

RANDOLPH SOUTHERN SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING
Superintendent's Office Board Room
1 Rebel Drive, Lynn, IN 47355

IC 5-13-7-6 requires the Board of Finance to meet annually after the first Monday and on or before the last day of January. The Board of Finance is required to elect a president and secretary and to receive and review the investment report to the investment officer. The meeting must be advertised under the Open Door Law as a meeting open to the public.

I. JAN 2024

Eric Retter called the 2024 Board of Finance Meeting to order at 6:35 PM on Monday, January 8, 2024.

II. JAN 2024

Pat Tillson made a motion to elect Don Pruitt as President of the 2024 Board of Finance. Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0 with Mr. Pruitt abstaining.

Heather Good made a motion to elect Crystle Austin as Secretary of the 2024 Board of Finance. Pat Tillson seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0 with Mrs. Austin abstaining.

III. JAN 2024

Superintendent Dr. Bowsman reviewed and discussed the 2023 investments, income disbursements, and accomplishments. Dr. Bowsman's provided a financial report to the board and public. He also discussed the financial projections for 2024. See the attached report presented by Dr. Bowsman. Pat Tillson stated, "We have done amazing things at RSSC."

V. JAN 2024

Don Pruitt made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 PM. Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Heather M Good
Crystle Austin
Patricia Tillson

Donald L Pruitt
Eric Retter

Persons Attending: Donnie Bowsman, Daniel Allen, Alyssa Toney, Penny Ashbaugh, Jackie Ison and Amanda Bragg.

The Randolph Southern School Corporation Board of School Trustees met for the regular meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:54 PM in the Superintendent's Office Board Room. The following members were present:

Eric Retter, President
Pat Tillson, Vice President
Don Pruitt, Secretary
Heather Good, Member
Crystle Austin, Member

II.A.1 JAN ORGANIZATION 2024

Eric Retter made a motion to elect Pat Tillson as President. Heather Good seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0 with Mrs. Tillson abstaining.

Eric Retter made a motion to elect Heather Good as Vice President. Crystle Austin seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0 with Mrs. Good abstaining.

Crystle Austin made a motion to elect Don Pruitt as Secretary. Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0 with Mr. Pruitt abstaining.

Pat Tillson presided over the meeting.

II.B.1 JAN ORGANIZATION 2024

Heather Good made a motion to appoint Melissa R. Kosisko as Treasurer. Crystle Austin seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

II.C.1 JAN ORGANIZATION 2024

Don Pruitt made a motion to appoint Cindee Cowen as Deputy Treasurer. Crystle Austin seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

II.D.1 JAN ORGANIZATION 2024

Heather Good made a motion to establish school board meeting, day, time and place for 2024 as follows:

Dates:

January 8	February 19	March 11
April 15	May 13	June 10
July 8	August 12	September 9
October 14	November 11	December 9

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Superintendent's Office Board Room.

These dates are subject to change by a board motion and majority vote.

Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

II.E.1 JAN ORGANIZATION 2024

Don Pruitt made a motion to approve the next regular school board meeting date:

February 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Heather Good seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

II.F.1 JAN ORGANIZATION 2024

Crystle Austin made a motion to approve the selection of corporation attorney and establish compensation for 2024:

Attorney: Amy Matthews, Attorney with Church Church Hittle +
Antrim, Noblesville, IN 46060

Compensation: \$310-\$350/Hr. for Partners and \$260-\$285/Hr. for Associates.

Heather Good seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

II.G.1 JAN ORGANIZATION 2024

Don Pruitt made a motion to approve the compensation for board members for 2024:

Annual Compensation: \$2000.00 (Statutory Maximum)
Regular Scheduled Monthly per Meeting Attended
Compensation: \$60.00
Maximum Scheduled Meetings Receiving Compensation: 12

Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

II.H.1 JAN ORGANIZATION 2024

Eric Retter made a motion to establish board meeting clerk compensation at \$30.00 per hour. Heather Good seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

II.I.1 JAN ORGANIZATION 2024

Heather Good made a motion to approve the following committee assignments for 2024:

