

BOARD MINUTES  
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation  
September 23, 2025

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on September 23, 2025 at 5:05 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Corey Potts and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present were Kendle Davis and Betty Gridley.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Andrea Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of the YMCA Pool Agreement and the Resolution to Compensate Bus Drivers. Gary Kinnett seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

There were no public comments.

Dr. Roeder recognized Kendle Davis, School Resource Officer, for receiving the District 12 SRO of the Year Award.

Connie Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2025 meeting as presented, and Andrea Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Aye – Corey Potts, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Andrea Kirkpatrick.

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

Dr. Roeder recommended accepting the following resignations:

Terri Sarver-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Giorgina Penn-Paraprofessional  
Emma Koons-MS Assistant Softball Coach

Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick 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.

Dr. Roeder recommended approval of the following hires:

Kendra Elza-Paraprofessional  
Candice Southard-Paraprofessional  
Carol Stapleton-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Nick Levi-MS Softball Coach  
Ethan Snelling-MS Boys' Track Coach  
Hannah Ozbun-MS Girls' Track Coach  
Andrea Halloran-MS Swim Coach  
Sidney Halloran-Volunteer Swim Coach

Tara Roeder-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach  
Jennifer Reed-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach  
Branden Roeder and Kurtis Gregory-6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coaches  
Michael Lovern-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach

Dr. Roeder also recommended the Interbuilding Stipend for Hannah Hill and Tiffany Garrard.

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

Dr. Roeder recommended that Barbara Smith be paid as a long-term substitute while filling in for Jana McKinley during the completion of her student teaching. 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.

Dr. Roeder presented the 2026-2027 School Calendar for approval. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the 2026-2027 calendar, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

The Public Hearing was held on the 2026 Budget. There were no public comments.

The Public Hearing was held to open Collective Bargaining. There were no public comments.

Dr. Roeder presented the Property/Casualty Insurance Package and the Workers' Compensation Insurance Package for 2026 for approval. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the 2026 Insurance Packages, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder asked for the approval of the agreement with the Switzerland County YMCA for the pool rental for the swim teams for 2025-2026. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the new agreement, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder presented the Resolution to Compensate Certified and Classified Employees for Bus Driving Duties (Attached) for approval. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the Resolution, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder gave updates on the STATS Indiana Report, and the fire marshall's inspection of the daycare room.

The next school board meeting will be October 14, 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 Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole and Corey Potts.

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