

Rush County Schools Board of Trustees-

Board of School Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

Rushville Consolidated High School- Laughlin Center

Executive Session

An executive session was held at 5:30 p.m. at RCHS Laughlin Center for discussion with respect to:

- A. School Consolidation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (2)
- B. Job performance evaluation, employee specific compensation, or employment matters of individual employees. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (9)
- C. To have communications with an attorney that are subject to the attorney client privilege. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (19)

The executive session adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

I. Call to Order Regular School Board Meeting

Motion by Matt Jones to approve the March 2026 agenda. Seconded by Angie Kuhn. Motion passed unanimously. The vote was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The regular school board meeting was then called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: All members present including Asst. Superintendent Grant Peters and RCS Attorney Amy Mathews.

II. Public Comment

Public comment was heard from the following: Shea Gerrian, Kate Kuhn (declined), Phillip Geise, Lisa Gettinger (declined), Jennifer Teague, Dr. Steve Sickbert (not present), Dr Rob Jackman, John Wilson and Sami DeLey.

III. School Board Business Items

A. Personnel Business

- **Personnel Report**

Jeff Amos requested Personnel Report Item VI. A, 1 be excluded.

Angie Kuhn made a motion to approve the Personnel Report excluding Item VI. A., 1.

Jennifer Bowles seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Angie Kuhn made a motion to approve Personnel Report Item VI. A.,1.

Matt Jones seconded the motion.

Voting: Jeff Amos, nay; Angie Kuhn, aye; Addam Carmony, aye; Matt Jones, aye; Kevin Banks, nay; Jennifer Bowles, aye; Jeff Edwards, aye.

The motion passed.

- **Separation Agreement**

Matt Jones made a motion to approve the Separation Agreement with Mr. Jim Jameson.

Angie Kuhn seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

President Carmony stated Mr. Jim Jameson's resignation was Item VI. A., 1. on the Personnel Report.

- **Interim Superintendent**

Matt Jones made a motion to appoint Mr. Grant Peters as Interim Superintendent.

Jeff Amos seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion of Other Educational uses Of Arlington Elementary

Amy Mathews, RCS Attorney, explained the use of Arlington Elementary School is no longer legally appropriate due to the declining enrollment numbers. Mr. Peters shared Rush County Schools is investigating alternative in-person educational options for students. Arlington will not serve as an elementary school next school year. The following are potential educational use options:

- Home School Alternative
- Neighboring school district looking to service Special Education students in-person.

Mr. Peters also shared revenue will be generated by the new Preschool at RES. At least 40 children have already signed up for preschool for the upcoming school year, however, these students do not count toward the ADM count.

Mr. Peters stated Milroy Elementary will maintain its current format as an elementary school.

IV. Board Member Comments

- Jeff Edwards thanked the community members for helping to educate RCS students. Mr. Edwards also thanked Mr. Peters for his encouragement going forward honestly making hard decisions. He shared his thoughts as board members are striving to make the right decisions for the community going forward.

- Jennifer Bowles thanked Shea Gerrian for her words. Mrs. Bowles also thanked the FFA members for the invitation to the hog roast and dance. She congratulated BRMS NHS students who were recently inducted and Karen Brashaber, RCHS Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Bowles stated SAT testing is complete and IREAD is currently going on. She wished everyone a restful spring break.
 - Kevin Banks thanked RCHS students who voiced their opinions in letters to board members. Mr. Banks suggested another presentation from Policy Analytics would be beneficial in the near future with updated information.
 - Matt Jones thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Jones stressed the board has had to make some very tough decisions recently. He shared Rush County is a great county to live in. Mr. Jones reassured everyone protecting as many jobs as possible is a priority.
 - Angie Kuhn reiterated there are some very good options for alternative educational uses for Arlington Elementary. Mrs. Kuhn attended the hog roast as well. She stressed how the board is trying their best to make the correct decisions going forward.
 - Jeff Amos stated change continues to happen all around us. Mr. Amos shared the board members are trying to do their best and keep people informed as much as possible.
 - President Addam Carmony thanked everyone in attendance. President Carmony agrees everyone has a right to know what is going on. However, he stressed how the board members are taking their time and trying to make the best decisions possible. President Carmony encouraged people to attend future board meetings.
 - Interim Superintendent Grant Peters reinforced Arlington Elementary School will not operate as an elementary school, however, alternative educational student uses are being looked into going into next school year. Mr. Peters also stated Milroy Elementary will continue going forward as an elementary school. Mr. Peters also thanked the school board members for trusting and supporting his decisions.
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V. Consent Items

- Approval of minutes of previous meetings
- Donations
- Claims and Payroll

President Carmony requested all donor names be read aloud.

Angie Kuhn made a motion to approve. Matt Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jennifer Bowles thanked the community members for their donations.

VI. Repurpose of Art Textbooks

BRMS is requesting the repurpose of some dated art textbooks to be used for a secret book box art project. A classroom set of 25 would remain for future use.

Kevin Banks made a motion to approve. Jennifer Bowles seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Board Appointments for Various Civic Organizations

In the next couple of months, various civic organization appointments will be brought before the board for approval. Mr. Peters requested approval of Trena Logan's appointment to the Rushville Public Library Board.

Jeff Edwards made a motion to approve. Kevin Banks seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Important Dates

- March 23-27- Spring Break- Office closed on 3/27/2026
 - April 2- Kindergarten Pre-Registration
 - April 6- Make-Up Day
 - April 11- RCHS Prom at Greensburg
 - April 12- Academic Excellence Banquet- RCHS 2:00 p.m.
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IX. Other

With RCS Corporation Building Tech Coordinator, Brevin Runnebohm's permission, President Addam Carmony shared conversation points they have had within the past couple of weeks regarding technology concerns. President Carmony acknowledged at no time has the RCS Technology team been at fault for causing any type of financial hardship to the corporation. President Carmony and the board members understand how important technology is to the students' needs and appreciate all daily efforts made by the Technology staff.

X. Administrators' Reports

Operations/Transportation: Grant Peters, Interim Superintendent- Grounds crew is getting equipment ready for spring, rain has been a strong concern with over 6" falling within a couple of days and a 2-hour delay was called with respect to students' and bus drivers' safety.

Treasurer: Julie Cramer, Corporation Treasurer- Interest earned February report, State Board of Accounts final exit today went well with minimal findings.

Special Education: Pat Anderson, Director of Special Services- Student testing is underway, special recognition to all teachers and administrators for preparing students for testing, April 1st is count day for Special Education students.

Curriculum: Dr. Jennifer Nahlik, Curriculum Coordinator- Summer School preparation and ordering textbooks for next school year.

Grants: Julie Innis, Grant Coordinator- Reimbursements for February over \$110,000.00 through federal and state grants, planning a TBRI Training for parents, and working with Mr. Anderson on reports related to Special Ed funding.

Technology: Brevin Runnebohm, Corporation Building Tech Coordinator- Continue to work with DOE on state reporting with our current ADM count at 1708, E- rate is 80% subsidized by the government and RCS is required to go with lowest bid on internet connections. RCS Wifi was last updated in 2021. Wifi next generation should be updated every 5-10 years.

XI. Adjournment

Angie Kuhn made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Addam Carmony, President

Jeffry A. Amos, Member

Angela Kuhn, Vice- President

Jon Kevin Banks, Member

Matthew Jones, Secretary

Jennifer Bowles, Member

Jeff Edwards, Member