

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
July 21, 2020

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on July 21, 2020 at 6:35 P.M. in the high school gym. The change of venue was due to social distancing guidelines made necessary due to COVID 19. Members present were Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Corey Potts and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present were Jamie Works, Regina Crouch, Tim Hillman, and Betty Gridley.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was adopted with the addition of Resolution 2020-10 and Resolution 2020-11. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

The minutes from the June 16, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the minutes as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

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

The Board welcomed Jamie Works, School Nurse, and Regina Crouch, County Health Nurse, to discuss the re-entry plan due to COVID 19. (Attached) Mrs. Works pointed out that new CDC Guidelines were presented today, and that more guidelines will follow. She stated that each school will have a COVID room for students to be screened in so that they do not spread the virus if they are positive for the virus. Mrs. Crouch stated that contact tracing will be done for anyone testing positive. Mr. Roeder thanked Mrs. Works and Mrs. Crouch for a job well done and for their many hours of planning. Corey Potts also thanked Mrs. Works and Mrs. Crouch as well as the entire school staff. Mr. Potts asked that the community be patient as the school deals with COVID 19 and maneuvers through the many issues that it presents. Mr. Roeder stated that the school is hiring full-time substitutes for the first time this year in anticipation of more staff absences and requested permission to hire 2 more for a total of 4. The Board agreed by consensus. Mr. Roeder reviewed the re-entry document. He stated that it would be detrimental to the students for them to stay home and e-learn because in-class instruction is far more effective. He thanked Friendship State Bank for a donation of 1,000 water bottles for the students and reviewed the cleaning protocol that our custodial staff will be following.

Mr. Roeder presented the following ECA staff for approval:

Tonia Minks and Angie Wilson – Middle School Drama
Patty Huff – Middle School Student Council
Lindsey Merica and Jennifer Mossburger – Middle School Academic Team
Jaron Bovard – National Junior Honor Society
Jennifer Mossburger – Elementary Spell Bowl
Lindsey Merica – Middle School Spell Bowl
Lindsey Merica – Middle School Robotics
Christina Rumsey and Deb Cappel – Prom
Kevin Wirsch – RSHS SADD
Kevin Smith – National Honor Society

Alex Koons - Freshman Class Sponsor
Christina Rumsey - Sophomore Class Sponsor
Angie Wilson - Choir Director
Mike Seipel - Language Club
Tresa Patz - FCCLA
Kevin Smith – RSHS Student Council
Jana McKinley - Flag Corps
Kevin Smith, Carol Stapleton, Amy Todd - Senior Class Sponsor/Senior Trip
Carol Stapleton - Junior Class Sponsor
Ronna Billingsley - RSHS Concessions
Carol Stapleton - Yearbook Advisor
Megan Volk - Band Director
Abby Friend - Letter Winners
Andrea Levi – RSHS Academic Team
Andrea Levi - Science Club
Alex Koons - HOSA Club
Angie Wilson and Tonia Minks - Drama Club
Amberly King - Art Club
Carol Stapleton – Yearbook

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

Mr. Roeder presented the following resignations/retirement for approval:

Sue Mitchell-Retirement-Special Education Teacher-Effective December 31, 2020
John Wilber – Resigned Bus Driver Position Only
Barbara Smith – Resigned Archery Club Only

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

Mr. Roeder presented the Student Handbooks for both buildings for a second reading. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the Student Handbooks, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented Resolution 2020-5 for approval. This resolution will suspend any board policy that conflicts during times of a pandemic.

Mr. Roeder presented Resolution 2020-6 for approval. This resolution provides the superintendent with the ability to make decisions that need to be made prior to the next school board meeting.

Mr. Roeder presented Resolution 2020-7 for approval. This resolution gives the superintendent permission to pay staff during closures.

Mr. Roeder presented Resolution 2020-8 for approval. This resolution gives the superintendent permission to pay staff during a declared pandemic closure.

Mr. Roeder presented Resolution 2020-9 for approval. This resolution gives the superintendent the authority to make decisions and actions in case the Board cannot meet due to COVID-19 including the payment of claims.

Mr. Roeder presented Resolution 2020-10 for approval. This resolution gives the superintendent the ability to offer mass incentives to students who wear facemasks up to the amount of \$20,000.

Mr. Roeder presented Resolution 2020-11 for approval. This resolution gives the superintendent permission to pay any staff who are mandated to quarantine for days missed without the charging that employee any sick days.

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

Mr. Roeder presented the new Classified Staff Evaluations. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the evaluations, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented the milk, bread, and fuel bids as presented by the Wilson Education Center. The vendors for 2020-2021 will be the same as last year: Klosterman Bakery for bread, Prairie Farms for milk, Laughery Valley Ag Co-Op for fuel, and B & B Foods for other food purchases as needed. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the bids as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder discussed the 2021 budget adoption timeline. The timeline will be as follows: September 3, 2020: Advertise the Budget. September 17, 2020: Public Hearing on the Budget. October 1, 2020: Budget Adoption Meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be August 18, 2020. In the future, board meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month.

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 7:30 P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.
