

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
May 11, 2010

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on May 11, 2010 at 7:02 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Felix Massey III, Christopher Whitham, Corey Potts, Harlan Holt Hoffman, Timothy Elbright, and Superintendent Stephen Patz. Also present were Keith Majewski, Gloria Holland, Robert White, Karen Lovern, Jamie Works, Tiffany Brown, Leah Hamilton, Lindsey Morano, Kelci Lange, Justin Jaworski, Cheryl Jaworski, Jodi Kendrick, Ryan Kendrick, Peter Ramsey, Matt Becker, Lisa Nobbe, Chris Nobbe, Mike Peters, Shelby Elliott, Rochelle Woodruff, and Doug Baker.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for April 13, 2010 and April 30, 2010 were reviewed. Upon motion by Harlan Holt Hoffman and seconded by Timothy Elbright to approve the minutes, members voted as follows: Aye – Harlan Holt Hoffman, Timothy Elbright, Corey Potts, Christopher Whitham, and Felix Massey III.

Claims were reviewed. After a brief discussion, upon motion by Christopher Whitham and seconded by Corey Potts to approve the claims, members voted as follows: Aye – Christopher Whitham, Corey Potts, Harlan Holt Hoffman, Timothy Elbright, and Felix Massey III.

Mr. Patz recommended Tonia Minks for Middle School Drama for the 2009-2010 school year. Upon motion by Harlan Holt Hoffman and seconded by Christopher Whitham to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Harlan Holt Hoffman, Christopher Whitham, Corey Potts, Timothy Elbright, and Felix Massey.

The Superintendent recommended Noel Bostic as the Head High School Girls Basketball Coach for a two-year contract and Bill Bollier as the Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach for a one-year contract. After a brief discussion, upon motion by Tim Elbright and seconded by Chris Whitham to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Timothy Elbright, Christopher Whitham, Harlan Holt Hoffman, and Felix Massey III

Nay – Corey Potts. Mr. Potts thought it was a conflict for the Athletic Director to hold a coaching position.

Mr. Patz recommended the following summer sport positions:

- Summer Elementary Girls' Basketball – Noel Bostic
- Summer Elementary Boys' Basketball – Jason McDaniel
- Summer Volleyball – Lindsey Merica

Upon motion by Harlan Holt Hoffman and seconded by Christopher Whitham, members voted as follows: Aye – Harlan Holt Hoffman, Christopher Whitham, Timothy Elbright, Corey Potts, and Felix Massey III.

Mr. Patz presented a request for maternity leave from Rachel Sarikie. Mrs. Sarikie's intent is to return October 18, 2010. Upon motion by Corey Potts and seconded by Timothy

Elbright to approve the request, members voted as follows: Aye – Corey Potts, Timothy Elbright, Christopher Whitham, Harlan Holt Hoffman, and Felix Massey III.

The High School Student Handbook was presented for the second reading. There were no changes from the first reading. Upon motion by Christopher Whitham and seconded by Harlan Holt Hoffman to approve the handbook, members voted as follows: Aye – Christopher Whitham, Harlan Holt Hoffman, Timothy Elbright, Corey Potts, and Felix Massey III.

The Bus Driver Handbook was presented for the second reading. It was noted that a change made stating that the Superintendent would determine whether a bus driver would lose his/her bus route if becoming ineligible to drive his/her route due to an invalid CDL license. Upon motion by Timothy Elbright and seconded by Corey Potts to approve the handbook with the change, members voted as follows: Aye – Timothy Elbright, Corey Potts, Harlan Holt Hoffman, Christopher Whitham, and Felix Massey III.

The OCEMS Student Handbook was presented for the 1st reading. Some changes included Mr. Majewski as principal, bus rules, and excessive absences due to head lice being reported to child services. As this was the first reading, no action was taken.

Jamie Works, School Nurse, presented the updated Wellness Policy. Mrs. Works noted that the policy is re-evaluated every three years and awareness to allergies, especially food allergies, was a big change. As this was the first reading, no action was taken.

Mrs. Works presented a Nurses Report. She noted that positive feedback was received on how the H1N1 was handled. There were about two weeks of a high absence rate, approximately 200 students. Communication between the school and the Health Department was vital in the vaccination of 60-65% of school population.

Mrs. Works also noted the immunization changes for the upcoming school year due to state requirements. Students entering grades 6-12 must have documentation of or receive vaccinations for Tetanus, Chicken Pox, and Meningitis within 20 days from the beginning of school. Mrs. Works has sent out multiple notices and with assistance from the Health Department, has held open clinics to meet these requirements. There are approximately 190 students that still need the immunizations or will be excluded from school.

Mrs. Works also reported on the Health & Safety Committee. The committee will begin meeting monthly as compared to a few times a year as in the past. The committee will review high-risk health needs for students and review different emergency situations. In an emergency, all members will be called to the location to take care of the student and make the necessary decisions.

The Board commended Mrs. Works, along with the members of the Health Department, for work on the H1N1 and the Health Fair.

Mr. Patz gave an update on the school budget. Mr. Patz noted that \$263,000 was cut from the 2010 budget but with the changes in place, the budget is stable. He does not expect any additional budget changes until after the election. He will know more at the June budget meeting.

The Superintendent presented information from the State concerning Reasonable Assurance. This is a notice to be sent to all nine-month employees, including contracted teachers and bus drivers, to reasonably assure them of employment for the next year. This process should help the Corporation avoid paying unemployment for the summer months on nine-month employees.

Chris Nobbe was recognized to speak regarding his concerns to the extracurricular cuts to the track program. Mr. Nobbe asked the board to reconsider the cuts and the participation levels that have been mandated. Mr. Nobbe stated that the program had been cut in half, which was unfair and should be spread out more evenly among the other sports. He noted this action was sending a negative message to the students that participate in track. There was discussion on the level of participation, and students not being able to participate in track if they also participate in softball or baseball. The location of the track does not allow the opportunity of revenue as other sports was also discussed. Mr. Massey thanked Mr. Nobbe for coming to present his concerns and stated that his comments will be evaluated.

Mr. Majewski presented a brief outline on the seniors' schedule. The seniors' final grades will be turned in May 25th and be processed on May 26th. Practice for Graduation will be the morning of May 27th with the awards program to be held that afternoon. Since the two-day waiver for seniors is no longer possible, this does give much time to have all grades processed for the afternoon awards program or graduation programs for Sunday. The Graduation programs will just be a general listing of students graduating and any awards that are known at printing time.

Ms. Holland reported that there were 53 students enrolled at the Kindergarten Roundup. There are approximately 20 additional students that usually enroll during the summer for an estimate of 70 Kindergarten students for next year.

Ms. Holland wanted to recognize Jennifer Mossburger, Middle School Language Arts Teacher, for having an article published in a state-wide reading journal.

Mr. Patz wanted to remind the Board of the Regional Foundation meeting on June 3rd at 10:30. This meeting is in regard to the grant request for the AC/DC program. Judge Humphrey will also be attending.

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 8:25 P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Christopher Whitham, Timothy Elbright, Harlan Holt Hoffman, Corey Potts, and Felix Massey III.
