

The Randolph Southern School Corporation Board of School Trustees met for the regular meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021 in the Superintendent's Office Board Room. The following members were present:

Jan Caudle, President
Don Pruitt, Vice President
Tom McFarland, Secretary
Patricia Tillson, Member
Eric Retter, Member

I. DEC 2021

Jan Caudle called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

II. DEC 2021

Eric Retter made a motion to approve the November 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Don Pruitt seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

V. DEC 2021

Pat Tillson moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers November 5, 2021 through December 12, 2021 numbered 952 to 1077 in the amount of \$769,095.64.

November 30, 2021 Cash Balance Education Fund was \$603,411.64. November 30, 2021 Operations Fund \$196,962.48. Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.A.50 DEC 2021

Don Pruitt made a motion to approve the Superintendent requests for the Treasurer to make year-end transfers within each fund so that no line item has a negative balance. Tom McFarland seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

VI.A.51 DEC 2021

Pat Tillson made a motion to approve the Superintendent requests to Pay Accounts Payable Vouchers prior to December 31, 2021. (A separate docket will be presented for board approval on January 10, 2022). Tom McFarland seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

VI.A.52 DEC 2021

Eric Retter made a motion to approve the recommendation to transfer up to \$50,000 from the Operations Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Dr. Bowsman stated that we will first prioritize remaining funds towards building needs, repairs, and projects such as a new bus, new trophy case, weight room equipment or band equipment. Central Office will not know the exact amount until the books are closed on December 31, 2021. Don Pruitt seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.A.53 DEC 2021

Tom McFarland made a motion to approve the recommendation for approval of the Continuing Disclosure Review contract agreement between Ice Miller and RSSC for the 2009 and 2019 Bond. The fee is \$585.00 per Bond or \$1170.00 for the calendar year 2022. Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.A.54 DEC 2021

Pat Tillson made a motion to approve the East Central Indiana Gas Consortium (ECINGC) Recommendation. On October 26, 2021, Maverick Energy Consultants recommended the ECINGC purchase natural gas on the market at a set price of \$3.36 per BTU from April 2025 to March 2027. The consortium is hedging 50% of gas consumption for those periods. The consultants also recommended ECINGC purchase 25% for November through March of 2021-2022, 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 at \$2.73, \$2.70, \$2.70, and \$2.87 respectively. The market has been unstable with changes in demand and drilling capabilities over the last 10-months. Energy market charts were included in board packets. Dr. Bowsman stated that RSSC is a member of the cooperative with forty (40) member schools. Dr. Bowsman added the November gas bill doubled and would get worse if we have a cold winter. Tom McFarland seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

VI.B.12 DEC 2021

Pat Tillson made a motion to approve the following Personnel items as presented:

1. Resignation from Amber Buchs as bus driver effective December 17, 2021. Mrs. Buchs last day was November 30.
2. Resignation from Amber Buchs as cafeteria worker effective December 17, 2021. Mrs. Buchs last day was November 30.
3. Tammy Clements to be paid per contract for AP Economics incentive.
4. Resignation from Anna Cross as cafeteria worker effective December 17, 2021.

5. Colton Fisher as the Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.
6. Zoe Fisher as the Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.
7. Roger McReynolds as the Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. Jennifer Nyquist to move from a cafeteria substitute position to a permanent position effective December 6, 2021. Jennifer will work 2.5 hours per day at the rate of \$10.47 per hour.
9. Joe Stuckey as Bus Driver at \$19.36 per hour.
10. Terry White as Assistant Maintenance Director at \$20.00 per hour. Mr. White will be a full time 12 month employee. He is a graduate of Ivy Tech with mechanical, HVAC, electrical, and plumbing experience.

Don Pruitt seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

VI.C.10 DEC 2021

1. Eric Retter made a motion to approve the Fundraising Financial report for Girls Basketball to sell breakfast items at the RS Cross Country Invitational on September 11, 2021. The funds raised will be used for the Girl's Basketball program. Anticipated income: \$200.00. Actual Income: \$172.00 Contact person: Jeremy Stephan. Tom McFarland seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.
2. Eric Retter made a motion to approve the Fundraising Financial Report for Ghostbusters Incentive Program request to sell Rebel Wear from October 1, 2021 through October 19, 2021. The funds raised will be used for student incentives. Anticipated income: \$200.00. Actual Income: \$661.00. Contact person: Lauren Day. Mr. Mangus added the Program was made up of a team of teachers and the incentives were used for good grades and attendance. Don Pruitt seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.
3. Pat Tillson made a motion to approve the Fundraising Financial report for the Prom Committee which held a fundraiser by placing flamingos in yards around the community and had them pay to be removed, October 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021. Funds will be used to buy Prom supplies. Anticipated Income: \$200.00. Actual Income: \$516.00. Contact person: Jeremy Stephan.

