

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
July 9, 2019

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on July 9, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present were Jamie Works, Lindsey Merica, Tim Hillman, Shelia Wilson, Sue Mitchell, and Debbie Brightwell.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Roeder recommended Adoption of the Agenda and the Board agreed by consensus.

Jamie Works and Lindsey Merica provided information about the first 8th grade class trip to Chicago, May 13-16, 2019. 44 students and 17 chaperones went on the trip, and it was a great success. It was noted that if students participate in the fund raising events during the year, they can earn enough money to attend the trip. Fund raising has already begun for the 2020 trip to Chicago. The Board thanked Mrs. Works and Mrs. Merica for their hard work in organizing the trip.

Minutes for the May 14, 2019 Board Meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the minutes as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Andrea Kirkpatrick.

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, and Connie Smith.

The Superintendent recommended the following personnel for OCEMS extracurricular positions for 2019-2020:

Cross Country – Chandra Phillips and Jacey Smith
Soccer – Rusty Walton
6th & 7th Grade Volleyball – Erin Gregory
8th Grade Volleyball – Gina Kremer
7th Grade Girls’ Basketball – Gina Kremer
8th Grade Girls’ Basketball – Jessica Peelman
Cheerleading – Michelle Lowe
Girls’ Track – Aryn Webster
Middle School Softball – Ken DeDreu
7th Grade Boys’ Basketball – Corey Lay

Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to accept the recommendations, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

The Superintendent recommended the following personnel for RSHS extracurricular positions for 2019-2020:

Prom – Teresa George, Deb Cappel
HS SADD – Kevin Wirsch
National Honor Society – Kevin Smith
Freshman Class Sponsor – Carrie Bilodeau
Sophomore Class Sponsor – Christina Rumsey
Choir Director – Angie Wilson
Language Club – Mike Seipel
FCCLA – Tresa Patz
Student Council Advisor – Kevin Smith
Flag Corps Advisor – Jana McKinley
Senior Class Sponsor/Senior Trip – Kevin Smith, Carol Stapleton
Junior Class Sponsor (Entertainment Book/Jr. Concessions)-Carol Stapleton,
Ronna Billingsley
Yearbook Advisor – Carol Stapleton
Band Director – Tyler Umpleby
Letter Winners – Abby Friend
HS Academic Team – Andrea Levi, Jaron Bovard
Science Club – Andrea Levi
HOSA Club – Carrie Bilodeau
Drama Club – Angie Wilson, Tonia Minks
JV Volleyball – Tara Roeder

Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to accept the recommendations, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder presented a maternity leave request from Caitlin Sauerhage. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to accept the leave request, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Gary Kinnett.

The Superintendent presented the resignation as SRO from David Jackson. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the resignation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett. Mr. Roeder noted that Chief Rodney Rimstidt is in the process of securing a replacement for Officer Jackson.

Mr. Roeder recommended David Bowman as the second driver for the Southeastern Career Center bus route. There are over 70 students attending the Career Center this year making a second bus necessary. Mr. Roeder also presented Mr. Bowman's resignation from the head custodian position at OCEMS pending his approval as bus driver to the Career Center. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to accept the recommendation and resignation, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder presented a letter of resignation/retirement from bus driver Linda Powell. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to accept the resignation/retirement,

members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Sonja Southard for the middle school special education teaching position vacated by Corey Lay's move to the high school. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

The Superintendent recommended Rebecca Lawwill for the OCEMS cafeteria position. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett.

The Superintendent recommended Sarah Storm be hired as a paraprofessional at OCEMS. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Amber Hannan for the head custodian position at OCEMS. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Amber Hannan, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Hannah Thayer for the ROD preschool/OCEMS paraprofessional position. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

The Superintendent recommended Dea Wallace for the 2:00-10:00 custodian position at OCEMS. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to accept the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett. Abstain – Connie Smith.

Mr. Roeder recommended that one year be added to all building level administrator contracts. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to accept the recommendation and also add a year to Mr. Roeder's superintendent contract, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder presented the milk and bread bids for the 2019-2020 school year that were awarded by the Wilson Education Center at their May 15, 2019 meeting. The bids were extended for the 4th year to Prairie Farms and Klosterman Bakery. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to accept the bids as presented through the Wilson Education Center, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder presented the updated teacher evaluation tool. He noted that it has been approved by administrators and the teacher union. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the new teacher evaluation, members voted as follows: Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Gary Kinnett.

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

The Superintendent present the 21st Century Grant Budget for 2019-2020 with a few changes from last year. This budget has already been approved by the state. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the 21st Century budget, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder presented Resolution 2019-3 which allows the payment for the new Kubota to come from the Rainy Day Fund. He also asked permission to hold an auction to sell the old Gator which the Kubota replaced. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to adopt the resolution and grant permission to hold an auction for the Gator, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Gary Kinnett.

The Superintendent presented three new policies provided by the Indiana School Board Association: 1) Criminal History Information-Applicants and Contractors, 2) Update the MyChoice Policy, and 3) Teacher Appreciation Grants. No action was taken as this was the first reading.

Mr. Roeder gave an update on the Energy Savings Project.

Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to adopt the following timeline for budget adoption: September 12, 2019: Budget Hearing and October 3, 2019: Budget Adoption, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Gary Kinnett.

The next regular session of the Board of School Trustees will be Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30 PM.

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 Renee Cole to adjourn the meeting at 7:17P.M., members voted as follows: Aye –Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.
