

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
September 16, 2021

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on September 16, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in the administration office. Members present were Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present were Beth Terrell, Sue Mitchell, and Patty Huff.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was adopted with the addition of the School Improvement Plan first reading. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the agenda, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

The minutes from the August 12, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the minutes as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Connie Smith.

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

Mr. Roeder presented the following long-term substitutes for approval:

Samantha Craig
Samantha Baston
Ashley Hammond

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

Mr. Roeder recommended Carol Stapleton and Amy Todd as fall intersession teachers at RSHS and Kelsey Billups for spring intersession at RSHS. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder presented a maternity leave request from Sierra Quicksall for approval. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the request, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder discussed the CARES Act II Retention Stipend that was given to current employees who were also employed during the 20-21 school year. He recommended giving a stipend to retirees who also worked during the 20-21 school year in the same amount. (\$250 per each 9-weeks worked) This stipend will not come from CARES Act II. He stated that the stipend would only be given after being approved by the State Board of Accounts. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the stipend for retirees if approved by State Board of Accounts, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder reviewed the tax rates for the 2022 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 was held as advertised. (No hearing on the Capital Project Plan was necessary) The Superintendent noted that two mini-buses will be replaced for the 2022-2023 year. There were no public comments on the plan.

Mr. Roeder recommended the Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, and Andrea Kirkpatrick.

The Superintendent will present two options for the 2022-2023 school calendar to the Board for review. After the Board has reviewed the options, they will be released to the staff for a vote.

The School Improvement Plans were presented for a first reading.

The Budget Adoption will be at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 6:30P.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 Connie Smith and seconded by Renee cole to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Renee Cole.