Tom McFarland seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

VI.D.4 DEC 2021

Don Pruitt made a motion to approve the facility use request for the Lynn Lions Club Annual Toy Show on January 23, 2022 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with set up beginning on January 22, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm in Elementary gym, hallways and High School cafeteria. Finish set up on January 23, 2022 from 6:00 am to 9:00 am and tear down from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. There will be a \$2.00 admission charge. Contact Person: Jordan Austin. Eric Retter seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

VI.E.3 DEC 2021

Pat Tillson made a motion to approve Mr. Mangus and Ms. Clements request for the Junior and Senior class trip to travel out of state to Gatlinburg Tennessee and St. Augustine Florida from April 1st - April 6th 2022. The classes will be visiting the Smoky Mountain National Park, St. Augustine Lighthouse and oldest city in the United States, St. Augustine Florida. This trip is a part of the Social Studies curriculum and is a good opportunity for students to visit real history. Contact Person: Tamra Clements. Eric Retter seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

VI.G.5 DEC 2021

Don Pruitt made a motion to approve the Updated Neola Policy (First Reading). Neola submitted the following updated Board Policies for approval. Dr. Bowsman has reviewed and changed policies as recommended.

0167.3,1220,1520,2262,2370.03,2603,3120.08,4120.08,8455,3120.11,3214,4214
,3220,5113.02,5340.01,5460,5540,5722,6105,6114,6220,6230,7300,7310,7450,7
540.03,7540.04,8305,8600.

Dr. Bowsman highlighted some of the updates by discussing board policy 5722, which stated the content posted on the school platform by the students needs to be carefully monitored. He added they were free to post what they wanted from their own personal media platform. Dr. Bowsman also discussed some of the rules changing at board meetings from the state legislature promoting public participation and input. Eric Retter seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

VI.J.6 DEC 2021

Eric Retter made a motion to approve the recommendation and approval for the Winchester Phi Delta to deliver coats, hats, gloves, underwear and socks on Friday, December 10, 2021 between 10:30 and 11:00. Mr. Allen added that the donations

were given to the school not individuals. If a child was in need or has an accident while at school they would have extras to give them. Pat Tillson seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

VII. A.12 DEC 2021

Dr. Bowsman reported Summer School Reimbursement from the IDOE was \$3,733.36. RSSC expended \$6,070.76 with RSE inquiring \$2,930.71 and RSHS inquiring \$3,140.05

Dr. Bowsman reported RSSC received the 1782 budget order on 11/30/21. The Assessed Value went up by \$10,636,193 from \$176,978,730 to \$187,614,923. It appears that some personal property assessment came back onto the tax rolls and the assessment of farm ground assessed based upon production went up. The tax rate decreased from \$0.8871 to \$0.8744. The decrease is due to lower Debt Service payments and assessed value going up. The Max Levy is \$1,193,709 and the school corporation was approved for \$1,193,564.

Education Fund:	\$2,974,734
Operations Fund:	\$1,802,627
Debt Service Fund:	\$503,788
Rainy Day:	\$300,000

Dr. Bowsman reported RSSC will pay the following bond payments on December 31, 2021:

2019 Bond payment of \$197,000.00
2009 Bond payment of \$188,625.00
Encumber \$18,900.00 for bus rental lease payment

Dr. Bowsman stated the Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) funds of \$17,874.81 were distributed by the IDOE. The final amount was \$38.19 per student. 11 highly effective teachers will receive \$726.61 and 17 effective teachers will receive \$581.29. FICA, MED, TRF, and 401A will be subtracted from the amounts distributed. Administrators that worked at RSSC in 2020-21 will receive an equal stipend proportion based upon their evaluation rating. These distributions are separate from TAG funds. Distribution occurred on December 7, 2021. Dr. Bowsman added that Union Schools received \$227,092.28, Monroe Central received \$39,294.74, Randolph Central received \$48,959.84, and Randolph Eastern received \$31,607.46.

Dr. Bowsman was proud to announce RSSC met special education compliance for the 2020-2021 school year. He congratulated the special education teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and teachers.

