

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
September 20, 2018

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on September 20, 2018 at 6:33 PM in the administration building. Members present were Corey Potts, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present were Keith Spence and Tiffany Clark.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for the August 7th and August 16th, 2018 Board Meetings were reviewed. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the minutes as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Claims were reviewed. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the claims as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended accepting the resignation of high school aide, Miranda Fletcher, and requested permission to post the open position. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Gary Kinnett to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

The Superintendent recommended hiring Nick Levi to take over the bus mechanic position upon the retirement of Rick Works. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended changing the language on the classified salary schedule of Library Aide to, “Paraprofessionals that take on a teaching/planning role,” and the Preschool Bookkeeper to “Preschool/21st Century Scholar Record Keeper” to provide more flexibility for those positions. Mr. Roeder noted that the rate is already set, this is just a language change. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended the following staff to cover intersession.

Jason Barth and Carol Stapleton – High School Fall Intersession

Amy Todd and Sue Walcott – High School Spring Intersession

Barbara Smith and Jennifer Mossburger – Middle School Fall Intersession

Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to accept the recommendations, member voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

The Superintendent recommended moving forward with the Energy Saving Project. Keith Spence from Johnson-Melloh reviewed the projects and services with the board. Project 1 consists of the reroofing of the elementary/middle school and a major part of the high school. Project 2 consists of the OCEMS HVAC and building control upgrades, installation of a solar photovoltaic system, and water conservation.

Mr. Roeder presented Resolution 2018-10, Project 1, for public comment. It was noted the project would start in this fall at a tax rate neutral cost of \$1.9 million. With no public participation, upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith to accept the recommendation, member voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented Resolution 2018-11, Project 2, for public comment. The project would be at a tax rate neutral cost of \$2,065,000.00. A determination of the projects to cover will be at the October 4th meeting or later. The energy savings would justify the cost of the projects. With no public participation, upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder reviewed the new formatted 2019 budget proposal for the Public Hearing. To make sure there is appropriate funding, the levy amounts are advertised at an inflated rate. The advertised rates were set as follows:

	Advertised Rate	Current Rate
Referendum Fund	0.36	.25
Debt Service Fund	0.45	.22
Capital Projects Fund	0.72	.50

With no public participation, upon by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to accept the proposed rates, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder reviewed the proposed budgets for the Bus Replacement and Capital Projects plans for public comment. Mr. Roeder noted the legislation has changed on the Bus Replacement from a 20 year plan to a 5 year plan. Buses 6 and 9 are scheduled to be replaced in 2019.

The LED lighting upgrade at the baseball field and replacing the ground covering for the 3/5 grade playground are CP projects at a cost of \$10,000 with the energy savings to be reflected in the cost. With no public participation, upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to accepted the proposed plans, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

The adoption of the budgets is scheduled for October 4th.

Mr. Roeder presented NEOLA updates for the 1st reading.

The Superintendent reviewed the Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal with the Board. Mr. Roeder noted there was a small increase in price but the coverage did not change. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the renewal, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

The Superintendent invited the board members to the Telehealth Program ribbon cutting on Friday, September 28th at 10:00 A.M. in front of OCEMS. There will be dignitaries from Highpoint Health along with other speakers. The media has also been invited to cover the ceremony.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation did not discuss any subject matter in executive session other than the topic specified in the public notice.

Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.
