Board President, Mr. John Mooney, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Mr. John Mooney, Ms. Jennifer Haggerty, Ms. Dana Endres, Ms. Lark Rutecki and Ms. Vanessa Salsbury were present.

Ms. Meghan Heimroth, Mr. Dave Howell, and Superintendent Joseph Kardash were also present. Ms. Colleen Multer, Mr. Dom Pitiello, Mr. Jeff Palmer, Mr. Bill Spath, and Mr. Will DeRuve joined virtually. The meeting was streamed using Google Meet as well as Facebook Live, many others used these services to watch and participate.

By Ms. Lark Rutecki:

“RESOLVED, the Board approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated May 6, 2020.”

Second: Ms. Jennifer Haggerty Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

REPORTS

Board President Mr. John Mooney opened the floor for Public Comment:
No members of the public spoke.

Information Technology Report by Mr. Dave Howell:
Chromebook repairs for the first year of the 1:1 program were fairly low. Planning for the collection of Chromebooks and IPads before the summer starts.

Starting to clean up electronics for the summertime, updating some PC’s and copiers.

Pupil Personnel Service Report by Ms. Colleen Multer:
PPS Staff are continuing to reach out to students and families in need.
CSE & CPSE meetings have been moving forward.

New PPS staff member Stephanie Capone has been working on different programs for elementary and high school students.

Van Rensselaer Elementary Report by Mr. Jeff Palmer:
Remote instruction is continuing with consistent communication between teachers and students.

Teachers are working on closing their classrooms to prepare for the end of the school year.

Rensselaer Junior/Senior High School Report by Mr. Dom Pitaniello:
Graduation will be held at the Jericho Drive-In on June 17th after a social distanced celebration in the city. Students who would have been recognized at the Awards night will be honored during graduation.

Teachers are working on closing their classrooms to prepare for the end of the school year.

Athletic Report by Mr. Bill Spath:
Discussions have begun amongst athletic directors about how and when sports will be able to begin.

Student athletes, including spring, will be recognized for their participation in sports this year.

Rensselaer Junior/Senior High School Dean Report by Mr. Will DeRuve:
Spoke about contact with modified football team.

Budget Report by Superintendent Joseph Kardash & Ms. Meghan Heimroth:
Reported the 2020/2021 budget that will be submitted for public vote on June 9th, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, the Board hereby accepts and orders filed the April 2020 Treasurer’s Report submitted by the District Treasurer.”

RESO #2 - 5/18/20
Accept & File Treasurer's Report

Motion Carried

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki Ayes - 5 Nays - 0 Unanimously
By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, the Board hereby accepts and orders filed the April 2020 Claims Audit Report submitted by Michael Wolff.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki  Ayes - 5  Nays - 0

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, the Board hereby accepts and orders filed the April 2020 account reconciliations of the Extraclassroom Activity Fund submitted by Central Treasurer, Michael Toney.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki  Ayes - 5  Nays - 0

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, the Board hereby adopts the proposed 2020-2021 School Budget in the amount of $27,705,833 requiring voter approval on June 9, 2020.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki  Ayes - 5  Nays - 0

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, the Board hereby adopts the following proposition requiring voter approval on June 9, 2020:

SHALL the Board of Education of the Rensselaer City School District, pursuant to Chapter 472 of the Session Laws of 1998, be hereby authorized to lease and expend therefore, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of forty five thousand ($45,000) dollars, and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motors vehicles: two (2) seventy-two passenger school buses.

AND, that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax collected in annual installments; and that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued.

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki  Ayes - 5  Nays - 0
"RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the following resolution authorizing participation in Cooperative Purchasing Service with DCMO BOCES for the 2020-2021 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 City 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 City 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 City 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 City 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 City 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).

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

"RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the following resolution authorizing participation in Generic Bidding with DCMO BOCES for the 2020-2021 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

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WHEREAS, The City School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

WHEREAS, The City 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 City 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 City 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 City 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).

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

"RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the following resolution authorizing participation in Food and Cafeteria Supplies with DCMO BOCES for the 2020-2021 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 City 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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the City 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,
WHEREAS, The City 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 City 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 City 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 City
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 City
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).

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, the Board hereby adopts the amended 2019-2020 School
Calendar.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the Intermunicipal Agreement
with Schodack City School District for Transportation Supervisor and
school bus repair and maintenance services commencing July 1, 2020
through June 30, 2021; and further authorize the Superintendent to sign
same.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously

RESO #10 - 5/18/20
Amend 2019-2020
School Calendar

RESO #11 - 5/18/20
Approve
Transportation
Contracts with
Schodack

Motion Carried
RESO #12 - 5/18/20
Approve Special Meeting

“RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the designation of a Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Rensselaer City School District be held on June 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m."

RESO #13 - 5/18/20
Approve MOA with CSEA

“RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Rensselaer City School District and CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO effective for the 2019-2020 school year."

RESO #14 - 5/18/20
Approve Updated Leave - Katherine Sharlow

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the updated request of Katherine Sharlow for 1 week of leave commencing on or about May 26, 2020 through June 1, 2020, followed by a leave of absence for the 2020/2021 school year, returning in September of 2021."

RESO #15 - 5/18/20
Approve Leave - Meghan Murphy

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the request of Meghan Murphy for 12 weeks of leave commencing on or about September 14, 2020 and ending on December 7, 2020."
By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby abolishes one (1) FTE position of a teacher in the academic tenure area of English effective June 30, 2020.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki
Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby abolishes one (1) FTE position of a teacher in the academic tenure area of Mathematics effective June 30, 2020.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki
Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby abolishes three and a half (3.5) FTE positions of a teacher in the academic tenure area of Elementary effective June 30, 2020.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki
Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby abolishes the supervisory position of the Buildings and Grounds effective August 31, 2020.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki
Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby abolishes one (1) FTE positions of a teacher in the academic tenure area of Elementary effective January 2, 2021.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki
Ayes - 5 Nays - 0
By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby abolishes one (1) FTE positions behavior specialist in the academic tenure area of General Special Education effective June 30, 2020.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki

Ayes - 5  Nays - 0

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the Committee on Special Education Meeting Minutes dated April 13, 2020 through May 8, 2020.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki

Ayes - 5  Nays - 0

OTHER

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the Health & Welfare Contract, in the amount of $1,568.91, for 3 Rensselaer City resident students attending a private/parochial school in the Averill Park Central School District.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki

Ayes - 5  Nays - 0

By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the Health & Welfare Contract, in the amount of $771.56, for 1 Rensselaer City resident students attending a private/parochial school in the South Colonie Central School District.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki

Ayes - 5  Nays - 0
By Ms. Jennifer Haggerty:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the Health & Welfare Contract, in the amount of $30,830.00, for 36 Rensselaer City resident students attending a private/parochial school in the Albany City School District.”

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki  
Ayes - 5  
Nays - 0

By Ms. Lark Rutecki:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Education enters into executive session at 7:53 p.m. during which time matters will be discussed.”

Second: Ms. Dana Endres  
Ayes - 5  
Nays - 0

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:04 P.M.

By Ms. Dana Endres:

"Motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m."

Second: Ms. Lark Rutecki  
Ayes - 5  
Nays - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Shailyn Payton  
Clerk to the Board of Education