Dr. Bowsman discussed the school corporation's contact tracing and quarantining of students and staff per Governor Holcomb's Executive Order and Indiana Department of Health Department protocols. Quarantined students can receive instruction and participate with live instruction via Google Hangouts. RSSC is still providing hot spots for students and the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) grant is assisting with costs incurred by the school corporation. Masks are still optional at this point but may be implemented in the future due to quarantine guidelines. Dr. Bowsman spoke with Dr. Sowinski (Randolph County Health Doctor) and the Randolph County COVID-19 map shows the area is full of the Delta variant. Dr. Sowinski stated that most of the sickness and hospitalization are from folks that are unvaccinated. RSSC is trying to keep kids in school, but increased staff shortages due to the virus may force our school district to go to e-Learning.

Dr. Bowsman reported The Extended Learning Center construction bid advertisement posted in the Winchester News Gazette and Muncie Star Press on December 1. Bids will be accepted on December 21 by 2:00 p.m. A pre-bid meeting for contractors occurred on December 9 at 10:00 a.m. with seven (7) prospective contractors attended. Dr. Bowsman added a problem may occur with increased material costs and supply/demand. Construction should begin in the Spring of 2022. Dr. Bowsman discussed the comparison of HVAC electric verses gas for the center. The comparison showed it would take 50 years to payoff with the monthly savings for natural gas at the current pricing.

Dr. Bowsman also discussed an issue with spoiled milk and expired date condiment packages being served at lunch. A parent spoke to Dr. Bowsman and he reported that he has spoken with Jena Marquis (Cafeteria Director) about the issue. Mrs. Marquis stated that she misread the expired dates on the packages prior to serving. Dr. Bowsman also added that he eats school lunch almost every day and he has also received a spoiled milk carton once in awhile. Dr. Bowsman advised Mrs. Marquis to reach out to the vendor to find out why RSSC is receiving spoiled milk or if the issue is with the milk coolers being utilized. He also added that the school corporation may need to look into purchasing different coolers that automatically close doors so they aren't being left open for long periods of time.

VIII. A.12 DEC 2021

Elementary Principal, Daniel Allen, reported on the following items:

Mr. Allen reported RSE was seeing a big increase in sickness and that we were "under attack" from the coronavirus. He discussed that RSE had to cancel the Christmas Program because there wasn't enough room for people to spread out and be socially distanced. Mr. Allen added the program director had also tested positive and was out of school so they were looking to reschedule sometime in the spring. Mr. Allen also reported RSE had to cancel the ECI league due to sickness for two weeks.

Mr. Allen discussed the elementary purchased a new license through the Learning A-Z and the ReadyRosie programs from the Title III Consortium. Mr. Allen stated that RSSC received a grant to provide emotional support and counseling for grades 5-8. He and Mr. Mangus met with the Bolling Center to discuss services. They also were meeting with Ball State counseling later in the week. They are also working to get free tutoring worked out through IU East next semester.

VIII. B.12 DEC 2021

Mr. Mangus reported on the following items:

Mr. Mangus discussed how COVID-19 has affected the teaching staff and wanted to take a minute to discuss how everyone at RSHS has come together, stepped up, and filled in whenever needed to keep school in session. He thanked Amanda Shinn, Kyle Good, Mrs. Chase, and the paraprofessionals for working extra. Further, he thanked Laura McReynolds and Katey Bebout in the High School office for running study halls and filling in. Mr. Mangus stated Nick Pruitt has come in everyday and asked "what do you need me to do?" Janet Caudle added, "That's the beauty of a small school, everyone steps up." Pat Tillson also added, "It makes a difference that the kids are in school."

Mr. Mangus added he loved what he saw with the SAT's and wanted to applaud the teachers.

Mr. Mangus also reported that the Varsity Wrestling was underway with Tyler Fink going 5-0 in his first meet this year. He also wanted to congratulate Olivia Keesling for her first team All-State for Class 1A in Cross Country.

X. DEC 2021

There were no patron comments.

XI. DEC 2021

Tom McFarland stated he hoped COVID-19 didn't get more serious and sometimes you can side step and sometimes it hits you in the nose."

Pat Tillson wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Eric Retter stated "God help us get through this pandemic and keep the kids in the building. Get healthy and rested."

XII. DEC 2021

Pat Tillson made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM. Don Pruitt seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:30 PM, in the Superintendent's Office Board Room.

Donald L. Pruitt
Patricia Tillson
Jane M. Cudde

Don E. Pruitt
Eric Tera

Persons Attending: Daniel Allen, Donnie Bowsman, Cindee Cowen, Amanda Bragg, Heather Good, Crystle Austin, and Robert Mangus.