

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

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on May 21, 2020 at 7:00 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, and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present was Tim Hillman.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board adopted the agenda by consensus as presented.

The minutes from the March 12, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the minutes as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Connie Smith.

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

Mr. Roeder presented the following resignations/retirements:

Rick Scholl: Varsity Basketball
Carrie Bilodeau: High School Science/BioMed
Tyler Umpleby: Band
Peggy Turner: Cafeteria
Vicky Young: Cafeteria

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

Mr. Roeder discussed the meals that were delivered during the school shutdown due to COVID 19. He stated that several classified staff members helped with the deliveries even though they were already being paid due to the board's motion on March 12th to pay all classified staff during the shutdown. He recommended giving any classified staff members an hour of paid time off for every hour worked delivering meals. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder discussed the fact that many 260 day employees have not been able to use their vacation days due to the shutdown. He recommended granting permission for 260 day employees to carry over any unused vacation days as of July 1, 2020 to the next school year. These days must be used before June 30, 2021. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett.

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

Mr. Roeder presented the 21st Century Grant Budget for 2020-2021. He noted that the grant is again for \$200,000, and the budget is basically the same as last year. The budget includes stipends for Karen Chase, Program Director; Kelli Keith, Financial Director; Branden Roeder, Grant Director; Rita Scudder, Payroll Director; and Becky Brown, Transportation Director. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the 21st Century Grant Budget, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder presented the NEOLA Updates for a first reading. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the first reading, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder presented the OCEMS Handbook and the RSHS Handbook for first readings. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the first readings, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder discussed the school's activities during the COVID 19 Shutdown. The school delivered meals to any student that requested meals as well as to any Ohio County citizen over the age of 65 that requested meals. They delivered the meals each Monday for 8 weeks. Over 310,000 milks were delivered, and over 32,000 meals were delivered. Grants from the Ohio County Community Foundation, The United Way, Ohio County Council and Ohio County Commissioners, the Legion Auxiliary, Richard and Patricia Helton, and Stacy and Stacy Levi helped make this program possible. The school also applied and received a USDA Grant Waiver to be able to fund meals for all students.

Mr. Roeder thanked all teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals for their efforts during e-learning. Teachers and administrators were very busy including contacting parents on a regular basis. Paraprofessionals also helped by delivering lessons to students' homes as well as via Zoom meetings with students. Without such a large effort, e-learning would not have been possible.

Mr. Roeder presented the following tentative dates for school activities. These dates have been tentatively set, but, if things change due to COVID 19, the dates, times, and venues could be subject to change. It is a very fluid situation.

Teacher Parade Around Town: May 22nd
High School Virtual Awards Presentation: May 28th
Ohio County Primary Voting in the High School Gym: June 2nd
Senior Celebratory Parade around Town: June 7th
High School Device Drop-Off/Locker Clean Out: June 4th
Middle School Device Drop-Off/Locker Clean Out: June 18th

Prom: July 17th in the high school gym/After Prom in OCEMS cafeteria
High School Graduation: July 19th in the high school gym
8th Grade Graduation: July 20th

The next school board meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Location to be determined at a later date.

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, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, and Andrea Kirkpatrick.
