

Rush County Schools Board of Trustees-

Rush County Schools Board of School Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: December 2, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM Regular Meeting

Location: Rush County Schools Administration Building

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board President Kevin Banks at 6:30 PM. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Angie Kuhn to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jeff Amos. Motion passed unanimously.

Attendance: All Present

3. Public Comment

Ms. Velez, had signed up for public comment but was not present when called.

4. Tell Me Something Good- Employee & Student of the Month

- RCHS- Kelley McDermott, Social Studies; Kelsey Morgan, Grade 11
- WCC: Jayden Gorrell, Grade 11
- BRMS- Scott Harpring, Social Studies; Mckinley Morgan, Grade 7
- RES- Eric Harpring, Grade 6/PE; Colt Whitfield, Grade 1
- Milroy- Erica Adams, Cafe Mgr; Forrest Whitehead, Grade 2
- Arlington- Julie Leisure, Grade 1; Karter John, Grade 3
- RCS- Julie Cramer, Corporation Treasurer
- Board Recognition- Dr. Steve Sickbert honored for over 21 years of board service; President Kevin Banks honored for his year of service as the Board President for 2025

5. Board Member Comments

- Jeff Edwards welcomed everyone back from Thanksgiving break. Mr. Edwards congratulated all honorees. He thanked all students and staff for inspiring others and especially thanked Dr. Sickbert for his years of service to RCS. Mr. Edwards asked for continued prayers for teachers Heather and TR Campbell.
- Jeff Amos congratulated all award winners. Mr. Amos thanked Dr. Sickbert for his service to our students and for being a good friend.
- Angie Kuhn agreed with Mr. Jameson's call for no school today due to poor weather conditions. Mrs. Kuhn congratulated all honorees.

- Addam Carmony congratulated all of tonight's recipients. Mr. Carmony thanked Julie Cramer for her efforts. He also thanked Dr. Sickbert for his time on the school board.
- Matt Jones congratulated all honorees. Mr. Jones congratulated Julie Cramer and Eric Harpring. He also thanked Dr. Sickbert for his years of service to the board.
- President Kevin Banks shared Dr. Sickbert encouraged him to become a member of the board. He thanked Dr. Sickbert for his service. President Banks also thanked Julie Cramer for all she does.
- Dr. Sickbert congratulated all of tonight's honorees. He shared Julie Cramer has earned her accolades. Dr. Sickbert has been honored to serve as a board member. He has witnessed many changes throughout the years. Dr. Sickbert has been a strong advocate for Special Needs students. He advised all current and future board members to base decisions on what is best for students in our whole community. Dr. Sickbert thanked his wife, Cindy, for allowing him the time to serve as a board member. He also thanked his family for attending tonight's meeting. Lastly, Dr. Sickbert thanked everyone for allowing him to serve as a public servant.

6. Consent Agenda

Items presented:

- Approval of November board minutes
- Revised Personnel Report
- Out-of-State/ Overnight Field Trips
- Donations totaling \$9,140.75
- Claims & Payroll

Motion made by Dr. Steve Sickbert. Seconded by Angie Kuhn. Motion passed unanimously.

7. 2026-2027 School Calendar

2026–27 school calendar discussion tabled for coordination with neighboring districts and WCC.

Motion to table by Matt Jones. Seconded by Angie Kuhn. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Balancing of Appropriations and Closing 2025 Financial Year

Superintendent Jameson explained that this is a routine year-end procedure to ensure that no fund line item ends in deficit.

Motion made by Dr. Steve Sickbert. Seconded by Addam Carmony. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Pre-Written Claims Through End of December

Approval granted to process necessary payments through year-end. These will be included in the January claims docket.

Motion made by Addam Carmony. Seconded by Angie Kuhn. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Second Reading and Final Approval of Board Policy Updates

Policies approved: C525, D300, F100, F125, F150R, F176, F225, F225R, F250R, F325, F350, G125.

- Discussion included clarifications regarding policy F-350 (Cash Balance and Liquidity) and D-300 (Alcohol Use/CDL Enforcement).

Motion to approve policies as amended by Angie Kuhn. Seconded by Jeff Amos. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Important Upcoming Dates

- December 15 – Board work session at 5:00 PM
- December 19 – Last student day of semester
- January 5 – Teacher workday
- January 6 – Students return
- January 13 – Next regular board meeting at 6:30 PM

12. Administrators' Reports

Operations/ Transportation: Grant Peters, Asst. Superintendent; Update on facility maintenance, current full Custodial staff and Transportation running smoothly.

Treasurer: Julie Cramer, Corporation Treasurer; Strong interest earnings of \$455,000.00 overall and employee benefits/deductions for upcoming year.

Special Education: Pat Anderson, Director of Special Services; Update on Special Ed count day of Dec. 1; appreciation for Dr. Sickbert.

Grants: Julie Innis, Grant Coordinator; Update on grants, end of year reporting and attendance improvement efforts; appreciation for Dr. Sickbert and wished him well on his next journey.

Technology: Brevin Runnebohm, Corporation Building Tech Coordinator; \$7,800 in telecom savings from Spyglass. Software consolidation and infrastructure upgrades planned during break; appreciation for Pat Anderson and Julie Innis for State reporting. Thankful to Dr. Sickbert for his service to the board.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Steve Sickbert. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

John Kevin Banks, President

Jeffry A. Amos, Member

Addam Carmony, Vice- President

Jeff Edwards, Member

Angela Kuhn, Secretary

Matthew Jones, Member

Dr. Steve Sickbert, Member