

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
November 16, 2017

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on November 16, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Corey Potts, and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present were Betty Gridley, Chandra Mattingley, Matt Martini, Kasey Baker, Tiara Harrison, Kora Powell, Caroline Stapleton, Jake Scott, Meg Slack, Sam Markland, Jaydin Parsons, Tristan Bruns, Zander Gilb, and Ashley Wegford.

Minutes from the October 5, 2017 board meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the minutes as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

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

Mr. Roeder recommended accepting the retirement of Gary Ballard, high school custodian. He also recommended Rodney Hopkins as a replacement for Mr. Ballard. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the recommendations, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended the following extracurricular coaches at RSHS:

- Baseball – Kevin Wirsch
- Assistant Baseball – Steve Jiminez and Mark Dugan
- Softball – Bryce Kendrick
- Assistant Softball – Alan Poling
- Boys’/Girls’ Track – Jason Barth
- Boys’/Girls’ Assistant Track – Kelsie Baker
- Golf – Mike Seipel

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

Mr. Roeder recommended the following extracurricular sponsors at OCEMS:

- Middle School Drama – Angie Wilson and Tonia Minks
- Middle School Academic Team – Jennifer Mossburger and Andrea Levi
- National Junior Honor Society – Jaron Bovard and Tammy Weaver
- Elementary Spell Bowl – Jennifer Mossburger
- Middle School Spell Bowl – Lindsey Merica
- Archery Club – Barbara Smith

Archery Club Volunteer – Bryan Copeland
Lego Robotics – Lindsey Merica
Art Club – Katherine McMonigle

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

Mr. Roeder requested permission to hire for open positions before the next board meeting with verbal approval from the board. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the request, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended approval of Resolution 2017-7. (Attached.) This resolution would allow individuals outside of the teacher contract that currently receive corporation paid insurance to make the decision to stay on their current plan or move down one plan and take the difference in cash to go into their Health Savings Account. The switch would cost the corporation no money and would allow the individual to take the personal risk of a higher deductible plan while receiving the difference through their H.S.A. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve Resolution 2017-7, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder stated that he is working with a company to audit the amount of electric used currently by the corporation's lighting. The plan would replace all lighting at RSHS to LED. The savings is estimated to be around \$30,000 per year after the initial 3 year period. The only money the corporation would spend would be the interest on the 4% interest rate loan that would be paid off in approximately 3 years. The board approved of the plan but requested that Mr. Roeder to explore grants as other options of funding the plan. Mr. Roeder will research and bring more information to the board at a later date.

Mr. Roeder discussed starting the RFQ process to work with an engineering firm on a long term plan for energy savings. This process would include evaluating our current HVAC systems. Mr. Roeder will get quotes and bring them to the board.

Mr. Roeder recommended upgrading the corporation's transportation software. We currently use ThinkMap. This system is antiquated and needs replaced. The new system would add GPS to each bus which would allow the bus to be located as well as track the speed of each bus. It would allow us to talk to each individual bus rather than having to talk over all bus radios. The cost is \$30,000, but takes away the \$1,200 per year that we pay to ThinkMap. This would be paid out of the Transportation Fund which is very healthy. 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, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder invited the board to the staff Christmas dinner which is being sponsored by private donors and money obtained from the recent auction.

Mr. Roeder congratulated the high school for being one of the top 16 schools in Indiana for dual-credit classes.

Mr. Roeder stated that he is in the process of applying for a grant from the Rising Sun Regional Foundation for a level reader room, an art kiln, tile for the back hallway at RSHS, and a student designed courtyard at RSHS. The courtyard would allow the students to eat outside.

Corey Potts expressed his desire to upgrade the sound system in the gym at OCEMS and said that he will contact a few sound companies to obtain quotes.

Mr. Potts asked if there is a pathway for sophomores to attend the Southeastern Career Center, and if that pathway was clearly communicated with students and parents. Mr. Roeder stated that there are only 2 programs at the Career Center for sophomores, but that more may be added in the future.

The next tentative date for the Board meeting will be December 14th at 6:30 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 Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

