

RUSH COUNTY SCHOOLS
Regular School Board Meeting
April 2, 2024

Executive Session An executive session was held for discussion at 6:30 p.m. with respect to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (9) The Board certifies that no other items were discussed in executive session that adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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 April 2, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Dr. Steve Sickbert. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence and reciting of the vision statement. Members present were Addam Carmony, Angie Kuhn, Tammy Jackman, Kevin Banks, Jeff Amos, and Ron Lienemann. Superintendent Jim Jameson was in attendance.

(See Exhibit Number 1 in the April 2, 2024 Minute File)

Public Comment Mr. Jameson stated there are no public comments at this time.

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: Kaidyn Wilson, Grade 5; Courtney LaFavers, Kindergarten
Milroy Elementary: Aubriena Wickey, Grade 6; Lisa Wilson, Principal
RES: Huntleigh Crowder, Grade 2; Madelyn Kuhn, Special Education
BRMS- Emily Rouse, Grade 8; Amy Hedrick, Guidance Counselor & Becky Wicker, School Nurse
RCHS- Brittney Mahan, Grade 12; Keith Perin, English
RCS- Tom Owens, RES Custodian

(See Exhibit Number 2 in the April 2, 2024 Minute File)

Board Member Angie Kuhn congratulated all honorees. Mrs. Kuhn is very happy to see her daughter, Madelyn Kuhn succeeding as a RCS teacher. She wished all teachers well going into the last couple of months of school. Mrs. Kuhn hopes everyone enjoys the upcoming eclipse. Ron Lienemann stated it is amazing to see the dedication and hard work our teachers are willing to give to our students. Mr. Lienemann congratulated all who were honored this evening.
Tammy Jackman shared her daughter and a friend had Mr. Perin as a teacher a few years ago. Mrs. Jackman complimented Mr. Perin for teaching his students how to be professional and speak well to others.
Addam Carmony congratulated students and staff this evening. Mr. Carmony acknowledged and thanked all retirees. He also thanked Mr. Peters for doing a great job with staff and for recognizing those that are well deserving.
Kevin Banks shared the same thoughts to everything that was said. Mr. Banks is amazed and proud of our students and staff at RCS. He is very thankful to live in this community.

Jeff Amos congratulated students and thanked parents for their efforts. Mr. Amos recently attended WCC 's National Technical Honor Society induction. He also mentioned three RCS students recently nominated 3 teachers for I-STAR. The teachers recognized were: Pat Haney, Toni Schultz and TR Campbell. Mr. Amos was proud to share 5 out of 7 FFA officers for this district are from our local FFA Chapter.

Consent Items Mr. Jameson recommended approval of the following Consent Items which include the minutes of the previous meeting, Revised Personnel Report, Overnight & Out-of-State Field Trips, Donations and Claims and Payroll. Kevin Banks made a motion. Jeff Amos seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

(See Exhibit Number 3 in the April 2, 2024 Minute File)

Consider for Approval Out-of-District Transfer Numbers Mr. Jameson explained each year state law requires school corporations to post the number of openings for out-of-district transfers. Mr. Jameson reported there are currently 68 out-of-district transfer students. Angie Kuhn made a motion to approve the out-of-district transfer numbers. Tammy Jackman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

(See Exhibit Number 4 in the April 2, 2024 Minute File)

Consider Approval Of Insurance Mr. Jameson requested to approve Assured Partners insurance effective May 1, 2024 through May 1, 2025. The total yearly premium is \$288,428. This coverage includes, but is not limited to: property, workmen's compensation, vehicle, bus and commercial liability. Mr. Jameson stated 2 other companies will be placing bids in the future. Jeff Amos made a motion. Ron Lienemann seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

(See Exhibit Number 5 in the April 2, 2024 Minute File)

Consider Adoption of Resolution to Transfer Funds From Education to Operations Fund Mr. Jameson recommended approval of the Resolution to transfer funds from the Education fund to the Operations Fund. This allows the transfer of up to \$3,000,000 per year. By law, this Resolution has to be passed each year. Kevin Banks made a motion. Tammy Jackman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed. Addam Carmony requested the board be notified if funds are transferred.

(See Exhibit Number 6 in the April 2, 2024 Minute File)

Other Mr. Jameson reminded everyone school will not be in session on Monday, April 8, 2024 due to the solar eclipse. BRMS parking lot will be open for fundraiser purposes.

Important Dates May 7- Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at CO
May 124- Last Student Day
May 27- Memorial Day (Central Office Closed)
May 28- Teacher Record Day
June 2- Graduation at Hinshaw Field at 8:00 p.m.

*Administrators’
Comments*

Administrators’ comments were heard at this time.
Grant Peters reported Bus Driver Appreciation Day is April 23rd. He asked everyone acknowledge the bus drivers for their efforts. Mr. Peters has changed the Annual Bus Safety Meeting to June 6th this year. He reported the Maintenance/Grounds crew has been doing a great job getting our campus ready for spring sports. The custodial staff recently received a new check list to standardize the cleaning process. Mr. Peters gave a shout out again to Tom Owens, Custodian for 42 years of employment at RCS.
Julie Cramer happily reported the audit is complete. Mrs. Cramer gave each member a couple of handouts. The handouts were for Interest Earned and the Bank to Fund Balance Report. President Dr. Sickbert publicly thanked Mrs. Cramer for handling the audit quite well and in a very timely manner.
Pat Anderson reported the 2nd count day for Special Education was on April 1st. As of that date, there was an increase of 20 students giving Special Education a total of 413 students. Mr. Anderson explained this number helps to plan for staffing numbers for next school year. He also gave a reminder of May 2nd for Champions Day which will be held at BRMS.
Nancy Schroeder reported she had spent the day with RCS new Food Service Director, Brandi Crabtree Harris. Mrs. Schroeder has been busy wrapping up grants and hopes for a smooth transition.
Mr. Jameson reported Brevin Runnebohm and Melissa Winkler were not in attendance.

(See Exhibit Numbers 7, 8 & 9 in the April 2, 2024 Minute File)

*Motion to
Adjourn*

Tammy Jackman made a motion to adjourn. President Dr. Sickbert adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Dr. Steve Sickbert, President

Jeffry A. Amos, Member

Jon Kevin Banks, Vice President

Tammy Jackman, Member

Addam Carmony, Secretary

Angela Kuhn, Member

Ron Lienemann, Member