

**BOARD OF FINANCE MINUTES**

**Rising Sun–Ohio County Community School Corporation**

**January 13, 2026**

The Board of Finance meeting of the Rising Sun–Ohio County Community School Corporation was held as advertised on January 13, 2026, at 5:00 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 2026 Board of Finance. Andrea Kirkpatrick made a motion to retain the same officers as 2025: Corey Potts, President; Renee Cole, Vice President; and Connie Smith, Secretary. Gary Kinnett seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder noted there were no investments to review.

Dr. Roeder provided the Board with the Fiscal and Qualitative Indicators followed by a discussion.

Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m., members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Corey Potts.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **BOARD MINUTES**

### **Rising Sun–Ohio County Community School Corporation**

**January 13, 2026**

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on January 13, 2026, at 5:05 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.

Dr. Roeder recommended adoption of the agenda with the addition of the first reading of the NEOLA policies. 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, Corey Potts.

There were no public comments.

Minutes from the December 2, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the minutes as presented, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Corey Potts.

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** – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Corey Potts.

Andrea Kirkpatrick motioned that the officers for the School Board for 2026 remain the same as those for the Board of Finance. Upon second by Gary Kinnett, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder recommended appointing Kelli Keith as Board Treasurer and Karen Lovern as Deputy Treasurer for 2026, a state-required action. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Corey Potts.

Members signed Conflict of Interest Statements for 2026, which are on file.

Dr. Roeder recommended the attached Board Meeting Schedule for 2026, with meetings scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Connie Smith, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder recommended voiding an outstanding corporation check that is over two years old (attached). Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder recommended changing the 2026 mileage reimbursement rate to 72.5 cents per mile, consistent with the IRS-approved rate. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, 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
- Sarah Storm – \$50,000
- Julie Cassini – \$50,000
- Aryn Webster – \$50,000
- Morgan Westrich – \$50,000

Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder recommended the following resignations:

- Nick Levi – Middle School Softball
- Kelsey DuVall – Paraprofessional
- Sidney Halloran – Summer Program Director

Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder recommended the following hires:

- David Huffner – Custodian
- Jamie Works – Summer Program Director

- Sonja Southard – Middle School Assistant Swim Coach

Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Gary Kinnett, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder informed the Board of the following transfers:

- Taylor Morris – Third Grade Teacher for Mrs. Craig
- Gregg DuVall – PE Paraprofessional replacing Taylor Morris

The Superintendent presented **Resolution 2026-1**, granting the Treasurer authority to move appropriations within the same fund as needed for 2026 (copy attached). Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Corey Potts.

The Superintendent presented **Resolution 2026-2**, allowing a maximum of 14.9% of state tuition support to be transferred from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund if needed. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Gary Kinnett, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder presented **Resolution 2026-3**, the new Southeastern Career Center Operating Agreement. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder presented **Resolution 2026-4**, adding Madison Consolidated Schools as a member of the Southeastern Career Center. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Corey Potts.

Dr. Roeder presented the NEOLA policy updates for a first reading. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith, members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Corey Potts.

The next scheduled board meeting will be February 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

The Board of School Trustees 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 5:20 p.m., members voted as follows:

**Aye** – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Corey Potts.

---

---

---