

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
April 11, 2023

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on April 11, 2023 at 5:35 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 Andrea Levi and Beth Terrill.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Andrea Levi, high school science teacher, presented a recent project her class completed with RECN (Rural Early College Network) funds. Her class chose a project pertaining to the first coin operated harp ever invented. This harp was invented in Rising Sun by JD Whitlock. Her class designed a place based learning exhibit for the Ohio County Historical Museum and included Rees Harps in their project.

There were no public comments.

Connie Smith made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of School Calendar Modification. This motion was seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick. Members voted as follows : Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett and Corey Potts.

Gary Kinnett made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2023 meeting as presented, and Andrea Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

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

Mr. Roeder recommended Amy Todd and Jenny Bovard for RSHS Summer School and Barb Smith and Jennifer Mossburger for OCEMS Summer School. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder gave an update on the construction of the new track. He presented a funding resolution and stated that the 1028 Hearing will be held on June 6, 2023. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the resolution, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Bostic is asking to file for a waiver to add a Medical Terminology class and Principles of Healthcare class. The waiver would allow the high school to teach the classes over one semester rather than two and receive the CTE funding for the courses. Jennifer Reed would teach the new classes next year if approved by the Board and the State. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the classes, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented a modification to the 2023-2024 school calendar. On April 8, 2024 there is going to be a full solar eclipse which could cause issues with bussing. Mr. Roeder would like to have an e-learning day to ensure no issues. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the modification, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

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 6:05, P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.
