

RUSH COUNTY SCHOOLS
Executive Session
March 1, 2025
Regular School Board Meeting
March 4, 2025

Executive Session An executive session was held at Rushville Elementary School on March 1, 2025 for discussion at 8:10 a.m. with respect to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (9). The Board certifies that no other items were discussed in executive session that adjourned at 1:54 p.m. Jeff Amos was not present.

I. Regular School Board Meeting

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Rush County Schools was held at the Administrative Offices on March 4, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Kevin Banks. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence and reciting of the vision statement. President Banks asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Jeff Edwards made a motion. Mrs. Angie Kuhn seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed. Members present were Addam Carmony, Angie Kuhn, Jeff Edwards, Matt Jones, and Dr. Steve Sickbert. Superintendent Jim Jameson was in attendance. Member, Jeff Amos was absent.

(See Exhibit Number 1 in the March 4, 2025 Minute File)

Public Comment Mr. Jameson stated per Board Policy Madison Newman, RCHS Assistant Cheer Coach has requested to speak. (see attachment)

(See Exhibit Number 2 in the March 4, 2025 Minute File)

Tell Me Something Good Mr. Jameson introduced the Tell Me Something Good portion of the meeting. Each building principal honored a Student and Employee of the Month.
Arlington Elementary: Raelyn Parmerlee, Grade 1; Brianna Saxon, Grade 1
Milroy Elementary: Jody Mahan, Grade 6 ; Abby Herbert, Instructional Asst.
RES: Koltyn Moore, Grade 5; Memphis Laker, Grade 1;
Becky Bosse, STEAM; Kayleigh Gordon, Dean of Students
BRMS- Jacob Harmon & Jayden York, Grade 7; Kent Wise, Social Studies
RCHS- Austin Bousman, Grade 12; Brett Smith, Facility & Maintenance, SPED
RCS- Mindy Heck, Kris Herbert, & Mona Sterwerf- Bus Drivers SPED

(See Exhibit Number 3 in the March 4, 2025 Minute File)

Board Member Comments Jeff Edwards thanked everyone for attending the meeting and investing in RCS students and staff members in our community.
Angie Kuhn mentioned as an IU fan, IU girls and boys basketball recently defeated Purdue.
Addam Carmony enjoyed seeing the honorees' families attend the meeting. Mr. Carmony complimented RCHS Honoree Austin Bousman with kinds words from his wife, RCHS FACS teacher, Jill Carmony.

Matt Jones congratulated the students and staff honorees. Mr. Jones shared Jody Mahan, Milroy student, recently participated in the Elks State Hoop Shoot. Dr. Steve Sickbert stated spring brings a busy time for our students and staff. Dr. Sickert acknowledged Jeff Amos is in Disney World spending time with his family. He also recognized the students and staff members of the month. President Kevin Banks thanked RCS Principals for attending the recent meeting updating the board members on how things are going in their buildings. President Banks acknowledged Austin Bousman as an example of how kids like Austin keep teachers going.

Consent Items Mr. Jameson recommended approval of the following Consent Items which include the minutes of the previous meeting, Revised Personnel Report, Donations, and Claims & Payroll. Angie Kuhn made a motion. Dr. Steve Sickbert seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

(See Exhibit Number 4 in the March 4, 2025 Minute File)

Curricular Materials Request for 2025-2026 School Year Mr. Jameson recommended approval of the adoption of three educational resources for the 2025-2026 school year; Amplify ELA Grade 6, Typing.com Grades K-6 and Studies Weekly (Social Studies) Grades K-6. Dr. Steve Sickbert made a motion. Angie Kuhn seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

(See Exhibit Number 5 in the March 4, 2025 Minute File)

RCS Policy for Meal Charging Procedures and Unpaid Meals Mr. Jameson explained each board member received a copy of the Policy Meal Charging Procedures and Unpaid Meals with language changes from RCS Food Director, Tony Augsburg. Mr. Jeff Edwards made a motion. Angie Kuhn seconded the motion. Discussion included free/reduced lunches, uncollectable meal costs, small claims, and monthly notices being sent out. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

(See Exhibit Number 6 in the March 4, 2025 Minute File)

Important Dates March 24-28 Spring Break (Central Office closed on 3/28/25)
April 3- Regular School Board Meeting **7:00 p.m.**
April 3- Kindergarten Pre-Registration
April 12- RCHS Prom
April 13- Rotary Top 10 Celebration- RCHS 2:00 p.m.
April 21- Make-Up Day

Other Mr. Jameson stated there are no other items for this meeting.

Administrators' Reports Administrators' comments were heard at this time. Grant Peters, Assistant Superintendent, reported annual bus inspections have been completed. Mr. Peters commended bus mechanics, Stan and Jamie for keeping the buses in pristine condition. Mr. Peters shared RCS is hiring bus drivers. He also shared Grounds/Maintenance crews are gearing up for the spring sports season. Mr. Peters stated an intercom/camera system is being finalized at Memorial Gym,

a couple trailers have been rebuilt, and a redesign of HVAC in the Networking room is being looked into for the future.

Julie Cramer, Treasurer, reported all board members were given a monthly financial statement. Mrs. Cramer also reported the Rainy Day Fund monies have been moved to TrustIndiana. Mr. Edwards requested information on HRS.

Pat Anderson, Director of Special Services, reported Unified Champions is planned for May 9th with May 15th being the rain out date. This event takes place at the BRMS track. Mr. Anderson also reported IIEP, state information system, is currently with PCG and will be moving over to PowerSchool next year. This transition will begin this spring and it will sync with Harmony.

Dr. Jennifer Nahlik, Curriculum Coordinator, reported elementary summer school will be from May 27th -June 9th. Summer school enrollment numbers will be gathered after IRead is administered and transportation needs will be determined. Dr. Nahlik has been scheduling summer Professional Development and getting ready for new teacher orientation in August.

Julie Innis, Grant Coordinator, reported RCS has been awarded additional PLTW training grants. Mrs. Innis will visit Batesville schools on April 3rd to see how they have implemented PLTW and gain knowledge on how to use the grant monies wisely. Mrs. Innis is in the process of a Title I amendment and working on state reports. She is also working on a Harmony training this summer for office staff. Mrs. Innis also shared Title IV funds have not been released yet.

Brevin Runnebohm, Corporation Building Tech Coordinator, reported Erate is now closed. The internet service provider has been selected with 3 times more speed at less money with a 5 year contract effective July 1st. Mr. Runnebohm shared student chromebooks have been tightened up to be used for only educational purposes. Mr. Edwards requested an RES renovation update and updating of the RCS website sharing board members contact information.

(See Exhibit Numbers 7 &8 in the March 4, 2025 Minute File)

Adjournment Angie Kuhn made a motion to adjourn. President Banks adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Jon Kevin Banks, President

Jeffry A. Amos, Member

Addam Carmony, Vice President

Jeff Edwards, Member

Angela Kuhn, Secretary

Matthew Jones, Member

Dr. Steve Sickbert, Member