

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
August 11, 2016

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on August 11, 2016 at 6:40 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Melissa Morris, Corey Potts and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present were Bill Marksberry, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Chandra Mattingley.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the July 14, 2016 meeting were presented. Upon motion by William Hayes and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the minutes as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Melissa Morris, and Corey Potts.

Claims were reviewed, and Mr. Roeder gave an update on balances of all the major accounts. After a brief discussion, upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Melissa Morris to approve the claims as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Melissa Morris, William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented the following resignations:

- Alyssa Cook – Elementary Aide
- Lynne DiMuzio – Art Teacher
- Victoria Mills – High School Math Teacher
- Melissa Mullen – Elementary Teacher
- Darrin Monhollen – High School Business Teacher
- JoAnn Rayls – Custodian
- Paula Warner – High School Special Education Teacher

Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett to accept the resignations, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, William Hayes, Melissa Morris, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended the following personnel to fill the open positions:

- Carrie Barwick – High School Math
- Sierra Collins – Elementary Aide
- Teresa George – High School Special Education Teacher
- Amy Hamrick – Elementary Teacher
- Amber Hannan – Custodian
- Michelle Lowe – Elementary Teacher (Lorie Hayes moved to replace Monhollen)
- Katherine McMonigle – Art Teacher

Upon motion by William Hayes and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – William Hayes, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Melissa Morris, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended David Brown as the new bus driver to replace Bill Marksberry. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, William Hayes, and Corey Potts. Melissa Morris abstained due to Mr. Brown being a family member.

Mr. Roeder presented status quo contracts for teachers, administrators, and bus drivers. After collective bargaining is complete, updated contracts will be presented. Upon motion by Melissa Morris and seconded by Williams Hayes to accept the contracts, members voted as follows: Aye – Melissa Morris, William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended Kevin Wirsch as high school baseball coach. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by William Hayes to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, William Hayes, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts. Abstain – Melissa Morris.

Mr. Roeder recommended Bryce Kendrick as high school softball coach. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by William Hayes to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, Melissa Morris, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended Jason Barth as high school track coach. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by William Hayes to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, William Hayes, Melissa Morris, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended Mike Seipel as high school golf coach. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Melissa Morris to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Melissa Morris, Gary Kinnett, William Hayes, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended Ronna Billingsley as high school cheerleader coach. Upon motion by William Hayes and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Melissa Morris, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended Teresa George and Debbie Cappel as prom sponsors. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Melissa Morris to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Melissa Morris, William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended Carrie Barwick as freshman class sponsor. Upon motion by Melissa Morris and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye –Melissa Morris, Gary Kinnett, William Hayes, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended Andrea Levi as high school academic team sponsor. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Melissa Morris, William Hayes, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended Angie Wilson and Tonia Minks as high school drama club sponsors. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by William Hayes to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, Melissa Morris, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented a maternity leave request from Sheena Graham. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by William Hayes to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, Melissa Morris, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder requested permission to hire a person to fill in for the maternity leave of Sheena Graham. Upon motion by Melissa Morris and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the request, members voted as follows: Aye – Melissa Morris, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, William Hayes, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented the NEOLA Corporation Policy Updates for a second reading. Upon motion by William Hayes and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the policies as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – William Hayes, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Melissa Morris, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended the following dates for the budget calendar.

September 15, 2016, at 6:30 – Public Hearing

September 29, 2016, at 6:30 – Adoption Meeting

Mr. Roeder requested guidance as to having a working session or present an explanation of funds packet reviewing the basic information prior to the meeting. By consensus, the board recommended the packet of information.

Mr. Roeder noted that he should have the tax rate finalized sometime next week and would share the information with the board at that time.

Mr. Roeder informed the board that the ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference is September 26/27. Board members interested in attending should let him know so he can register for the conference and book lodging before all accommodations are filled.

Mr. Roeder presented (4) four options to the 2017-2018 school calendar. After a brief discussion, the options are to be presented to the staff for their input as to which option they would approve and bring that information back to the board. The board requested a parent survey to be taken as to the continuing the two week fall break. It was opted to do the parent survey at the 2017-2018 open house to close the risk of the survey being tampered with.

Mr. Roeder requested that a look-back period be provided for certain circumstances concerning volunteer criminal checks. There are situations where a minor offense may have happened with an individual as a teenager and are still being denied from attending programs as grandparents. After a brief discussion, upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by William Hayes to have a written policy, after being reviewed by the school attorney, covering the requested look-back period, members voted as follows: Aye Connie Smith, William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, Melissa Morris, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder and members of the board recognized the staff members on the setup of this year's open house and bookstore. Everything operated very efficiently Friday evening with a lot of positive comments. The positive atmosphere has been extended into the beginning of school. A lot of positive conversations are coming from students, parents, and staff.

Mr. Roeder noted a middle school volleyball coach will be out for a short period due to an illness. He recommended an hourly rate be set for personnel stepping in to cover in the coach's absence. Upon motion by Melissa Morris and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Melissa Morris, Gary Kinnett, William Hayes, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Board President, Corey Potts, requested Mr. Roeder look into having a paperless registration on the school website to help prevent the amounts of take home forms right at the beginning of school. Another concern was also addressed at the high school level dealing with signing off on different classroom discipline procedures when procedures are outlined in the student handbook. Mr. Roeder noted he would research the situations and report back on any solutions found.

Board Secretary, Connie Smith recognized a high school student who had a photograph make the front cover of a local flyer.

Upon motion by William Hayes and seconded by Connie Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:23, members voted as follows: Aye – William Hayes, Connie Smith, Melissa Morris, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.
