

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
August 12, 2021

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on August 12, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present were Tim Hillman, Beth Terrill, Gene Adams, Gwen Adams, Hazel Jones, Larry Jones, Jay Adams, and Macy Adams.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Andrea Kirkpatrick made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, and it was seconded by Renee Cole. Members voted as follows: aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

The minutes for June 24, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the minutes, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett.

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

The Board honored Mr. Gene Adams for his years of service to the students at OCEMS. Mr. Adams served in many capacities including teacher, coach, assistant principal and athletic director for OCEMS for 31 years. Mr. Adams was instrumental in planning the gym at OCEMS. The gymnasium at OCEMS will be named “Gene Adams Gymnasium” in honor of his years of service. Mr. Adams thanked the Board for the honor. There will be a ceremony at a volleyball game at a later date. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to name the OCEMS gym in Mr. Adams’ honor, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Gary Kinnett.

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

Mr. Roeder recommended Angela Bruns as a paraprofessional. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Ellen Koenig as a paraprofessional. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Kelsey DuVall as a paraprofessional. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Katie Petty as a paraprofessional. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Samantha Mink as a paraprofessional. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Rebecca Lewis as a cafeteria worker. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Dionne Pittenger as a cafeteria worker. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Rachel Ravenscraft as custodian at RSHS. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Samantha Thies as a special education teacher. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Sally Weales as a special education teacher. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick and Gary Kinnett. Nay – Connie Smith.

Mr. Roeder recommended Kasha Howell as a special education teacher. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended John Ryle as a bus driver. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Stefani Courter as a bus driver. Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended Brad Morris as a bus driver filling in for Linda Powell at the contracted daily rate. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder recommended the following for ECA positions:

Lucy Carrigan – 7th grade boys' basketball
Jennifer Reed – 7th grade girls' basketball
Andrea Halloran – Middle school swim
Lindsey Merica, Amberly King, and Jamie Works – 8th grade sponsors
Monica Theunissen – Color guard

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

Mr. Roeder presented the retirement of Teresa George, OCEMS Principal, effective December 17, 2021 as per her retirement letter. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the retirement, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder presented updates to the Noncertified Salary Schedule (On file). Upon motion by Renee Cole and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the updates, members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder asked for permission to post two positions: Speech Language Pathology Assistant and High School Social Worker. Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the request, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder presented the Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) for approval. This is the grant that the State gives for all teachers. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Andrea Kirkpatrick, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Andrea Kirkpatrick, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

Mr. Roeder presented the CARES Act II and CARES Act III grant budgets for approval which included the list of employees receiving the CARES Act II Retention Stipend. (On File) Upon motion by Andrea Kirkpatrick and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the budgets, members voted as follows: Aye – Andrea Kirkpatrick, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Gary Kinnett.

The next school board meeting will be September 16th and will be the Budget Hearing for 2022. September 30th will be the Budget Adoption for 2022.

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 7:20 p.m., members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole Andrea Kirkpatrick, and Gary Kinnett.
