

Rush County Schools Board of Trustees-

Board of School Trustees
Executive Session
May 21, 2026
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
RCS Administrative Offices

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A. I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (9) Discussion of Personnel

All members were present. Interim Superintendent Grant Peters was also in attendance. The executive session adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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A. I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (9) Discussion of Personnel

B. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (19) To have communications with an attorney that are subject to the attorney client privilege.

All members were present. Interim Superintendent Grant Peters was also in attendance. The executive session adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

I. Call to Order Regular School Board Meeting

President Addam Carmony called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. President Carmony asked for a motion to accept the agenda. Kevin Banks made a motion to accept the agenda. Jeff Amos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Pledge of Allegiance and vision statement were recited with a moment of silence that followed.

Attendance: Jeff Edwards was absent. Interim Superintendent Grant Peters was in attendance.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Reports- Coffman Wealth on behalf of Nationwide

- Status update of retirement plan
- Challenges of transition from Corebridge

IV. Consent Items

- Approval of minutes of previous meeting
- Revised Personnel Report
- Donations
- Claims and Payroll

Interim Superintendent Grant Peters shared donor information.

Angie Kuhn made a motion to approve. Matt Jones seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

President Addam Carmony shared Interim Superintendent Grant Peters was approved in the Revised Personnel report as RCS Superintendent. By law, the Superintendent Proposed Contract will be posted for 10 days. A Public Hearing/Board Meeting will be held on June 24, 2026 to vote on the Superintendent Proposed Contract.

V. Approval of RCS Student Handbooks for 2026-2027

Elementary, BRMS, and RCHS Handbook revisions for 2026-2027 were recommended for approval. (see attachments)

A motion to approve elementary, BRMS, and RCHS Handbook revisions was made by Kevin Banks. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Bowles.

Much discussion followed including the enforcement by administration and staff of dress code requirements. Superintendent Peters emphasized administration will consistently enforce the dress code throughout the school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of Civic Board Appointments

The following individuals are recommended for approval of civic board appointments:

Redevelopment Commission: Superintendent, Grant K. Peters

Community Corrections: Superintendent, Grant K. Peters
Rushville Public Library: RCHS Teacher, Amy Fox

Jeff Amos made a motion to approve. Kevin Banks seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Consider Request to Grant Authority to Hire

Superintendent Peters requested the grant of authority to hire with the preparations of starting a new school year.

Angie Kuhn made a motion to approve. Jennifer Bowles seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Consider Request for Authority to Apply for 2026-2027 Federal Programs and Grants for which RCS Qualify

This is an annual request. Dr. Jennifer Nahlik, Curriculum & Grant Coordinator explained various grants have currently been submitted. Dr. Nahlik gave the following information:

- Title I- Funding supports students academically at risk
- Title II- Funding supports educators through professional learning, instructional coaching, retention, and recruitment
- Title III- Funding supports English learners providing instructional resources
- Title IV- Funding supports students mental health services

Matt Jones made a motion to approve. Jeff Amos seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Consider the Annual Lease Agreement between RCS and Circle City Fireworks

The annual lease agreement between RCS and Circle City Fireworks is for the July 4th celebration which is held in the area north of RES.

Angie Kuhn made a motion to approve. Jeff Amos seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

X. First Reading of Spring Board Policy Updates

The following board policies for first reading include: A200, A275, A300, A301, C175, C525, D475-R, F101, F101-R, F125, G325, H125 & H150. No board action is needed.

XI. Resolution to Close Arlington and Repurpose for Central Office and Storage

Superintendent Peters recommended approval of the resolution to close Arlington and repurpose Arlington with the use of 50% of square footage being used for office and storage space. Amy Mathews, school attorney acknowledged while Mr. Peters was researching the school needs in the spring, he strongly identified the need for office and storage space. Superintendent Peters shared the concept of a Behavioral Center at Arlington is still a possibility in the future. Mrs. Mathews confirmed the Behavioral Center student use would be compatible with the office and storage space.

Angie Kuhn made a motion to approve the resolution. Matt Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Other

Superintendent Peters shared information on the air handler at the RCHS Laughlin Center. The unit has failed. Repairing the unit is not financially feasible. RCS has partnered with Trane and requested a quote for replacement. The replacement cost will be estimated between \$250,00.00 - \$270,000.00. This is information only.

XIII. Important Dates

1. July 14 Regular Board Meeting at Central Office- 7:00 p.m.
2. August 3 &4 Teacher Workdays
3. August 5 Students' First Day K-12

Special Board Meeting on June 24, 2026 to approve Proposed Superintendent Contract

XIV. Board Member Comments

- Angie Kuhn wants everyone to enjoy summer break!
- Jeff Amos thanked everyone involved with the graduation ceremony. Mr. Amos congratulated all the RCHS graduates. The Rush County Fair will be coming soon.
- Matt Jones congratulated the Class of 2026. Mr. Jones apologized for not being able to shake all the graduates' hands due to the heat in the gymnasium. He also wished everyone an enjoyable summer.
- Kevin Banks commended the RCHS administration and staff for recognizing the graduating students who had earned at least one college credit. Mr. Banks was very impressed and happy to see by raising the bar these accomplishments are possible.
- Jennifer Bowles thanked everyone who had a hand in the graduation ceremony. Mrs. Bowles congratulated the Class of 2026. She shared this year's graduates had 11 different diploma options. Mrs. Bowles shared her condolences for the Jake Rader family.
- President Addam Carmony did not have any comments.

Administrators' Reports

Superintendent: Grant Peters- Excellent Commencement, Celebrate students throughout the year, Appreciate all who assisted with graduation ceremony, Moving day to/from Arlington June 22nd -25th, Items left at Arlington need to be picked up by July 4th weekend, Online registration for traditional students begins July 15; In-person registration for-traditional students begins on July 22nd.

Treasurer: Julie Cramer, Corporation Treasurer- Interest earned May report, Overall interest earned for the year is over \$129,000.00.

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

Curriculum & Grants: Dr. Jennifer Nahlik, Curriculum & Grant Coordinator- Inventory of new books is ongoing, Appreciate IT & Transportation Depts. for helping with summer school students, Elementary summer school ended today.

Technology: Brevin Runnebohm, Corporation Building Tech Coordinator- Techs are busy with inventory of Chromebooks and annual inventory, Major summer project with new VPN's being issued due to a major firewall cutover is complete, July will be busy with new equipment being installed and handling equipment in/out of Arlington.

XV. Adjournment

Angie Kuhn made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 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