

ROSSVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL 8, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.

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Call to Order
Mr. Hufford



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Spotlight James Whitcomb Riley Poem Winners



Little Orphant Annie
Rylynn Maish

The Ole Hay-Mow
Denver Mackey

Granny
Alexis Simons

The Raggedy Man
Gideon Prather

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Public Comments (Section 1300 - Meetings)

- This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation's business.
- A handout of the agenda items to be presented to the Board was available at the sign-in table for patrons to review.
- A registration form was provided at the sign-in table for patrons who wanted to address the Board. Public participation in the public comment section of the meeting is permitted.
- Registration is required if you wish to speak. You will be allowed three (3) minutes and must preface your comments with your name, address, and group affiliation, if any.
- The Board has established specific rules to guide the presiding officer. Those rules were outlined on the registration form and will be followed.

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Approval of Minutes Consideration of Claims & Payroll

★ March 4, 2025 Regular Session

- ★ Board members received the claims docket, payroll claims, and minutes in advance of the meeting.
- ★ Fund and bank reports were supplied for review.
 - Members were asked to contact Dr. Hanna with individual items for which they had questions.

Motion made to approve the minutes, claims, and payrolls as presented.

Motion by: Nathan Root 2nd by: Jentry Pendleton

Motion Passed: Hufford, Root, Pendleton, Michael



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New Business – Personnel Item Consideration of Resignation

- ★ Evan North has submitted his resignation as a Teacher effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
- ★ Gabrielle Hamilton has submitted her resignation as the CCJS Administrative Assistant effective May 22, 2025.
- ★ Wes Nagle has submitted his resignation as the Varsity Track & Field Assistant Coach.



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New Business – Personnel Item

Consideration of Appointments

- ☆ Mr. Hammons is recommending Mr. Sam Blackburn as a substitute teacher for the district.
- ☆ Mr. Dennison is recommending Ms. Megan Arnone as a substitute teacher for Rossville Schools.
- ☆ Mr. Feagans has requested a teacher be hired for up to six (6) hours per week for an extended school year for a fifth-grade student, pursuant to a case conference committee determination.



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New Business – Personnel Item

Consideration of Appointments

Mr. Burkle is recommending the following coaches for the Spring 2025 season:

Girls Tennis

Judy Homco – Varsity Head Coach

Brad Mohler – Volunteer Asst. Coach

Nate Burkle – Volunteer Asst. Coach

Track & Field

Thomas St. Myer – Volunteer MS/HS Asst. Coach

Motion made to approve the personnel items as presented

Motion by: Jentry Pendleton 2nd by: Brent Michael

Motion Passed: Hufford, Root, Pendleton, Michael



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Action Item – Policy Items

Consideration of Update to Policy Manual

- The Rossville Consolidated School District Board of Education serves as the governing body for the district.
- A primary responsibility of the Board is to create policies that provide guidance for the district's administrative staff in the operation of the district.
- To maintain relevance and currency, the Board regularly reviews and updates its policies.
- Rossville Schools actively engages in a comprehensive policy program in collaboration with the Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA).



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New Business – Policy Items

Consideration of Policy

First Read Policies:

- ☆ SECTION 2730 – POSSESSING FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY...REVISED
- ☆ SECTION 4420 – POLICE RELATIONS.....NEW
- ☆ SECTION 5105 – VIRTUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.....REVISED
- ☆ SECTION 8521 – CIVILITY AND DECORUM POLICY.....NEW



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New Business – Policy Items Consideration of Policy

Second Read Policies:

- ☆ SECTION 3210 – USE OF EQUIPMENT.....NEW
- ☆ SECTION 4401 – STUDENT SEARCHES.....REVIEWED

Motion made to approve the policy items as presented

Motion by: Brent Michael 2nd by: Jentry Pendleton
Motion Passed: Hufford, Root, Pendleton, Michael



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New Business – Financial Item Audit Results

- The District ended an audit conducted at the direction of the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) performed by Crowe LLP.
- The audit period was from July 2022 – June 2024.
- The **final** Audit Reports are presented to the board as an informational item.
- The audit reports have been posted to the State and District's websites.



