

The Randolph Southern School Corporation Board of School Trustees met for the regular meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023 in the Superintendent's Office Board Room. The following members were present:

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

I. NOV 2023

Eric Retter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

II. NOV 2023

Pat Tillson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Crystle Austin seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

III. NOV 2023

Don Pruitt made a motion to approve the October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Heather Good seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

V. NOV 2023

Don Pruitt moved to approve the October 19, 2023 payroll voucher in the amount of \$3,265.83, the October 20, 2023 payroll voucher in the amount of \$137,568.76 the November 7, 2023 payroll voucher in the amount of \$175,940.90, the APV's numbered 3328 through 3422 in the amount of \$403,065.01, the October 31, 2023 cash balance education fund in the amount of \$633,784.46 and the October 31, 2023 operations fund in the amount of \$327,084.87. Pat Tillson seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.A.47 NOV 2023

Heather Good made a motion to approve Retter Farms to remove snow and maintain parking lots during inclement weather conditions at \$550.00 per occurrence. Salt is \$12.00 per spread (50lb. bag). Crystle Austin seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.A.48 NOV 2023

Crystle Austin made a motion to approve the certificate of payment for \$16,805.13 for work completed on the Extended Learning Center to CPM. Pat Tillson seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.B.11 NOV 2023

Crystle Austin made a motion to approve the following personnel items:

1. Jake Good as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 school year per the Master Contract.
2. Cody Wolfal as Boys Reserve Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 school year per the Master Contract.
3. The following ECA positions filled by Staff for the 2023-2024 school year per the Master Contract:
 - a. Chuck Alfrey as Band Director
 - b. Jordan Austin as Junior Class Sponsor 1/3
 - c. Katey Bebout as Junior Class Sponsor 1/3
 - d. Katie Bond as Robotics Club 1/2 Coach
 - e. Tiffany Bowman as 6th Grade Camp Coordinator
 - f. Tiffany Bowman as Spell Bowl Competition Host
 - g. Tiffany Bowman as Elementary Spell Bowl 1/2 Coach
 - h. Tiffany Bowman as Elementary Math Bowl 1/2 Coach
 - i. Kyler Bragg as Robotics Club 1/2 Coach
 - j. Kay Brown as JH Math Bowl Coach
 - k. Kay Brown as Garden Club Coordinator
 - l. Tracy Chambers as National Honor Society sponsor
 - m. Tammy Clements as Jr./Sr. HS Social Studies Bowl Coach
 - n. Tammy Clements as Jr./Sr. HS Bowl Coordinator

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- o. Tammy Clements as JH Social Studies Bowl Coach
 - p. Tammy Clements as Jr./Sr. HS Trip Coordinator
 - q. Tammy Clements as Jr./Sr. HS Bowl Competition Host
 - r. Tammy Clements as Senior Class Sponsor
 - s. Tammy Clements as AP Government Stipend
 - t. Tammy Clements as AP US History Stipend
 - u. Weston Cox as Elementary Christmas Program Coordinator
 - v. Weston Cox as Elementary Select Choir Director
 - w. Lauren Day as S.A.D.D. Club sponsor
 - x. Zoe Fisher as JH Science Bowl Coach
 - y. Shianna Fry as Student Council sponsor
 - z. Kyle Good as JH National Honor Society sponsor
 - aa. Elena Guerrero as Spanish Club Sponsor
 - bb. Elena Guerrero as JR. High Trip Coordinator
 - cc. Elena Guerrero as Elementary EL Coordinator
 - dd. Sarah Hazelbaker as Dyslexia Specialist
 - ee. Shawna Markley as Elementary Spell Bowl 1/2 Coach
 - ff. Shawna Markley as Elementary Math Bowl Competition Host
 - gg. Shawna Markley as Elementary Math Bowl 1/2 Coach
 - hh. Laura McReynolds as Junior Class Sponsor 1/3
 - ii. Madison Miller as JH English Bowl Coach
 - jj. Madison Miller as AP English 11 Stipend

- kk. Genevieve Murray as AP English 12 Stipend
- ll. Beth Randall as 4-H Leader
- mm. Jessica Rice as Art Club Sponsor
- nn. Chris Robinson as 4-H Leader
- oo. Chris Robinson as High Ability Coordinator
- pp. Sean Robinson as Elementary Student Council sponsor
- qq. Jerimy Stephan as Jr./Sr. HS Yearbook Mgmt. & Photography
- rr. Nancy Thompson as Winter Guard Sponsor
- ss. Katie Uppfalt as AP Biology Stipend
- tt. Katie Uppfalt as AP Chemistry Stipend
- uu. Katie Uppfalt as Jr./Sr. High Science Bowl Coach
- vv. Chad Wilson as AP Calculus Stipend
- ww. Chad Wilson as AP Pre-Calculus Stipend

Don Pruitt seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0 with Heather Good abstaining from number one (1) making it 4-0.

