

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
June 8, 2010

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on June 8, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Felix Massey III, Christopher Whitham, Harlan Holt Hoffman, Timothy Elbright, and Superintendent Stephen Patz. Also present were Keith Majewski, Patty Huff, Robert White, Karen Lovern, Bill Marksberry, and Noel Bostic.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for May 11, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Christopher Whitham and seconded by Timothy Elbright to approve the minutes, members voted as follows: Aye – Christopher Whitham, Timothy Elbright, Harlan Holt Hoffman, and Felix Massey III.

Claims were reviewed. After a brief discussion, upon motion by Harlan Holt Hoffman and seconded by Timothy Elbright, members voted as follows : Aye – Christopher Whitham, Harlan Holt Hoffman, Timothy Elbright, and Felix Massey III. Mr. Massey commented at this time that the high school awards ceremony went very well and was well received by the presenters. Mr. Hoffman wanted to make note in the minutes that the School Corporation does monthly business with our local hardware store, Valley Supply.

Mr. Patz presented lists for the 2010-2011 school year for all non-athletic extracurricular positions at the high school and middle school, plus a list of some middle school athletic positions. (Attached) The Superintendent recommended approval of the attached 2010-2011 extracurricular lists. Upon motion by Christopher Whitham and seconded by Harlan Holt Hoffman to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Christopher Whitham, Harlan Holt Hoffman, Timothy Elbright, and Felix Massey III.

The Superintendent presented a letter of resignation from OCEMS cafeteria worker, Janet Henry. She is resigning from a 4-hour position. Mr. Patz recommended accepting the resignation. Upon motion by Timothy Elbright and seconded by Christopher Whitham to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Timothy Elbright, Christopher Whitham, Harlan Holt Hoffman, and Felix Massey III.

Mr. Patz presented a letter of resignation from Kristin Market from the middle school SADD sponsor position. Although this position will not be filled for the 2010-2011 school year, the Superintendent recommended approving the resignation. Upon motion by Christopher Whitham and seconded by Timothy Elbright to accept the resignation, members voted as follows: Aye – Christopher Whitham, Timothy Elbright, Harlan Holt Hoffman, and Felix Massey III.

Mr. Patz presented contracts for administrators, summer school teachers and aides, and summer athletic positions. Upon motion by Harlan Holt Hoffman and seconded by Timothy Elbright to approve the contracts, members voted as follows: Aye – Harlan Holt Hoffman, Timothy Elbright, Christopher Whitham, and Felix Massey III. The members signed the contracts.

The 2010-2011 OCEMS Student Handbook was presented for its second reading. Mr. Patz recommended approval of the handbook. Upon motion by Christopher Whitham and seconded by Harlan Holt Hoffman to approve the handbook, members voted as follows: Christopher Whitham, Harlan Holt Hoffman, Timothy Elbright, and Felix Massey III.

The Superintendent presented the new 401(a) Plan Document for approval. Mr. Patz noted that this plan has been reviewed and approved by Henry Pictor, school attorney. Mr. Patz recommended approval of the plan. Upon motion by Harlan Holt Hoffman and seconded by Christopher Whitham to approve the 401(a) plan document, members voted as follows: Aye – Harlan Holt Hoffman, Christopher Whitham, Timothy Elbright, and Felix Massey III.

The Wellness Policy Update was presented for its second reading. Mr. Patz recommended approval of the update. Upon motion by Harlan Holt Hoffman and seconded by Christopher Whitham to approve the Wellness Policy Update, members voted as follows: Aye – Harlan Holt Hoffman, Christopher Whitham, Timothy Elbright, and Felix Massey III.

Patty Huff was present to discuss the Title I Grant and request approval for the 2010-2011 school year. She stated that the amount is \$105,631.54 but is contingent upon fall test scores, and the School may receive more. The final amount will be available after fall testing. She also noted that a large portion of this grant money is used for teaching assistants and their benefits. Upon motion by Timothy Elbright and seconded by Christopher Whitham to approve the Title I Grant, members voted as follows: Aye – Timothy Elbright, Christopher Whitham, Harlan Holt Hoffman, and Felix Massey III.

At this time, Harlan Holt Hoffman excused himself from the meeting.

Mr. Majewski gave a brief update on the new state immunization guidelines and the schools' progress toward compliance. He stated that the auto-dial system will be utilized for contacting parents of the non-compliant students. There will also be permission forms for shots available at the bookstore this year. Any students whose parent signs the consent form will be given the shots through clinics available at school. Once school begins, all students will have 20 days in which to become compliant with the guidelines.

Mr. Patz gave a brief update on the status of the grant request for the AC/DC program that was presented to the Rising Sun Regional Foundation. He stated that the meeting went well, and that Judge Humphrey, Steve Bradley of the probation department, himself, Mr. Majewski, Miss Huff, and Felix Massey III were present at the meeting. At

this time, it is not known if the school will be granted the funding to continue the ACDC program. The Board, by consensus, stated that if the money is not granted by the Foundation, the school will need to search for other means by which to pay for the program. It was also stated that even if the grant is approved, it will be a one-year grant, and other sources must be found before the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Bostic was present to give a brief AC/DC program update. He stated that the overall number of out-of-school suspensions has decreased at the high school, and that the program has been successful. Miss Huff gave an update on the AC/DC program as used in the middle school. She also said that the program has been successful and seems to deter students from being suspended out-of-school.

Mr. Majewski gave a brief update on the four-year math requirement at the high school. He stated that no students were kept from graduating this year as the result of the requirement, and that more students are enrolled in the higher math courses as a result.

Mr. Bostic gave an update on the Athletic No F policy at the high school. He stated that tutoring is going well, and the students know what to expect if their grades are not above passing. Miss Huff also stated that the program is going well at the elementary-middle school. Mr. Majewski asked the Board if, with the current funding issues, it still wishes for tutoring to begin the second week of school. By consensus, the Board said that tutoring should begin the second week of school is possible.

Bill Marksberry presented a maintenance update. He stated that much emphasis has been given to bus inspection this year due to the date being much earlier. He also said that the elementary-middle school cleaning is progressing, and that the new stalls are being installed in the high school bathrooms.

Mr. Patz gave a brief update on the administration reorganization which will take effect July 1, 2010. He stated that everyone needs to realize that there will be an adjustment period with the reorganization, but issues are being discussed and things are moving along smoothly. There will be a joint meeting of employees of both buildings the first day of school to outline any changes in expectations with the reorganization.

The Superintendent gave an update on the policy manual update. He stated that the actual policies are being kept as similar as possible to present policies. Mr. Patz stated that once the policy manual is completed it will be available online and will be much more accessible everyone than the current manual.

In miscellaneous, Mr. Patz stated that the Corporation's tax check was received today, so there will be no need to request permission to transfer funds at the end of the fiscal year.

He also stated that the state budget meeting is next week, and that "no parking" signs have been purchased for parking along Shiner Boulevard during softball games. A brief discussion was held regarding parking/traffic safety concerns behind the softball field.

Christopher Whitham stated that he has received requests for the strength training position at the high school to be re-instated. He requested that the Superintendent look into the possibility of charging a fee for the use of the weight room next summer that may be used to pay for the strength training coaching position.

Mr. Majewski stated that he is hoping to have a name to present to the Board at the next meeting for the vacated NovaNet teaching assistant position.

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 Christopher Whitham and seconded by Timothy Elbright to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Christopher Whitham, Timothy Elbright, and Felix Massey III.
