

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
September 15, 2020

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on September 15, 2020 at 6:44 P.M. in the high school gym. The change of venue was due to social distancing guidelines made necessary due to COVID 19. Members present were Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Corey Potts and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present were Tiffany and Rhiannon Clark.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was adopted as presented. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

The minutes from the July 21, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the minutes as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

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

Mr. Roeder presented the following positions for approval:

- Abbey Rimstidt – Paraprofessional
- Tiffany Vinup – Paraprofessional
- Samantha White – Paraprofessional
- Karen Morris – Paraprofessional
- Amanda Brooks – Long Term Substitute
- Summer Dickerson – Long Term Substitute
- Angelica Hopkins – Long Term Substitute
- Elinor Kelnhofer – Long Term Substitute
- Patrick Jones – Long Term Substitute
- Sam Copeland – Student Custodian
- Kelsey Hillman – Student Custodian
- Anthony Esposito – Student Custodian
- 2020-2021 Teacher Contracts
- High School Fall Intersession - Jason Barth; Kelsie Billups
- Middle School Fall Intersession – Jennifer Mossburger; Barbara Smith
- Jason Barth – High School Girls JV Basketball Coach
- Mary Jo Rowell – Middle School Concessions
- Jennifer Parsons – Archery Club
- Interbuilding Trips - DeAnn Lillie; Jennifer Parsons;
- Jennifer Reed; Christina Rumsey; Nani Schwier;
- Tracy Stegemiller; Aryn Webster

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

Mr. Roeder presented the resignation from Susan Chase for the elementary cafeteria effective September 4, 2020 with the recommendation to advertise and hire for the open position. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Gary Kinnett to accept the resignation and to replace the position, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented the maternity leave request for Angela Bruns. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to accept the leave, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder reviewed the tax rates for the 2021 budget during the public hearing held as advertised. This information is posted through Gateway. There were no public comments regarding the budget.

The Public Hearing on the Bus Replacement Plan and Capital Projects Plan were held as advertised. The Superintendent noted that two full size buses will be replaced for the 2021-2022 year. There were no public comments on either plan.

Mr. Roeder presented the School Improvement Plan with some minor changes to the mission statement. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the School Improvement Plan with the changes, members voted as follows: Aye – Gray Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

The Superintendent presented updated NEOLA Policies for the first reading.

Mr. Roeder reviewed quotes for the Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal with the recommendation to switch from Liberty Mutual to EMC. This would be an approximate saving of \$14,000. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Connie Smith to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

The Superintendent informed the board a grants were received from RECN, GEER, and Eli Lilly. The RECN grant was for \$140,000 to be used for dual credit teachers and to pay for additional teachers to get their dual credit license. The grant from GEER was for \$150,000 to increase internet connectivity in the county. The Lilly Grant was for \$100,000 to enhance the teacher to student home connection for home school and ELearning.

Mr. Roeder reminded the board of the virtual ISBA conference for this year and to notify him if interested in participating.

Mr. Roeder discussed the swim team extracurricular activity to take place at the Switzerland County YMCA. The high school girls' team will have their first meet on October 26th and the boys on November 9th. Participation for the middle school level would begin next year. An agreement with the YMCA is on file.

The Superintendent presented three options to the 2021-2022 school calendar for review by the board. The options will be released to the staff for review on Wednesday.

The Budget Adoption will be at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 6:30P.M. Executive session will be at 6:00 P.M.

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 Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Gary Kinnett to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.
