

BOARD MINUTES  
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation  
May 14, 2019

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on May 14, 2019 at 6:35 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Corey Potts, and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present were Jaron Bovard, Alexia Weaver, McKenzie Ferrari, Jessica Dresmann, Anabel Lillie, A.J. Boes, Karen Lovern, DeAnn Lillie, Jane Angst, and Roxanna Ferrari.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Roeder asked for Adoption of the Agenda with one amendment adding the first reading of the Student Handbooks. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the agenda with one amendment, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

The Board invited the High School Academic Team to the meeting to celebrate its recent success. The team had a very successful year and was runner-up at the state level in the Fine Arts category. Members present were Alexia Weaver, McKenzie Ferrari, Jessica Dresmann, Anabel Lillie, A.J. Boes, and sponsor Jaron Bovard.

Minutes for the April 4, 2019 Board Meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole 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 Connie Smith to approve the claims as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended Ana Neves for the Spanish teaching position that is posted. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented the retirement of Karen Sprague, cafeteria co-supervisor, and asked permission to post the position. Corey Potts thanked Mrs. Sprague for her years of service. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Connie Smith to accept the retirement and to post the position, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended Amy Todd for high school summer school and Emily Warner for middle school summer school. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the recommendations, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended the following coaches for the 2019-2020 school year at RSHS:

Rick Scholl – Varsity Boys' Basketball  
Abby Friend – Varsity Girls' Basketball  
Heather Cook and Kalyn Grubbs – Cheerleading

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

Mr. Roeder asked permission from the Board to hire during the summer months without waiting for a board meeting. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the request, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder gave a brief update on textbook rental costs for 2019-2020. He requested that kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade be capped at \$95 unless the student takes a high school class. The new reading series will be charged over a 6-year period. High school students will be charged per class. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve textbook prices for 2109-2020, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder requested that the lunch prices for 2019-2020 remain unchanged. He stated that Aryn Webster is currently in the process of getting an exemption from the state on raising prices. The prices for 2019-2020 will be \$2.55 for preschool – grade 2 and \$2.75 for grades 3 – 12. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the lunch prices for 2019-2020, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented a new McKinney Vento policy for its first reading. This policy provides homeless and/or unaccompanied youth with additional rights. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith to suspend the rules and adopt the policy upon the first reading, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented a resolution to offer the MyChoice program for PERF employees beginning July 1, 2019 for its first reading. This is an optional program to be offered to new PERF employees but is mandatory to be offered to new TRF employees. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to suspend the rules and adopt the policy upon the first reading, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder invited the Board to participate in graduation on June 2 at 2:00 PM. He stated that 17 students will receive a college diploma through Ivy Tech. He also discussed the Southeastern Career Center and stated that next year, we have 75 students signed up to attend the Career Center.

Mr. Roeder gave an energy savings project update. The project is running 1.5 months ahead of schedule.

Mr. Roeder presented the revised teacher evaluation system for its first reading.

Mr. Roeder shared a new promotional flyer that he created for the high school. This flyer will be shared on Facebook and will be placed on a banner in the high school to showcase the different tracks students can take in our high school and the various opportunities currently being offered.

Mr. Roeder stated that summer camp will again be offered free of charge to students in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade this summer.

Mr. Roeder presented the handbooks for both buildings for the first reading and discussed the changes to both.

Mr. Roeder discussed the state run of the budget for the next two years. The state is projecting an increase in enrollment for the next 2 years which would allow the corporation the largest raise to the budget since 2008. Student enrollment will affect this projection.

The Board discussed the next meeting date and decided that there will be no school board meeting in June unless one becomes necessary. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be July 9, 2019 at 6:30 with an executive session at 6:00. Mr. Roeder requested permission for claims to be paid in June as needed. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the request, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, 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 Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

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