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New Business – Financial Item

Consideration of Indiana Online Academy

Rossville Elementary, Middle, and Senior High School plan to continue a partnership with Indiana Online Academy (IOA) for the 2025–26 school year.

Currently, IOA supports our Rossville Virtual Academy students, offering a well-established online learning platform.

Through this partnership, our students have access to licensed teachers who specialize in online education.

Dr. Hanna is recommending continuing with this partnership.



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New Business – Financial Item

Consideration of Clinton County Jt. Services Agreement

Dr. Hanna is recommending clarifying wording to Article VII of the Joint Service Agreement of the Clinton County Joint Services. This contract runs from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2029.

Each Participating Corporation will assume financial responsibility for legal fees associated with the retention of legal counsel for legal guidance and/or representation for matters and/or all due process proceedings related to the Participating Corporation's students, including but not limited to insurance deductibles, all hearing costs, hearing officer expenses, costs of defending the Cooperative Program, parent attorney fees, if awarded, and other related costs.

The Cooperative will assume financial responsibility for legal costs associated with personnel matters involving a Joint Services employee and will accept the legal cost of Corporation employees in executing their duties for the Cooperative.



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New Business – Financial Item Consideration of Track Resurfacing

Last fall, Mr. Burkle advised Dr. Hanna of the deteriorating condition of our outdoor track. Industry standards recommend that tracks be resurfaced approximately every eight to fifteen years, depending on several factors—one of the most significant being weather. Prolonged exposure to strong UV rays can accelerate surface degradation and compromise the usability of the track.

At the December 3, 2024, Board of Education meeting informational items were presented to advise the board of the need for track resurfacing.

Dr. Hanna contacted Mike Roberts from Tecton Construction Management to help develop a comprehensive plan of action. Tecton has thoroughly investigated the issue and proposed a solution that involves milling the current surface, adding a 1.5-inch layer of asphalt, and resurfacing with a rubberized top layer. This plan also includes critical improvements to the long and high jump areas, which are currently in very poor condition. Additionally, installing a pole vault area is part of the proposal.



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New Business – Financial Item Consideration of Track Resurfacing

The total cost of the proposed renovation project is \$228,658.50, including a \$25,000 contingency. Rossville Schools does not have sufficient funds in the Operations Fund to cover this expense. While the use of a General Obligation bond could be considered, this is not the best course of action at this time as it is anticipated more critical capital needs in the future will warrant the use of those funds.

Dr. Hanna is recommending using Rainy Day funds to finance the project due to the scope and urgency of the project, as well as the long-term benefit to our students and athletic programs. Dr. Hanna believe this is the most fiscally prudent and responsible option.

Proposed Budget:

Asphalt	\$84,237.50
Track Surface	\$95,494.00
General Conditions	\$5,500.00
Contingency	\$25,000.00
Tecton Const. Mgmt	\$18,427.00



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New Business – Financial Item Consideration of Preschool Fees

Mr. Dennison is recommending continuing the Preschool program for students ages 3-5, with the following changes to cost for the 2025-2026 school year:

Student Age	# of Days per week	2024-2025 Cost	2025-2026 Cost
4-5 Year Olds/2 nd year in the program	5 days per week	\$400.00	\$425.00
3 – 4 Year Olds/1 st year In the program	3 days per week	\$250.00	\$275.00



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New Business – Financial Item Consideration of Preschool Fees

In addition to the increase cost of each of the Preschool program fees, Dr. Hanna is recommending the following additional fees:

Application fee of \$50.00 for all new applicants to the program.

Payments are due on the first of the month for the following month. If payment is not received within five-business days a \$25.00 fee will be accessed.

If a payment on the student's account is not received within ten-business days from the due date, the student will be removed from the program.



