

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
March 9, 2010

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on March 9, 2010 at 7:15 P.M. in the Administration Building. Members present were Timothy Elbright, Harlan Holt Hoffman, Corey Potts, Christopher Whitham, Felix Massey III, and Superintendent Stephen Patz. Also present were Gloria Holland, Keith Majewski, Patty Huff, Robert White, Angie Wilson, and Tim Hillman.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the Board reviewed minutes from the February 11 and March 1, 2010 board meetings. Upon motion by Corey Potts and seconded by Christopher Whitham to approve minutes, members voted as follows: Aye – Timothy Elbright, Corey Potts, Harlan Holt Hoffman, Christopher Whitham, and Felix Massey III.

Members of the Board reviewed claims. The Board discussed the Rising Sun Regional Foundation's grant for \$6,026.00 to buy cleaning supplies to help with the H1N1 virus. The grant money has all been expended. Upon motion by Christopher Whitham and seconded by Timothy Elbright, members voted as follows: Aye – Christopher Whitham, Corey Potts, Harlan Holt Hoffman, Timothy Elbright, and Felix Massey III.

Mr. Patz began the personnel portion of the meeting by discussing the summer league fee increase. He stated that due to the higher fee, the program should be self-sufficient this year and not require any general fund money. Due to this, he recommended hiring David Brown for the Summer Playground Director position. Upon motion by Harlan Holt Hoffman to approve the recommendation and seconded by Christopher Whitham, members voted as follows: Aye – Harlan Holt Hoffman, Christopher Whitham, Corey Potts, and Felix Massey III. Nay – Timothy Elbright.

Mr. Patz presented a resignation letter from Irene O'Shaughnessey, high school remedial aide, effective April 9, 2010. The Superintendent recommended accepting the resignation and commented that Ms. O'Shaughnessey has done a nice job. He suggested filling the position with a substitute until the end of the school year. Upon motion by Timothy Elbright and seconded by Harlan Holt Hoffman to accept the resignation, members voted as follows: Aye – Harlan Holt Hoffman, Timothy Elbright, Corey Potts, Christopher Whitham, and Felix Massey III.

The Superintendent recommended hiring Emmanuel Sarikie as the Middle School Boys' Track coach. He stated that Mr. Sarikie was the middle school soccer coach last year and did a nice job with that program. Upon motion by Harlan Holt Hoffman and seconded by Timothy Elbright to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Harlan Holt Hoffman, Timothy Elbright, Corey Potts, and Felix Massey III. Nay – Christopher Whitham.

Mr. Patz presented an Early Retirement Incentive package. (Attached) He stated that the teachers' association has approved the package. There was a brief discussion regarding the package. Upon motion by Corey Potts seconded by Timothy Elbright to approve the package as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Corey Potts, Timothy Elbright, Harlan Holt Hoffman, Christopher Whitham, and Felix Massey III.

The Superintendent gave a brief update on the current budget situation. He stated that the State under-projected the revenue for February by over \$80,000,000. If this continues to happen, it is very concerning. He addressed current rumors regarding future cuts in funding but stated that there has been no information from the State regarding any more cuts in funding. He discussed the recent meeting that was held with teachers regarding possible RIF's, and the procedures that would be followed if they would become necessary. No decisions have been made regarding RIF's at this time due to a lack of information. After it is known how many teachers will retire, more decisions can be discussed.

Mr. Patz gave a brief update on the Southeastern Indiana Insurance Consortium, and the health fair that it sponsored recently. Our school had 57 out of 72 members participate. The screening went well and was free to the participants. Each participant also received a \$25 Wal Mart gift card from the Consortium for attending the screening. This is a step toward over-all wellness, which will hopefully lead to premiums that remain steady.

Mr. Massey asked about the Race to the Top Grant. Mr. Patz stated that Indiana did not make the finals for the grant, so the grant will not be offered in Indiana.

Mr. Massey also asked if we are currently writing a Regional Foundation grant, and Mr. Patz said yes.

The Superintendent stated that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting is April 13, 2010. This meeting is historically the yearly personnel meeting and is usually lengthy. Mr. Patz recommended also meeting on April 12, 2010, at 6:00 pm, to discuss other subject matters. By consensus, the Board scheduled a meeting for April 12, 2010, at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Majewski gave a brief update on the NovaNet credit recovery program. He said that it is going well, and we have had 2 students complete classes in the last week. Currently, there are 6 students participating in the program. They are planning to add 5-6 more students after spring break.

Ms. Holland stated that round 1 of ISTEP testing will be finished on Wednesday, March 10. She said that the math consultant has helped teachers prepare the students, and that she is coming again next week. The Eco 15 grant is helping to pay the expenses.

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 Corey Potts and seconded by Christopher Whitham to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM, members voted as follows: Aye – Harlan Holt Hoffman, Corey Potts, Christopher Whitham, Timothy Elbright, and Felix Massey III.