Discussion:	Pat Tillson
Negotiations:	Pat Tillson, Eric Retter
Technology:	Crystle Austin
Legislative Liaison:	Heather Good
Athletic:	Eric Retter, Don Pruitt
Collaboration/Consolidation:	Off Table
Safety:	Don Pruitt
Wellness:	Don Pruitt

Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

II.J.1 JAN ORGANIZATION 2024

Crystle Austin made a motion to select the Winchester News Gazette, Winchester, Indiana, as the designated newspaper for advertising, budgets, etc. Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

II.K.1 JAN ORGANIZATION 2024

Don Pruitt made a motion to approve the conflict of interest forms. Crystle Austin seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

III. JAN 2024

Don Pruitt made a motion to approve the agenda with Addendum (Personnel B6). Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

IV. JAN 2024

Eric Retter made a motion to approve the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Crystle Austin seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

V. JAN 2024

Jackie Ison gave an update on Archery. Mrs. Ison reported that there were currently twenty-three (23) shooters on the team. The first meet is Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at Union School Corporation. The State Qualifier will be held on January 27, 2024 at Monroe Central. All five (5) County Schools are participating again, which is amazing. Mrs. Ison discussed that she was very proud of the kids for putting in the hard work and also very thankful for Mr. Ison for all the work and patience he has put in.

Dr. Bowsman asked, "How is it working out at the Student Activity Center? Is it too loud?"

Mrs. Ison discussed that the sound really wasn't an issue but she is disappointed that they cannot host events. "My proposition is that the Board of School Trustees look into us being able to host events again next year."

Eric Retter asked why they were not able to host events?

Mrs. Ison Stated, "The Student Activity Center was not big enough and they would need two nets. In the past they have hosted events in the elementary gym. That's how we make our money. The Student Activity Center has been great but we need to be able to host events and charge a door charge. That is how all the other schools are making money right now."

Dr. Bowsman thanked Mrs. Ison for attending the meeting and speaking on behalf of Archery. Dr. Bowsman discussed that they would make it a priority to look into purchasing another net and work something out where they would be able to host events again next year. Dr. Bowsman added, "If people don't ask, we don't know. I did not know about this. The Physical Education classes are also participating in Archery which may increase numbers as well. Send me and Mr. Allen an email about the net situation."

Mrs. Ison thanked the Board of Trustees and Dr. Bowsman for allowing her to speak about the situation. Mrs. Ison commented, "It would be great to host events again and get kids back here to see what all we have to offer."

VI. JAN 2024

Heather Good moved to approve the December 22, 2023 payroll voucher in the amount of \$210,173.08, the January 5, 2024 payroll voucher in the amount of \$129,704.89, APV's 3534 through 3610 in the amount of \$367,903.78, December 31, 2023 Cash Balance Education Fund in the amount of \$545,503.98 and the December 31, 2023 Operations Fund in the amount of \$545,673.11. Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.A.1 JAN 2024

Eric Retter made a motion to approve the contract agreement between Ice Miller and the school corporation for the Continuing Disclosure Review of the 2019 Bond. The fee is \$650.00 per Bond for the calendar year 2024. Crystle Austin seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.A.2 JAN 2024

Don Pruitt made a motion to approve the Randolph Southern School Corporation 2024-2025 school calendar. The calendar aligns with the other Randolph County schools, but does not align with the Richmond Area Career Center calendar in regards to Fall Break. Dr. Bowsman discussed that they usually take the calendar into discussion but he was sick at that time. Pat Tillson asked, "Is this the same calendar as the last meeting?" Dr. Bowsman stated, "Yes." Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.B.1 JAN 2024

Eric Retter made a motion to approve the following personnel items as presented:

