

BOARD of FINANCE MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
January 14, 2025

The Board of Finance meeting of the Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation was held as advertised on January 14, 2025 at 5:05 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Corey Potts, and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present was Betty Gridley.

Dr. Roeder acted as temporary chairman to accept nominations for officers of the 2025 Board of Finance. Connie Smith made a motion to keep the same officers as 2024 which were Corey Potts, President Renee Cole, Vice-President, and Connie Smith, Secretary. Andrea Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder noted there were no investments to review.

Dr. Roeder provided the Board with the Fiscal and Qualitative Indicators.

Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

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The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on January 14, 2025 at 5:07 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Corey Potts, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present was Betty Gridley.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Roeder recommended adoption of the agenda adding a few ECA coaches under Personnel. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the agenda, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Minutes from the December 10, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the minutes as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

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

Connie Smith motioned that the officers for the School Board for 2025 should be the same as those for the Board of Finance. Upon second by Gary Kinnett to approve the motion, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder recommended appointing Kelli Keith as Board Treasurer and Karen Lovern as Deputy Treasurer for 2025, a state required action. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

Members signed Conflict of Interest Statements for 2025 which are on file.

Dr. Roeder recommended voiding an outstanding check from the Corporation which is over two years old. (Attached) Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder recommended that the mileage rate for 2025 change to .70 cents per mile which is the same as the IRS approved rate per mile. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder presented the following list of treasurer bonds for Board approval:

Kelli Keith - \$500,000
Rebecca Lawwill - \$50,000
DeAnn Lillie - \$50,000
Karen Lovern - \$250,000
Jana McKinley - \$50,000
Aryn Webster - \$50,000
Morgan Westrich - \$50,000

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

After a brief discussion, the 2025 board meetings were scheduled for second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 P.M. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye-Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett and Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder recommended the following ECA Coaches:

Sonja Southard – MS Assistant Swim Coach
Sidney Halloran – Volunteer Swim Coach
Emmalea Musselman – Elementary Drama Club
Ethan Snelling – Middle School Boys' Track
Nick Levi – Head MS Softball Coach
Emma Levi – Assistant MS Softball Coach
Nora Powell – Volunteer MS Softball Coach
John Fletcher – MS Baseball Coach
Keith Works and Doug Monroe – Assistant MS Baseball Coaches (Split Pay)
John Boss – Middle School Golf
Jason Barth – Mentor for Samantha Mink

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

Dr. Roeder presented the names of four teachers who have accepted the retirement package. They are Carol Stapleton, Barbara Smith, Candy Southard, and Laurie Stegemiller. He recommended that the Board accept their retirements. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts. Mr. Potts expressed the Board's appreciation for the many years of service given by these teachers and for the many lives they have touched.

The Superintendent presented Resolution 2025-1 which grants the treasurer the ability to move appropriations within the same fund as needed for 2025. (Copy attached) Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve Resolution 2025-1, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

The Superintendent presented Resolution 2025-2 which allows a maximum 14.9% of the state tuition support to be transferred from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund if needed. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Renee Cole to approve Resolution 2025-2, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

Corey Potts asked Dr. Roeder about the current fund balances and Corporation’s financial goals for the future. A brief discussion followed.

The next scheduled board meeting will be February 11, 2025 at 5:00 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 Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.
