

BOARD MINUTES  
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation  
October 20, 2016

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on October 20, 2016 at 6:35 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, William Hayes, Corey Potts and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present were Chandra Mattingley, Adalyn Potts, Avery Potts, Caleb Potts, Hannah Potts, and Noah Potts.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from September 29, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by William Hayes and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the minutes, members voted as follows: Aye – William Hayes, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder requested that Agenda Item #4 be removed and that Claims be added to the Agenda. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by William Hayes to approve the request, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

The claims were reviewed. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by William Hayes to approve the claims, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, William Hayes, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented resignations from Aaron Hopkins, high school boys' assistant soccer coach and Mike Seipel, high school boy's head soccer coach. Mr. Roeder read a resignation letter from Mr. Seipel and noted that Mr. Seipel has been the head coach since the beginning of the program which was 20 years ago. The Board expressed gratitude for Mr. Seipel's years of service to the program and also to Mr. Hopkins. Upon motion by William Hayes and seconded by Connie Smith to accept the resignations, members voted as follows: Aye – William Hayes, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended a 2% salary increase for all classified staff retroactive to July 1, 2016. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, William Hayes, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended the purchase of the currently leased phone system. This purchase will allow the school to save money in the future by purchasing the equipment rather than leasing. Upon motion by William Hayes and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the purchase, members voted as follows: Aye – William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder thanked the Rising Sun Regional Foundation for a \$40,000 grant which will be used to repair the track, purchase computer monitors for the teachers and AV switches, and a floor scrubber.

Mr. Roeder stated that there was a strong storm on October 18 that damaged the softball press box and dugout as well as the high school roof.

Mr. Roeder presented a request from Mr. Rowe, band director, for an overnight trip to the Midstates Finals in Norwood on November 5-6. Upon motion by William Hayes and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the request, members voted as follows: Aye – William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder requested permission for the creation of a club basketball ECA account at the high school. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the request, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, William Hayes, and Corey Potts.

Connie Smith led a brief discussion regarding the 2016 Report Card in the Indiana School Board Journal. The Report Card gives letter grades to state representatives in response to their voting history regarding public schools.

Connie Smith inquired about the school's policy regarding releasing students to parents during inclement weather. Mr. Roeder stated that there is no written policy. During the recent storms, students were kept in the school buildings. Parents were encouraged to ride out the storm in the buildings with the students so that students were not being released during the storm.

William Hayes thanked Mr. Roeder for keeping an eye on the storm and the damage that resulted.

Corey Potts congratulated Jennifer Mossburger on a recent honor that she received. There were a hand full of local Hoosier educators honored during the State Bicentennial Celebration. Jennifer Mossburger, OCEMS teacher and reading coach, was among those honored. This program recognizes teachers and administrators who come from teaching families. The Board congratulated Ms. Mossburger on receiving this honor.

The November board meeting will be November 10, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

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

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