

Rush County Schools Board of Trustees-

Board of School Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
RCS Administrative Offices

Executive Session

An executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. on May 12, 2026, at Rush County Schools Administrative Offices for discussion with respect to:

- A. I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (9) Discussion of Personnel
- B. To have communications with an attorney that are subject to the attorney client privilege.
IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (19)

All members were present. Interim Superintendent Grant Peters was also in attendance. The executive session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order Regular School Board Meeting

President Addam Carmony called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. President Carmony asked for a motion to accept the agenda. Kevin Banks made a motion to accept the agenda. Jeff Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Pledge of Allegiance and vision statement were recited with a moment of silence that followed.

Attendance: All members were present including Interim Superintendent Grant Peters

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Reports- Kindergarten Round- Up

- RES 54 new students
- Milroy 23 new students

IV. Board Member Comments

- Matt Jones attended the FFA Banquet. Mr. Jones congratulated Mr. Cook and Mrs. Meek for receiving Honorary FFA Degrees. Mrs. Katy Anderson received the FFA Community Award.
 - Kevin Banks also attended the FFA Banquet. Mr. Banks stressed students need to take advantage of the opportunities they are given. Mr. Banks asked for prayers for families within our district who have recently suffered losses.
 - Jennifer Bowles shared there have been several appreciation events during the months of April and May. Mrs. Bowles thanked all who support RCS families and community. She congratulated this year's retirees. Mrs. Bowles acknowledged the IVY Tech students earning the Indiana College Core and Kate Neuman earning her associate degree. Lastly, Mrs. Bowles congratulated the Class of 2026.
 - Angie Kuhn publicly acknowledged the passing of Anna Jo Richards. Mrs. Kuhn wishes everyone joy the last few days of school before summer break.
 - Jeff Amos was not able to attend the FFA Banquet. Mr. Amos was humbled to receive the Honorary FFA Degree in the past. He congratulated Mr. Cook and Mrs. Meek on receiving their Honorary FFA Degrees. Mr. Amos wished everyone good luck the last few days of school.
 - Jeff Edwards congratulated all award winners and thanked the board members for being involved and attending student events. Mr. Edwards enjoyed attending the RES 6th grade celebration. Mr. Edwards also congratulated Mr. Cook and Mrs. Meek for their honors. He thanked all teachers for investing year after year into RCS students.
 - President Addam Carmony shared the end of the school year is near. He explained it has been a stressful year and thanked everyone for their patience and community feedback. President Carmony shared the board will continue to improve and become even more transparent in the future.
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V. Consent Items

- Approval of minutes of previous meeting
- Revised Personnel Report
- Donations
- Out of State/Overnight Field Trips
- Claims and Payroll

Interim Superintendent Grant Peters shared donor information. A moment of silence was shared in remembrance of retired teacher, Anna Jo Richards.

Interim Superintendent Peters requested to strike Section V., Item A. #1, 2 and 3 from the Revised Personnel Report. Angie Kuhn made a motion to approve the Consent Items as presented and strike Section V. Item A., #1, 2 and 3 on the Revised Personnel Report. Jeff Amos seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Interim Superintendent Peters explained the approved struck items on the Revised Personnel Report were teachers who were going to be included in the RIF process. Each of those teachers will now have a job next school year.

Mrs. Julie Innis and Mr. Pat Anderson were honored for their years of service heading into retirement. Mrs. Crystal Maple was welcomed as the new Director of Special Services.

VI. Consider Approval of Agreement with Head Start

This is an annual approval with Head Start programs at Arlington and Milroy Elementaries. Since Arlington use is still being researched, the final outcome may be impacted. Jeff Amos made a motion to approve. Jeff Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Request for Authority to Advertise and Receive Bids and Quotes for Petroleum Bids for 2026-2027

Keystone is the current vendor for petroleum. This is a yearly process that is compliant by law. Angie Kuhn made a motion to advertise and receive bids for petroleum for 2026-2027. Jennifer Bowles seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Spanish Curriculum Approval

The Spanish curriculum has not been completed on the formal cycle in the past. This approval will get it back on track. Kevin Banks made a motion to approve. Matt Jones seconded the motion. Discussion included paying up front to receive a discount instead of paying on the payment plan. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. High School ELA Curriculum Approval

