

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
October 27, 2020

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on October 27, 2020 at 6:47 P.M. in the high school's Wilson Hall of Champions Lobby. Members present were Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Corey Potts, Connie Smith and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present was Dr. Chris Walcott.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was adopted with ECA spectator guidelines and Covid-19 updates added. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Dr. Walcott gave an update on Covid-19 in the community. Even with the increase in the Covid positivity rate, Dr. Walcott was more concerned on the mental health and substance abuse increases due to the pandemic. A discussion ensued around the importance of the students being in school for the social environment for their wellbeing and where they feel safe.

Mr. Roeder presented information on the student positivity rate which is less than 1% and the students that have tested positive were in contact with the virus outside of the school environment. The school administration is working closely with the County Health Department on quarantine procedures for any possible exposure to students or staff.

The minutes from the September 29, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the minutes as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended the following ECA positions:

Volunteers for Youth Boys' Basketball
3rd Grade – Adam Keith and Doug Monroe
4th Grade – Mike Elliott, Keith Works, and Mark Corbin
5th Grade – Jason Merica and Bill Bollier
6th Grade – Brent Bascom and Alex Oser

High School Basketball Coaches
Boys' C Team – Derrick Davis
Girls' C Team – Corey Lay

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

Mr. Roeder recommended approval of the maternity leave for Ana Neves. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented the resignation of Angela Bruns as Daycare Aide. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended Jennifer Holbrook to replace Angela Bruns in the Daycare position. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

The adoption of the Capital Projects Fund and the Bus Replacement Fund for 2021 were tabled until the November 10th meeting.

Mr. Roeder reviewed the change of the Southeastern Indiana School Insurance Consortium Plan (SISIC) to a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA). The Southeastern Indiana School Insurance Consortium will now be the Southeastern Indiana School Insurance Trust (SISIT). Converting to a trust allowed for a 0% increase in staff rates for the 2020-21 deduction year with the national trend being a 12-14% increase.

Mr. Roeder reviewed the tentative agreement of the teacher contract. The ratification is planned for the November 10th Board Meeting.

Mr. Roeder reviewed how the spectator guidelines for attendance to extracurricular activities would occur during the pandemic. During a county red level, each student athlete will receive 2 tickets for individuals to attend the sporting event, 4 tickets if the level is orange. This is all in accordance with the county health mandates and could change. The sporting events will also be broadcasted as a live stream on YouTube.

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 Andrea Kirkpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.
