

BOARD MINUTES
Rising Sun-Ohio County Community School Corporation
July 11, 2023

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees was held as advertised on July 11, 2023 at 6:35 P.M. in the administration building. Members present were Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Corey Potts, Renee Cole, and Superintendent Branden Roeder. Also present was Damian Maggos.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Roeder requested the addition of the Rainy Day Resolution to the agenda. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the agenda with the addition, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Renee Cole and Corey Potts.

There were no public comments.

Renee Cole made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2023 meeting as presented, and Connie Smith seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: Aye – Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

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

Mr. Roeder recommended approval of the resignations of Amy Strunk, Megan Gryspeerdt, Doreana Bruegge, and Tracy Stegemiller. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the recommendation, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder informed the Board of two job transfers: Shawna Uhlmansiek to PreK3 lead, Jennifer Works from 4-hour cafeteria worker to 7-hour cook.

Mr. Roeder recommended the following teachers for approval:

Carrie Fisk-4th Grade
Brandon Turner-4th Grade
Kayla Thayer-Intensive Academic Teacher
Alex Courter-Music and Band Teacher

He stated that it has become increasingly hard to find certified teachers. In some cases, there are no applicants who are certified to teach certain positions. All schools in our area are having the same issues.

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

Mr. Roeder recommended the following non-certified employees:

Christy Benz-RSHS paraprofessional

Lanie Brett-4-hour cafeteria worker
Kaitlyn Reed-Paraprofessional

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

Mr. Roeder presented the following for ECA positions for RSHS for 2023-2024:

Prom Sponsors- Christina Rumsey/ Deb Cappel
HS SADD- Kevin Wirsch
National Honor Society- Kevin Smith
Freshmen Class Sponsor- Alex Koons
Sophomore Class Sponsor- Christina Rumsey
Choir Director- Angie Wilson
Language Club- Amanda Sexton
FCCLA- Elinor Kelnhofer
Student Council Advisor- Kevin Smith
Flag Corps Advisor- Shyanne Higham
Senior Class Sponsor/ Senior trip- Kevin Smith, Carol Stapleton, Amy Todd
Junior Class Sponsor (Entertainment Book/ Jr. Concessions)- Andrea Levi
Yearbook Advisor- Carol Stapleton
Band Director- Alex Courter
Letter Winners- Abby Friend
H.S. Academic Team- Andrea Levi and Jaron Bovard
Science Club- Andrea Levi
HS Drama Club- Angie Wilson, Carrie Fisk and Emily Warner
Art Club- Amberly King
Speech and Debate- Kevin Smith

Mr. Roeder recommended the following for ECA positions at OCEMS for 2023-2024:

Band Director-Alex Courter
MS Drama Club-Angie Wilson and Lindsey Merica
MS Academic Coach-Jennifer Mossburger and Lindsey Merica
Art Club-Amberly King
Elementary Running Club-Ashley Bowling
Junior National Honor Society-Jaron Bovard
Elementary Spell Bowl-Jennifer Mossburger
MS Spell Bowl-Lindsey Merica
Lego Robotics-Lindsey Merica

Mr. Roeder recommended the following for OCEMS Athletic positions for 2023-2024:

7th Grade Volleyball-Katie Jackson
Volunteer Soccer-Andrea Kirkpatrick

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

Mr. Roeder opened the 1028 Hearing on the gym, track, and related fields project. With no public comments, the hearing was closed.

Mr. Roeder opened the hearing on the lease for the gym, track and related fields project. With no public comments, the hearing was closed.

Damian Maggos gave a brief presentation explaining the projects and associated taxes and payment plans.

Mr. Roeder presented the 1028 Resolution for approval. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the resolution, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented the Resolution to Execute Amendment to Lease for approval. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the resolution, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, Connie Smith, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented the GO Bonds Resolution for approval. Upon motion by Gary Kinnett and seconded by Connie Smith to approve the Resolution, members voted as follows: Aye – Gary Kinnett, Connie Smith, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented the 2023-2024 curriculum and associated costs for approval. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Renee Cole to approve the curriculum and costs, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Renee Cole, Gary Kinnett, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder presented the NEOLA updates for a first reading. No action was taken.

Mr. Roeder presented Resolution 2023-4 which grants permission for \$445,166.67 to be spent out of Rainy Day for the GO Bond payment. When the tax money is collected in December, this money will be paid back. Upon motion by Connie Smith and seconded by Gary Kinnett to approve the Resolution, members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.

Mr. Roeder invited the Board to the staff pool party on July 20th.

Mr. Roeder gave an update on the summer projects.

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 Gary Kinnett to adjourn the meeting at 7:05, P.M., members voted as follows: Aye – Connie Smith, Gary Kinnett, Renee Cole, and Corey Potts.