VI.C.10 NOV 2023

Heather Good made a motion to approve the following fundraisers:

1. Financial Report from Varsity Cheer's car wash that was held on July 29, 2023. Actual income was \$1,082.27. Contact person is Shay Berger.
2. Girls Basketball's request to hold a Farm Toy Show on Sunday January 28, 2024. Contact person is Jordan Austin.
3. Jr./Sr. Prom's request to hold a Craft Show in conjunction with the Farm Toy Show on January 28, 2024. Contact person is Katey Bebout.

4. Financial Report from Wrestling's Golf Scramble that was held on August 21, 2023 to October 1, 2023. Actual income was \$4,913.00. Contact person is Katey Bebout.

Pat Tillson seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.D.7 NOV 2023

Crystle Austin made a motion to approve the following facility use requests:

1. Jordan Austin's request to hold the Annual Farm Toy Show on January 28, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM with set up beginning on January 27, 2024 from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the elementary gym and cafeteria. There will be a \$2.00 admission charge and will benefit the Girls Basketball Program. Contact person is Jordan Austin.
2. Lynn Police Departments request to use the high school and elementary on December 27, 2023 from 6:30 PM to 11:30 PM for Randolph County Law Enforcement Active Shooter Training. Contact person is Brad Fisher.
3. Don Pruitt's request to use the Student Activity Center on December 16, 2023 from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM for a birthday party.

Pat Tillson stated, "We need to be careful. The school is not a venue. We have venues' in town to rent." Dr. Bowsman stated that he was working on trying to figure out a rental fee for certain occasions. He also discussed that many of the requests were from school employees and he looked at it as a benefit to working at the school. Eric Retter commented, "We just need to be selective about it." Heather Good seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0 with Don Pruitt abstaining from number three (3) making it 4-0.

VI.E.1 NOV 2023

Don Pruitt made a motion to approve the Jr./Sr. Trip to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. They will leave RSHS at 6:00 AM on April 2, 2024 and return around 7:00 PM on April 5, 2024. Contact person is Tamra Clements. Crystle Austin seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.G.3 NOV 2023

1. Updated Neola Policy:
1617, 3217, 4217, and Administrative Guidelines 1617.
2. Resolution: Armed Response Team.

Dr. Bowsman stated that the resolution would be updated to the first reading with no motion, second, or vote needed at this time.

VI.J.4 NOV 2023

Pat Tillson made a motion to approve the Allen Brothers donation of \$1,000.00 to be divided among the following accounts:

\$350-Varsity Boys Basketball
\$350-Varsity Girls Basketball
\$150-Track
\$150-Baseball

Crystle Austin seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VII.11 NOV 2023

Superintendent, Dr. Bowsman reported on the following items:

1. Dr. Bowsman discussed the Form 9 Financial Report 1/1/2023-6/30/2023. We have brought in more revenue than what was spent for the first six (6) months. This is partially due to ADM numbers being up and support staff not working during the summer.
2. Dr. Bowsman reported the damage for Bus 2 that was involved in the accident came back quoted at \$17,384.34. We are currently waiting on the repairs to be completed at General GMC in Muncie and the bus returned back to us. Eric Retter asked, "Do we trade in the old buses or what do we do with them?" Dr. Bowsman stated the school corporation trades in the older buses when purchasing the new buses. Mr. Retter asked, "What about the mini buses? Do you get a better price?" Dr. Bowman stated that due to inflation the trade in value of older buses has gone up significantly. However, the price of the new bus is also inflated. Many times churches etc... will buy the mini buses.
3. Dr. Bowsman discussed the maintenance report. The PA system is complete both schools have the ability to communicate between the elementary and high school. We will be upgrading the lighting to LED lighting at the end of December in the high school and elementary gyms, cafeteria and kitchens. Indiana Michigan Power is also offering a rebate on the LED lights. Dr. Bowsman added that he would like to give credit to Mr. Allen and Mr. Little for the TV's and backboards added in the high school gym for advertisements. These units were paid out of the athletic account. We will be ordering new desks for the elementary. Mr. Alfrey also gave us a quote for new band instrument equipment

lockers. The original lockers were installed in 1974 and do not secure the expensive band instruments. The quote came back at \$21,000.