1. The following ECA position corrections for the 2023-2024 school year per the Master Contract:
 - a. Elena Guerrero as Jr. High Trip Coordinator ½
 - b. Zoe Fisher as Jr. High Trip Coordinator ½
2. Brandon Bible notation. Mr. Allen stated that there were no Varsity Wrestlers for the 2023-24 school year, Mr. Bible is starting practice early with younger kids. He currently has 30-50 kids enrolled in feeder programs. He is building from the bottom up and starting at an earlier age. Mr. Allen requested that Mr. Bible still receives his stipend for Wrestling for this season.
3. The resignation of Melissa Mosier from her teaching position at RSE effective January 3, 2024. Dr. Bowsman stated, "Dakota King is working in Mrs. Mosier's class and is doing a nice job filling in." He asked for authorization from the Board of Trustees to increase Miss King to receive the first year teacher rate instead of the sub pay? The Board of Trustees all agreed to increase Miss King's rate as of January 9, 2024 through the end of the year.
4. Amanda Shinn as the English Bowl Coach for the 2023-24 school year per the Master Contract.
5. Katie Uppfalt as the Math Bowl Coach for the 2023-24 school year per the Master Contract.
6. Wade Miller as 5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 school year per the Master Contract.

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

VI.C.1 JAN 2024

Heather Good made a motion to approve the following fundraisers:

1. Financial Report from Bands request to sell cheese and sausage. Anticipated income was \$5,000.00. Actual income is \$2,300.00. Contact person is Charles Alfrey.
2. Financial Report from Varsity Cheers request to sell Rebel gear. Anticipated income was \$500.00. Actual income is \$0.00. Contact person is Shay Berger.
3. Varsity Cheers request to hold a mini cheer clinic on January 13, 2024. Anticipated income is \$500.00. Contact person is Shay Berger.
4. Financial Report from Jr. /Sr. Trip Sucker Sales. Anticipated income was \$200.00. Actual income is \$154.98. Contact person is Tammy Clements.
5. Financial Report from National Honor Society's Monte Cowen Annual Fun Run held on May 20, 2023. Actual income is \$1,350.00. Contact person is Tracy Chambers.
6. Prom Committee's request to host Bingo on March 13, 2024 in the RSHS cafeteria at 6:00 PM. Anticipated income is \$1,000.00-\$1,500.00. Contact person is Laura McReynolds.
7. RSE PTO's request to sell candy bars, hold a Read-A-Thon, and raise online and small business donations. Anticipated income is \$5,000.00. Contact person is Alixandria Tillson.

Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VII.A.1 JAN 2024

Superintendent reported on the following items:

1. Free and Reduced lunch percentages

RSE	RSHS	RSSC
Free=53.5%	Free=50.2%	Free=51.85%
Reduced=6.8%	Reduced=5.7%	Reduced=6.25%
Paid=39.7%	Paid=44.1%	Paid=41.9%
2. Dr. Bowsman discussed that the Indiana Legislature passed House Enrolled Act 1001-2023 which set aside funds (\$10 million dollars) in 2023 to reward to

schools and teachers to reward schools and teachers for improving students' foundational reading skills, as evidenced by IREAD-3 data. The statewide goal is to move toward 95% of Indiana's third grade students passing IREAD-3 by 2027. RS was awarded \$10,452.98 to be distributed to teachers and staff through 3rd grade that had an impact on improving reading. This distribution cannot include administrators or central office. Paraprofessionals, special education, and English-Language staff are eligible for the grant award. There are stipulations to distribution. The staff member must have been at RS in 2022-23 and remained at RS for 2023-24. The funds must be distributed by April. Dr. Bowsman added that this would be brought back to the February 19th Board Meeting and brought to discussion.

3. Dr. Bowsman reported that RSSC received the initial 1782 budget order on 12/12/23. The initial notice cut our Education Fund budget by \$271,000. This cut was incorrect and the DLGF representative made a mistake in calculating revenue to be collected in the Education Fund through tuition support, potential transfers from other funds, and the budget appropriation for the Rainy Day Fund. Dr. Bowsman petitioned the DLGF Budget Director to correct the budget to the amounts advertised and approved by the school board on October 7, 2023 based upon the DOE 54 Tuition Support statement and current cash balances in the Rainy Day Fund. The DLGF corrected the budget back to the original submission and RSSC received the revised edition on 2/15/23.

The Assessed Value went up by \$16,310,803 from \$213,186,415 to \$229,497,218. The tax rate decreased from \$0.8897 to \$0.7945. The Max Levy is \$1,303,372 and the school corporation was approved for \$1,303,315.

