

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
June 5, 2025

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on June 5, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in the administration building. Members present were Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Corey Potts, and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Andrea Kirkpatrick was present remotely. Also present were Abbey Berkley, Ethan Snelling, Betty Gridley, Mary Jo Rowell, Taylor Carrigan, Spencer Davis, Toni O'Neal and Kasie Short.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the agenda with the addition of the first reading of the student handbooks, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

In public comments, Dr. Roeder began by giving a budget update which explained the changes in the school's revenue over the past several years and the projection for the next few years. He explained the school's plan for the Spanish Dual Language Program, and that there will still be a program in grades 3-12. Kasie Short stated that she would like to be more informed about the DLI program. She asked if the school has considered a \$50,000 state grant for the program. Dr. Roeder stated that we have already received the grant, and that it was only for a few years. Also, it could not be used for staffing. Ms. Short asked what parents can do to help the program succeed. She also stated that the students have been confused, and that the parents would like more transparency. Toni Young also stated that the students came home upset, and that the parents would like to be better informed in the future. Dr. Roeder apologized regarding the communication. He stated that it was unfortunate that the students were told that there would not be a DLI program before he had a chance to inform the Board that one of the teachers had resigned.

There was a discussion regarding the direction of the program. It was stated that students can be pulled out of the program if they are struggling, and that students might be added to the program if they are doing well in their studies.

Renee Cole stated that she understood why parents were confused. She said that the Board has an open-door policy.

On behalf on the Board, Corey Potts said that he was grateful for parents coming to the Board, and that is uplifting to see parents involved.

Dr. Roeder presented the 2025-2026 Student Handbooks for review. No action was taken as this was the first reading.

A Public Hearing was held for the 2025 GO Bonds. He stated that this is an annual request. Having no public comments, Dr. Roeder closed the hearing.

The next board meeting will be held on June 10 at 9:00 am.

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 Gary Kinnett to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 A.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole and Corey Potts.
