

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
May 20, 2021

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on May 20, 2021 at 6:32 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Corey Potts and Superintendent Branden Roeder.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Connie Smith made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, and it was seconded by Gary Kinnett. Members voted as follows: aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

The minutes for April 29, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith and Corey Potts.

Claims were reviewed. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith 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 accepting resignations from Tonya Webb, bus driver; Jennifer Parsons, archery sponsor; and Michelle Lowe, middle school cheer sponsor. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to accept the resignations, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Corey Potts and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder informed the Board of the following personnel transfers:

Jane Angst: Transferring to replace Ronna Billingsley as high school secretary/attendance officer

Sarah Storm: Transferring to replace Jane Angst as OCEMS library aide

Rebecca Lawwill: Transferring to replace Sarah Storm as OCEMS office staff

Mr. Roeder stated that he has posted a cafeteria position to replace Rebecca Lawwill.

Mr. Roeder recommended the following Middle School extracurricular positions for 2021-2022:

Lindsey Merica and Ryleigh McAlister-Middle School Cheer

Dan Mossburger – Middle School Soccer

Erin Gregory and Lindsey Merica – Middle School Volleyball

Mr. Roeder also recommended Jennifer Mossburger and Barb Smith for Middle School Summer School, and Amy Todd and Carol Stapleton for High School Summer School. Jenny Bovard will be the substitute for summer school in both buildings.

Mr. Roeder recommended Katie Petty as a paraprofessional at OCEMS.

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

Mr. Roeder presented the 2021-2022 Student Handbooks for RSHS and OCEMS for a second reading. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the 2021-2022 Student Handbooks, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended textbook fees of \$30 per student for 2021-2022 contingent on federal approval to use CARES Act funds to cover the balance of the cost. If not permitted to use the CARES Act funds for textbook fees, he recommends textbook fees of \$100 per student. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the 2021-2022 textbook fees, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended keeping meal prices the same for 2021-2022. (PS-2 Lunch: \$2.75, 3-12 Lunch: \$3.00, Breakfast: \$1.25) Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented the milk, bread, and food bids that were approved through the Wilson Education Center. The following companies have been awarded the bids: Prairie Farms (milk), Klosterman’s (bread), and B & B Foods (misc). Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the bids through the Wilson Education Center, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder gave a brief recap of the 2020-2021 school year. He stated that even with the COVID –19 challenges, the school still started a swim team, upgraded the classroom locks, upgraded the school Wi-Fi, changed the DLI program to an immersion program, is starting a PreK-3 program, have received hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funds, and have been named an Early College by the state.

Mr. Roeder reviewed some of the projects that will be happening this summer. Those include the new playground at OCEMS, replacement of the servers to upgrade the corporation’s cyber security, replacing old concrete at both buildings, and possibly replacing speakers and sound systems (contingent on CARES Act funding).

The next school board meeting will be June 24th at 6:30.

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 6:50 p.m., members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Corey Potts, Connie Smith, Renee Cole and Andrea Kirkpatrick.