This ELA curriculum proposal is a little over \$85,000.00 which includes digital and print instruction resources. This is a wise investment in this core area for high school students. Angie Kuhn made a motion. Jennifer Bowles seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Elementary Social Studies Curriculum Approval

Jennifer Nahlik has provided a thorough summation of the resources for elementary Social Studies curriculum. Angie Kuhn made a motion. Jeff Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Compliance with SEA 442

This is an annual review which is required to be publicly approved as a source of curriculum for healthy sexuality. Kayla Schmidt, Director of Community Partnerships with Girls, Inc. has provided thorough lesson plans going forward. Angie Kuhn made a motion to approve. Kevin Banks seconded the motion. Kayla Schmidt acknowledged the RCS partnership with Girls, Inc. which began in 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Transfer of ECA Library Funds from Arlington to Milroy

Transfer of ECA library funds from Arlington Elementary to Milroy Elementary will be used for the same funding purposes, only at a different building. Matt Jones made a motion to approve. Jeff Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Approval of a Revised Bus Driver Handbook

The language revisions involving protocol and response in the event of an accident or a collision with an RCS bus has been clarified to provide a safer scenario for students and bus drivers. Jeff Amos made a motion to approve. Jeff Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Carmony shared a current RCS bus driver/Volunteer Firefighter showed great concern and was very adamant about making these revisions. Interim Superintendent Peters also invited all board members to attend the bus driver safety meeting luncheon on June 4th at Central Office.

XIV. Consideration of Resolution on Future of Arlington Elementary School

Interim Superintendent Peters stated a vote will not be needed at this time on the repurpose of Arlington Elementary School. Research is still ongoing.

Mr. Banks asked if a plan is in place to move materials to other buildings. Interim Superintendent Peters and Mrs. Mastin have met and are working on a google form to share with teachers to move classroom belongings to other buildings throughout the summer.

President Carmony requested a revisit to the alternative uses. Interim Superintendent Peters explained a Micro school would be an In-Person use maintained by an outside source while a Behavioral Center could be used by RCS and as a regional use. Other alternative uses could be for Office Space/Storage. Interim Superintendent Peters stressed the alternative uses need to be thoroughly researched before a decision is made going forward. Jennifer Bowles thanked Mr. Peters for his time investigating all alternative use possibilities. Interim Superintendent Peters shared this has been an incredibly challenging and difficult time for the Arlington Elementary School staff and families.

XV. Other

President Addam Carmony discussed the current increased property tax assessments. This year, RCS corporation lost 7.3% of tax monies earmarked for school funding. President Carmony explained this is a state issue which derived from the Property Tax Relief bill. He reiterated the increased assessments are not the fault of the school corporation. President Carmony urged everyone to speak to their legislators.

XVI. Important Dates

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| 1. May 22 | Last Student Day |
| 2. May 25 | Memorial Day (Central Office Closed) |
| 3. May 26 | Teacher Records Day |
| 4. May 27-June 9 | RES Summer School |
| 5. May 28- July 2 | RCHS Summer School |
| 6. June 7 | Graduation at Hinshaw Field at 8:00 p.m. |
| 7. June 9 | Regular Board Meeting- 7:00 p.m. at CO |
| 8. July 15 | Online registration K-12 |
| 9. July 22-24 | In- Person registration K-12 |

Interim Superintendent Peters congratulated the Class of 2026.

XVII.

Administrators' Reports

Treasurer: Julie Cramer, Corporation Treasurer- Interest earned April report, Bookkeeping attended the IASBO conference this past week

Special Education: Pat Anderson, Director of Special Services- Absent

Curriculum: Dr. Jennifer Nahlik, Curriculum Coordinator- Summer School plans continue, working on Virtual School

Grants: Julie Innis, Grant Coordinator- Absent

Technology: Brevin Runnebohm, Corporation Building Tech Coordinator- Thanked all employees for signing up for 2 Factor to keep our data safe, summer work will involve a lot of repurposing of tech equipment, state reporting going well, following roll over in July set up for Virtual School will begin.

XVIII. Adjournment

Angie Kuhn made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 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