Education Fund:	\$3,871,804
Operations Fund:	\$2,056,219
Debt Service Fund:	\$647,220
Rainy Day:	\$264,416

The school corporation may need to request an additional appropriation in the Education Fund due to increased enrollment and tuition support. This recommendation will be at a later date if needed.

4. Dr. Bowsman discussed some of the main topics of the maintenance report. Construction has begun on the track pavilion. Initial plumbing and concrete was completed today. The electronic access system was updated and in need of some further software maintenance. Door #11 was in need of some repairs and it was decided it would be best to replace the entire door. It is the original door from 1974. The north west double doors from the high school cafeteria will also be modified. The LED lighting system was upgraded over Christmas break. This

system will be very beneficial and also save the school corporation money. Eric Retter and Pat Tillson both discussed that there needed to be more lighting in the front of the school, it was very dark and unsafe. Mr. Allen reported that they were waiting on a part to come in and were actually working on it the following day. It would be completed for the tournament.

5. Dr. Bowsman discussed the ADM count which included four (4) seniors that graduated midterm. Unfortunately, the school corporation does not receive funding for those students in the second semester.

Dr. Bowsman informed the Board of Trustee's that he had learned of the passing of Stacey Woodbury on the morning of January 8th. He offered his thoughts and prayers for the family at this difficult time. Dr. Bowsman also added that he was proud of the RSE staff and Administration team to ensure the students received counseling services and instruction during this difficult time. They followed protocols, moved staff around, and communicated with the appropriate authorities.

Dr. Bowsman also offered thoughts and prayers to Melissa Mosier for the loss of her husband.

IX. JAN 2024

K-12 Principal, Daniel Allen reported the following items:

1. The elementary Christmas Programs and high school Christmas Concert were wonderful. The elementary was at full capacity, even with the two (2) programs. We had great attendance in supporting the kids.
2. Congratulations to our All County Team selections. Ronnie Dotson, Noah Allen and Brody Sullivan with the Honorable Mention were chosen for the boy's team. Hayleigh Allen, Brianna Smith and Tarissa Watson with the Honorable Mention were chosen for the girl's team.
3. Congratulations to Brianna Smith on winning the 2023-24 Gary Horner Sportsmanship Award.
4. Congratulations to the girls JV team on their win against Winchester. They will advance on to play Union City. If they win that game they will win the County Tournament.
5. We are very happy to announce that we have a senior who has missed over ninety (90) days last year is now on track to graduate. The student and the teachers have put in the work to achieve this.

6. Boys basketball is making progress and are improving.
7. Archery is looking good. We will make it work to be able to host Archery again.

X. JAN 2024

There were no faculty, staff, or student comments.

XI. JAN 2024

There were no patron comments.

XII. JAN 2024

Crystle Austin commented, "Kudos to a good semester and kudos to the early graduates! That's what we are here for and I am excited for them. Many thoughts and prayers for Mrs. Mosier and Mrs. Woodbury's family."

Heather Good commented, "Ditto on everything Crystle Austin just said and yes many thoughts and prayers for Mrs. Mosier and Mrs. Woodbury's family."

Eric Retter commented, "Thinking of the family of Mrs. Woodbury and Mrs. Mosier. As far as basketball, it will come. I know from experience and watching my own kids, it goes in cycles. It can be rough, we have a young team. Our time will come and we will get there. It's not our time, but our time will come."

Don Pruitt commented, "We are a bunch of young boys playing against men. Keep fighting, it will come."

Pat Tillson commented, "Congratulations to the All County Teams and Brianna on winning the Gary Horner Award. Prayers for Mrs. Mosier and Mrs. Woodbury's family. I appreciate how you all have dealt with everything. Dr. Bowsman, I appreciate everything you do."

XII. JAN 2024

Don Pruitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Crystle Austin seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, February 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Superintendent Board Room.

Donald Z. Pruitt

Crystle Austin

Patricia Nelson

Leath M. Good

Jim Peter

Persons Attending: Daniel Allen, Amanda Bragg, Donnie Bowsman, Penny Ashbaugh, Alyssa Toney and Jackie Ison.