

BOARD MINUTES  
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation  
December 8, 2016

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on December 8, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Gary Kinnett, Melissa Morris, Connie Smith, Corey Potts, William Hayes and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present were Renee Cole, Tim Hillman, Chandra Mattingley, David Brown, Becky Brown, Scott Webb, Nick Salyers, Terri Salyers, Dustin Tague, Myles Morris, Michaela Smith, Rodney Landwehr, Katie Landwehr, Cecilia Lamberson, Colton Henry, Jacob Grace, Logan Bovard, and Daniel Backus.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the November 17, 2016 board meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Melissa Morris and seconded by Connie Smith, members voted as follows: Aye – Melissa Morris, Connie Smith, William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

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

Mr. Roeder informed the board the cash balance for December for the General Fund was \$442,000 up from \$237,000 in November. There was a brief discuss as to increasing the cash reserve to 15%. It was determined to reach the 10% balance before making any improvements.

Mr. Roeder presented David Brown a plaque recognizing his 30 years as softball coach from 1985 to 2015. Mr. Brown was the first coach of the program. Mr. Roeder stated that a sign will be displayed at the field in Mr. Brown's honor along with his father, the late Butch Brown. The field will be known as the David and Butch Brown Softball Stadium. Upon motion by Melissa Brown and seconded by Connie Smith to approve recognition, members voted as follows: Aye – Melissa Brown, Connie Smith, William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented The Shiner Showcase spotlighting recent field trips, events, programs, and student activities within the school system.

Mr. Roeder requested permission to seek a Project Lead the Way teacher for the 2017-18 school year in the area of Biomed. This will give 4 types of diplomas for the students to seek. Upon motion by William Hayes and seconded by Gary Kinnett to proceed with the PLTW position, members voted as follows: Aye – William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, Melissa Morris, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended a 4% salary increase to the building administrators. 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 presented the Superintendent Contract. Upon motion by William Hayes and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the Superintendent Contract as advertised and with no public comments at the public hearing, members voted as follows: Aye – William Hayes, Connie Smith, Melissa Morris, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended renewing the agreement with Five-Star to continue staff training and collaboration. Upon motion by Melissa Morris and seconded by William Hayes, members voted as follows: Aye – Melissa Morris, William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended the transfer of money from major accounts to the Rainy Day Fund per code as done in the past years. The transfers will not exceed 10% of appropriation. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded Connie Smith to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, William Hayes, Melissa Morris, and Corey Potts.

Board President Corey Potts stated that as board members, it is their responsibility to insure teacher are equipped to teach in the classroom. He recommended the purchase of 16 smart boards for the high school level. This purchase is to include installation and staff training. Upon motion by William Hayes and seconded by Melissa Morris to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – William Hayes, Melissa Morris, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Due to dietary standards, Mr. Potts recommended the removal of the deep fryer in the high school cafeteria. The deep fryer will be sold through a sealed bid process at the next board meeting. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, William Hayes, Melissa Morris, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Potts recommended the purchase of a 4 burner gas stove with oven and a stainless prep table to replace the deep fryer. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Melissa Morris to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Melissa Morris, William Hayes, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Potts recommended paying for all staff to get into athletic events using the Rainy Day Fund to reimburse the Athletic Department. Staff members that have already purchased a pass will be reimbursed for the ticket. The board and superintendent wanted to pass along their appreciation to the staff for their hard work. Upon motion by William Hayes and seconded by Melissa Morris to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: William Hayes, Melissa Morris, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Potts presented a request to check for ideas to encase the CAT 5 cables that are visible in the buildings and labs and to present the ideas at the next board meeting. Mr. Roeder noted someone was scheduled to look into the problem the next morning.

On behalf of the board, Mr. Potts wanted to recognize the support staff for the compassion that is being shown to the students and meeting the basic needs of the students. Their hard work is not going unnoticed.

In order to conduct the first board meeting of 2017 by January 15<sup>th</sup> per state code, the next school board meeting will be held on January 5, 2017. The time is to be determined.

Mr. Potts recognized board members Melissa Morris and William Hayes for their dedication to Rising Sun Schools as their terms end.

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 William Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 5.36 P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, William Hayes, Melissa Morris, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

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