kardash as a Substitute Teacher \(Bachelors Rate\), Subtitute Teacher Aide, and Substitute Cleaner effective May 23, 2019.](#)
- c. [Appoint Kimberly Spence as a Substitute Teacher \(Masters Rate\) effective May 6, 2019.](#)
- d. [Appoint Gabrielle Pike as a Substitute Teacher \(Bachelors Rate\) effective May 7th, 2019.](#)
- e. Approve the following student teachers and cooperating teachers:

<b><u>Cooperating Teacher</u></b>	<b><u>Student Teacher</u></b>	<b><u>College</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
<a href="#">Heidi Blake</a>	Emily Fluegge	Sage	5/13/19-6/28/19
<a href="#">Michelle Belvedere</a>	Sarah Lant	Sage	5/13/19-6/28/19

- f. Approve the following election officials for the May 21, 2019 budget vote at a stipend of \$115.00:

Pauline Letzelter

Theresa Gates

Terry Jackson

Mary Ryan

- g. [Appoint Kathryn Moore as a Substitute Teacher \(Masters Rate\) effective May 23, 2019 pending fingerprint clearance.](#)

B. Use of Facilities

- a. [Approve the request of Rensselaer Summer Basketball for use of three School gymnasiums on Wednesday evenings starting June 26, 2019 through July 31, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., for the purpose of Basketball games pending the receipt of a usage fee and certificate of insurance.](#)
- b. [Approve the request of CSEA Local 871 for the use of the Faculty Lounge for a End of Year meeting June 11, 2019 from 5:30-8 pm.](#)

C. Committee on Special Education

- a. [A motion is needed to approve the Committee on Special Education Meeting Minutes dated March 5, 2019 through May 9, 2019.](#)

D. Other

1. [Approve an out-of-state fieldtrip for seniors to Six Flags New Jersey on June 13, 2019.](#)
2. [Approve the Health & Welfare Contract, in the amount of \\$2,476.96, for 4 Rensselaer City resident students attending a private/parochial school in the Troy City School District.](#)
3. [Approve the Health & Welfare Contract, in the amount of \\$9,552.06, for 14 Rensselaer City resident students attending a private/parochial school in the North Colonie Central School District.](#)
4. [Approve the Health & Welfare Contract, in the amount of \\$49,476.83, for 57.30 Rensselaer City resident students attending a private/parochial school in the Albany City School District.](#)
5. [Accept \\$750.00 donation to the art department on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and authorize adjustment to the 2018-2019 school district budget.](#)
6. [Accept \\$12.00 donation to the Rensselaer Junior Senior High School on behalf of the Hannaford Helps Schools Program, and authorize the adjustment to the 2018-2019 school district budget.](#)
7. [Accept \\$250.00 donation to the Rensselaer Junior Senior High School on behalf of The Hudson River Bank and Trust , and authorize the Business Office to disburse the donation into two checks in the amount of \\$125.00 each to Allison Knapp and Omar Garcia.](#)

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**