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New Business – Financial Item

Consideration of Donations

- ☆ The Rossville FFA has received a donation of \$300 from Gary and Brenda Spray.
- ☆ An anonymous community member donated a saxophone and clarinet to the Band program.
- ☆ Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Conklin donated a Rifton Pacer Medium Size Gait Trainer to the District for students who might benefit from its use. The estimated value of the chair is \$999.00 and is in good standing.

Motion made to approve the financial items as presented

Motion by: Nathan Root 2nd by: Brent Michael

Motion Passed: Hufford, Root, Pendleton, Michael



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New Business – Miscellaneous Item

Consideration of Use of School Buses

- Mr. Dennison has advised the Parent Advisory Council's Grandparents' Day event originally scheduled on a Saturday, has been moved to Friday, May 9, 2025.
- Due to the event being held on a school day, arrangements have been made for overflow parking at the Rossville Methodist and Presbyterian churches.
- Mr. Dennison is requesting the use of buses to shuttle people to and from the school.
- Dr. Hanna is recommending approval.



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Action Item – Miscellaneous Item

Consideration of Athletic Camps

- Mr. Burkle is requesting approval for the following athletic camp:

Mini - Volleyball – April 1-3, after school,
Pre-K – 3rd, \$40

- Dr. Hanna recommends retroactive approval.



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Action Item – Miscellaneous Item

Consideration of Online Payment System

- The Athletic Department has been using Eventlink (or it's alias), as a scheduling tool since 2013.
- Approximately three (3) years ago Eventlink introduced an Online Payment System for payment of athletic workers.
- The State Board of Accounts has guidance stating that they will not take audit exception to schools using an online payment system to pay athletic officials, if the board approves the use of the online payment system by board resolution and noted in the minutes.
- A resolution for the use of an online payment system along with a current Eventlink contract has been provided for review.



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Action Item – Miscellaneous Item Declaration of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment

- The City of Frankfort trade the District a 2015 Ford Explorer SUV for a 2010 GMC Cutaway Bus for use in training drills.
- In the fall of 2024, the City of Frankfort returned the bus and the title for the district to dispose of.
- The bus has been sold to Taylor School Corporation for \$1,000.



INFORMATIONAL ITEM



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Action Item – Miscellaneous Item Declaration of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment

- Rossville Consolidated School District has a variety of equipment that is no longer in use and should be declared surplus or of no value.
- Surplus/obsolete equipment will be disposed of according to Indiana Law.
- A list of the surplus equipment items has been provided to the Board for consideration.

Motion made to approve the miscellaneous items as presented

Motion by: Jentry Pendleton 2nd by: Brent Michael

Motion Passed: Hufford, Root, Pendleton, Michael



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Reports & Information

Field Trip Reports

Group	Date of Trip	Activity	Location
FFA-Senior Officers	3/18/2025	State House	Indianapolis
Plant Science Class	3/31/2025	Creekside Growers	Rossville
Plants and Soils Class	4/1/2025	Seedling Advancement @ Creekside Growers	Rossville
First Grade	4/29/2025	Fair Oaks Farm	Fair Oaks
Middle School FFA	5/10/2025	JR. High Day FFA Conference	Trafalgar

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Reports & Information

Conference Report

	Staff Attending	Date of Conference	Conference Title	Location
☆	Kelsey Hall	3/14/2025	Intense Needs Licensing Test	Lafayette
☆	Dustin Shadbolt	4/7 & 4/8/2025	Indiana School Safety Academy	Indianapolis
☆	Mike Hammons	4/24/2025	Expulsion Examiner Workshop	West Lafayette
☆	Kyle Etherington	5/13/2025	Teaching American History – Presidents and Political Parties	Frankton HS
☆	Sierra Hall	Multiple Dates	INALI	Multiple



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Adjournment

- The Presiding Officer will ask for a motion to adjourn the regular Board meeting.

Next Board Meeting

- Tuesday, May 6, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
 - Flex Space – due to the RES Book Fair
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Meeting Adjournment



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