

BOARD MINUTES  
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation  
April 29, 2021

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on April 29, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Corey Potts and Superintendent Branden Roeder.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The adoption of the Agenda was approved.

Mr. Roeder recommended moving the PreK 3 Update to Action Items. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Corey Potts and Connie Smith.

The minutes for March 9, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith and Corey Potts.

Claims were reviewed. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the claims as presented, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Connie Smith and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder recommended accepting the retirements of John Wilber, Rick Works, Sharon Martin and Ronna Billingsley. Also, the resignations of Hannah Thayer, Jana McKinley and Jayme Johnston. The Board thanked them for their service to our school corporation. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to accept the retirement and resignation letters, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Corey Potts and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended hiring Malini Lillie as a 5-hour cafeteria worker, Amy Bailey as a paraprofessional, and Elinor Kelnhofer to replace Tresa Patz as the FACS teacher. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick, members voted as follows: Aye – Corey Potts, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Connie Smith and Andrea Kirkpatrick.

Connie Smith recommended appointing Branden Roeder as Superintendent and OCMS Principal beginning July 1, 2021. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick, members voted as follows: Aye – Corey Potts, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Gary Kinnett and Renee Cole.

Mr. Roeder presented maternity leave requests from Angelica Hopkins and Cassidy Bischoff. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the requests, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Corey Potts, Connie Smith and Andrea Kirkpatrick.

Mr. Roeder recommended the following RSHS Coaches for the summer:

Heather Cook/Kalyn Grubbs – High School Cheer  
Ken DeDreu – Volleyball  
Abby Friend – Girls’ Basketball and Girls’ Strength Training  
Andrea Halloran – Swim  
Robert Kelnhofer – Boys’ Soccer  
Christina Rumsey – Girls’ Soccer  
Caitlin Sauerhage – High School Cross Country  
Brandon Snodgrass – Boys’ Basketball and Boys’ Strength Training  
Megan Volk - Band

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

Mr. Roeder recommended giving five personal days for the May raffle to boost employee morale. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Corey Potts, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended accepting the travel request for the boys’ basketball to travel to Salem, IN and Indiana Wesleyan in June 2021 to play some games. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Corey Potts, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith and Renee Cole.

Mr. Roeder recommended approval of Resolution 2021-6 (attached) which continues background checks for visitors and volunteers but changes the policy as any questionable offense will be approved or denied by the Superintendent. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole, members voted as follows: Aye - Corey Potts, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick and Connie Smith.

The first reading of the 2021-2022 Student Handbook was reviewed.

Mr. Roeder recommended approval of Resolution 2021-7 PreK. (Attached) This resolution states to continue the PreK 4 program and begin the PreK 3 program for the 2021-2022 school year charging parents \$15 per half-day for the PreK 3 program due to budget restraints. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Corey Potts, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder discussed a new dismissal system. It would allow parents to electronically send a change in how their student gets home during the day.

Mr. Roeder discussed CARES Act funding and State budget. There will be three rounds of monies coming from the CARES Act. The State Education Department has monies to distribute to schools over 2 years.

Mr. Roeder discussed the Early College Endorsement at Rising Sun High School.

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 Andrea Kirkpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m., members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Corey Potts, Connie Smith, Renee Cole and Andrea Kirkpatrick.

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