4. Dr. Bowsman reported the IDOE Summer School Reimbursement is \$2,921.15. RSSC submitted \$6,300.00. The remainder will be paid from the Education Fund appropriation account. The legislature is not fully funding summer school.
5. Dr. Bowsman discussed that a second home appraisal was completed on the property located at 310 North Franklin St., Lynn, IN by Lisa Loveless from New Castle, IN. Our intention is to purchase the property, survey and divide the acreage that comes with the property. The land has been leased for years by the school corporation at a minimal price. The land is utilized by our PE classes and during cross country events. The past homeowners have been very accommodating and gracious with the lease price. The next homeowners may not be as accommodating or the price to lease may go up significantly. Further, we had an opportunity to purchase this home back in 2011-12 at a much lower price but declined. The school corporation has mowed and maintained the attached acreage as part of the lease agreement. The school corporation would like to resell the home after we have sectioned off the approximate 1.75 acres. The average of the two appraisals is \$89,000 which is the highest amount we can offer. Both appraisers stated that once the approximate 1.75 to 2 acres has been sectioned off, the price of the home back on the market will drop. Dr. Bowsman added he would advise the school corporation to go through an attorney for a purchase agreement. Don Pruitt recommended, the possibility offering \$83,000 with a purchase agreement that allows the sellers to live at the residence until July 1, 2024. They would pay the utilities and we would pay the property taxes. Eric Retter commented, "I just want everyone to be prepared if they want more. I don't want to let it go. That land will mean more to us than any other potential buyer." Dr. Bowsman stated that he will reach out to the homeowners to have a discussion about the terms. The homeowners initially contacted Dr. Bowsman a couple months ago and stated that the home will be going up for sale and asked if the school had an interest in purchasing. Pat Tillson commented, "I suggest starting with our attorney to figure out terms. Next, speak with the property owners."
6. Dr. Bowsman updated the board on the solar eclipse activities for some of the area schools. Some are bringing in music and vendors during the solar eclipse. If this is something we would like to do at RSSC it needs to be brought back to the Board for approval. I have asked some of our ECA's to look at doing activities for fundraisers.

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7. Dr. Bowsman discussed the ADM Count. We have lost some students since count day and also had other students transfer into the school. Overall we are down from count day.

VIII. A.11 NOV 2023

K-12 Principal, Mr. Allen reported on the following items:

1. We now have three (3) gyms to schedule events and it has been extremely beneficial.
2. Archery Club currently has over twenty (20) students.
3. Winter Guard numbers are up.
4. Girls Basketball has two teams of each section.
5. Cheerleading numbers are up. They are cheering again and building the program.
6. RSE placed 1st and 2nd in the Spell Bowl Regional. This was the first time RSE put together two (2) teams!
7. Professional Development is going on with our staff.
8. Discipline is moving in the right direction.
9. RSHS Athletics has been having trouble with BSN and team shops. We are trying out Crown Athletics and have been pleased with them so far.
10. Crabtree Photography is designing vinyl sectional banners that will be designated to a girls and boys side of the gym. We will raffle the existing banners and the funds raised will go back into the Athletics Fund.
11. We are making a point to make contact with struggling students in the hallways and throughout the school. Just to give them motivation and encouragement.
12. We are trying to make changes in the junior high and figure out a way to reach the 7th and 8th grade students and get them in the right direction. We are implementing short and long term goals. We are making progress and next year will be much better.
13. Cross Country, Track, Tennis and Wrestling are in one class at the IHSAA. This makes it hard for the smaller schools. They are getting squeezed out. We need

to celebrate the smaller schools and the kids need to be rewarded for all the hard work they put into these sports.

X. NOV 2023

There were no patron comments.

XI. NOV 2023

Heather Good asked, "Have we thought about having an academic assembly? This could be for the kids that work hard and bust their behinds even if it's not good grades. The kids that hustle and have good mental attitude and are working hard. Not just getting the high grades."

Don Pruitt commented, "I like the progress. Keep it going."

Pat Tillson commented, "I appreciate all the hard work that everyone is doing. We have a great school system and I appreciate all that is being done."

Heather Good commented, "I agree with everything Pat said. I would like to give a shout out to Shay and the cheerleaders. They are getting involved and are bringing great energy."

Crystle Austin commented, "I agree with Heather and Pat. Everyone is doing a great job. Your hearts are in it. I appreciate all the passion in it."

Eric Retter commented, "I agree with everyone. Keep up the good work."

XII. NOV 2023

Pat Tillson made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 PM. Don Pruitt seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM, in the Superintendent's Office Board Room.

Heather M. Good
Crystle Austin
Eric Retter

Donald L. Pruitt
Patricia Tillson

Persons Attending: Daniel Allen, Donnie Bowsman, Amanda Bragg