

BOARD MINUTES

Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
March 11, 2025

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on March 11, 2025 at 5:05 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present were Betty Gridley, Noel Bostic, and Jana McKinley.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the agenda with the addition of school calendar modification, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Andrea Kirkpatrick.

There were no public comments.

Noel Bostic, RSHS Principal, gave a presentation on Early College, the Europe Trip, RECN 2.0, and the new diploma.

Connie Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2025 meeting and Andrea Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Andrea Kirkpatrick.

Andrea Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the claims as presented and Connie Smith seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Andrea Kirkpatrick.

Dr. Roeder recommended the retirement of Tonia Minks, the resignation of Kasha Howell, the resignation of Lindsey Merica from Spell Bowl and Lego Robotics, Kaitlyn Reed from MS cheer, and Lucy Carrigan from HS Assistant girls' soccer. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the retirement and resignations, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Renee Cole.

Dr. Roeder informed the Board of two staff transfers: Rebecca Caddell and Stefani Courter to PreK 4 Lead paraprofessionals.

Dr. Roeder informed the Board that Brad Morris is now driving the Southeastern Career Center route and Larry Fillers is now driving the IVY Tech route.

Dr. Roeder recommended the following coaches for the fall of 2025-2026 at RSHS:

Robert Kelnhofer - Boys' Head Soccer Coach
Mark Boetticher – Boys' Assistant Soccer Coach
Brandon Snodgrass – Girls' Head Soccer Coach
Gina Kremer – Volleyball Head Coach
Tiffany Garrard – Volleyball Assistant Coach
Caitlin Sauerhage – Head Cross Country Coach
Brandon Turner – Girls' Golf Head Coach

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

Dr. Roeder recommended approval of the transfer of sick days to Amber James as follows: Cheyenne Bowsman(5), Abbey Berkley (1), Heather Race (5), Julie Wilson (2), Jessica Peelman (3), Taylor Carrigan (2), Rodney Hopkins (5), Kelli Keith (1), Lorie Hayes (3), Tim Slayback (2), Kayla Cizek (2), Lindsey Merica (2), Karen Lovern (10), Brittany Easton (1), Samantha Thies (20), DeAnn Lillie (1), Robert Kelnhofer (10), Elinor Kelnhofer (5), Jennifer Holbrook (2), Carrie Lozier (2), Jeana Rayles (1), Tammy Weaver (2), Theresa Scott (2), Kelli Dyer (2), Jaron Bovard (1), Barb Smith (3), Amy Todd (2). Since there have been more days given than will be used, the unused days will go back to the employees. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Renee Cole.

Dr. Roeder requested that the minutes reflect that our teachers receive a supplemental contract of \$3,000 for a Master’s Degree which gets the annual raise each year. Additionally, if a teacher receives their Master’s Degree after February 15th, they must wait until the following school year to receive the contract. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the request, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick and Renee Cole.

Dr. Roeder requested that the minutes reflect the salary for Randa Snelling and Tyrrah Miller, Paraprofessional Long-Term Substitutes in the IA and IB classrooms. They will receive \$82 per day. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the request, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Renee Cole.

Dr. Roeder presented NEOLA New Policies, Revised Policies and Rescinded Policies for a second reading. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the NEOLA Policies, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Renee Cole.

Dr. Roeder requested approval of two loans from First Financial Bank:

- 1) Bus Purchase Loan to finance the purchase of two school buses.
- 2) Construction Loan to cover expenses exceeding \$4.9 million bond received for the ongoing construction project.

These loans will provide the financial flexibility through the fall. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the loans, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Renee Cole.

Dr. Roeder asked that May 22, 2026, be removed as a snow make-up day from the school calendar. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the request, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Renee Cole.

Dr. Roeder gave updates on the building project, no longer using the Senior Center for PreK 3 next year, OnMyWay PreK, and the audit exit interview.

The next board meeting will be April 9, 2025 at 5:00 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 Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Renee Cole.
