

**RUSH COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**June 3, 2025**

**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 June 3, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kevin Banks followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and the vision statement. Members present were Jeff Edwards, Angie Kuhn, Addam Carmony, Matt Jones, and Dr. Steve Sickbert. Superintendent Jim Jameson was also present. Member Jeff Amos was absent.  
(See Exhibit Number 1 in the June 3, 2025 Minute File)
- Public Comment* Mr. Jameson stated there are no public comments.
- Introduction of Administrators* Mr. Jameson introduced the new administrative positions based on board approval:  
Mr. Justin Tucker, BRMS Principal and Jennifer Myers, Milroy Elementary Principal.
- Consent Items* Mr. Jameson recommended approval of the Consent Items. These items include approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, Donations, Out- of- State/ Overnight Field Trips and Claims/Payroll. Angie Kuhn made a motion. Dr. Sickbert seconded the motion. Discussion included the reassignment of an Administrator. The vote was in favor 4-1. President Banks abstained. The motion passed.  
(See Exhibit Number 2 in the June 3, 2025 Minute File)
- Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from Trust Indiana to the Education Fund* Mr. Jameson recommended approval of a Resolution to authorize a transfer from the Trust Indiana account to the Education Fund and establish a teacher supplemental payment. Mr. Jameson explained \$150,000.00 of interest income would be transferred from Trust Indiana to the Education Fund for a one-time retention bonus. Each returning RCS certified employee will receive a \$1,000.00 one-time stipend paid on the June 20, 2025 payroll. Matt Jones made a motion. Angie Kuhn seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed. Agenda items B. and C. were combined into one motion and one vote.  
(See Exhibit Number 3 in the June 3, 2025 Minute File)
- Consider Board Approval for Senate Bill 442* Mr. Jameson recommended approval of the Senate Bill 442. He explained this bill was passed into law on May 6, 2025 and must be school board approved by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Jameson shared Girls Inc. has partnered with RCS since 2020 presenting healthy sexuality to grades 4-8. Dr. Sickbert made a motion. Addam Carmony seconded the motion. Discussion included concerns over 6<sup>th</sup> grade students not receiving instruction this school year due to a new program being created for that grade level. Girls Inc. representatives stated grades 4-5 lessons could be shared with grade 6. All voted in favor. The motion passed.  
(See Exhibit Number 4 in the June 3, 2025 Minute File)

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| <i>Consider Request for Authority to Apply for 2025-2026 Federal Programs and Grants</i> | <p>Mr. Jameson requested authority to apply for 2025-2026 Federal Programs and Grants for which Rush County Schools qualify. Dr. Sickbert made a motion. Matt Jones seconded the motion. Mrs. Innis provided the board with a listing of all grants RCS has been awarded this past year. Discussion included applying for the COPS grant which covers stop arm cameras on the buses, upgrade to the camera system at different locations with AI capabilities, and door signage inside and outside for all buildings. All voted in favor. The motion passed.</p> <p>(See Exhibit Number 5 in the June 3, 2025 Minute File)</p>                                                                                                |
| <i>Consider Annual Lease Agreement between RCS and Circle City Fireworks</i>             | <p>Mr. Jameson recommended approval of the lease agreement between RCS and Circle City Fireworks. This is for use of the field north of RES and BRMS for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. Angie Kuhn made a motion. Addam Carmony seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.</p> <p>(See Exhibit Number 6 in the June 3, 2025 Minute File)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Consider Approval of Administrative Raises</i>                                        | <p>Mr. Jameson recommended approval of Administrative raises for the 2025-2026 school year. Each board member received a handout with an outline of the raises. Angie Kuhn made a motion. Matt Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.</p> <p>(See Exhibit Number 7 in the June 3, 2025 Minute File)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>Other</i>                                                                             | <p>Mr. Jameson shared RCS Registration dates. Registration will open on July 16<sup>th</sup>, staff will return to buildings on July 21<sup>st</sup>, and in-person registration will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup>-July 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jameson also shared Jennifer Cain, RCS Head Nurse Annual Health Services report. This report is for information purposes only. No action is needed.</p> <p>(See Exhibit Number 8 in the June 3, 2025 Minute File)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>Important Dates</i>                                                                   | <p>July 8- Regular School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at CO<br/> August 4- Teacher Work Day<br/> Aug. 5 - Teacher Work Day &amp; Regular School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at CO<br/> Aug. 6- First Student Day Grades K-12</p> <p>Mr. Jameson stated Administrators are excused from the monthly board meetings in June and July.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Board Member Comments</i>                                                             | <p>Board member comments were heard at this time.</p> <p>Dr. Steve Sickbert thoroughly enjoyed Unified Champions Day. He thanked Christin Nicholls and all teachers for their efforts with this event.</p> <p>Matt Jones thanked all for the flowers and card during his father's passing.</p> <p>Angie Kuhn recently visited RES. She is amazed how resilient these elementary teachers are with all the moving and shifting during this renovation.</p> <p>Jeff Edwards congratulated the Class of 2025. He shared it was a wonderful celebration. Mr. Edwards stated moving the graduation ceremony to an evening event at Hinshaw field was a great decision!</p> <p>President Kevin Banks did not have any comments.</p> |

*Administrators' Comments*

Administrators' comments were heard at this time.

Mr. Grant Peters asked member Matt Jones to explain the Memorial Gym new floor proposal. Mr. Jones gave details of removing and replacing the 71 year old gym floor. He stated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Memorial Gym is next year. Mr. Jones made a motion to remove and replace the Memorial Gym floor. Dr. Steve Sickbert seconded the motion. Mr. Grant Peters shared the floor has been sanded time and time again leaving dead spots, therefore, it is time to replace the floor. Three quotes were received from three different vendors with the chosen vendor's quote at \$99,300.00. Mr. Peters made a recommendation to remove and replace the Memorial Gym floor as soon as possible. All voted in favor to remove and replace the Memorial Gym floor. The motion passed. Mr. Peters reminded board members the Bus Driver Safety meeting will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> with lunch provided at Central Office.

Mrs. Julie Cramer gave each member a handout of the Interest Earned reflecting the year to date interest earned at approximately \$40,000.00. Mrs. Cramer also gave members the Policy Analytics report looking forward with our financial position. Mr. Jameson stated an investigation is beginning today with an increase in gas and electric utility usage. Mr. Jameson requested board members look over the financial materials given and reach out if they have any questions.

Mrs. Julie Innis reported some grants are closing and other pre applications are being completed for Title funds. Mrs. Innis and Brevin have been working closely together on state reporting which needs to be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. She also reported federal grants do not anticipate changes in future monetary amounts.

Mr. Brevin Runnebohm reported state reporting is going much smoother this year compared to last year. He reported Harmony training will take place in July. Mr. Runnebohm shared Mill Drill will begin running fiber possibly next week from the Administrative Offices to RCHS which will help greatly with the loss of internet service.

Mr. Jameson requested members review the 2025-2026 Handbook changes and contact him by June 20<sup>th</sup> with any questions or concerns.

*Adjournment*

Angie Kuhn made a motion to adjourn. President Kevin Banks adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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Jon Kevin Banks, President

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Jeffry A. Amos, Member

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Addam Carmony, Vice President

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Jeff Edwards, Member

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Angela Kuhn, Secretary

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Matthew Jones, Member

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Dr. Steve Sickbert, Member