



Rocket Express

June 20, 2017

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2017.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 5/16/17 and the regular meeting on 5/16/17 were approved

The agenda and agenda items were approved.

The financial and treasurer reports, bills, and budgetary transfers were approved.

Board Recognition:

The Board signed a letter to congratulate the Meyersdale baseball team on their Class A PIAA state championship.

Old Business:

The Board voted in favor to adopt the general fund budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year in the amount of \$11,171,838.00 and a millage rate of 21.89 mills on real estate, a beginning committed fund balance of \$500,000.00, a beginning unassigned fund balance of \$2,359,394.00, a beginning assigned fund balance of \$1,000,000.00, a budgetary reserve of \$500,000.00 and earned income and real estate transfer taxes of ½%.

New Business:

The Board approved the 2017-2018 homestead and farmstead resolution as a result of accepting the state property tax reduction allocation in the amount of \$232,709.77.

The Board voted in favor to adopt the resolution authorizing the Rockwood Education Foundation to request a GTRP grant in the amount of \$197,968.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Rockwood Tennis Court Improvement Project.

The Board approved the contract with Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services for the 2017-2018 school year for partial hospitalization services at the rate of \$80.50 per day for regular education students and \$88.50 per day for special education students, if placement is needed throughout the year.

The Board approved the contract with Bedford-Somerset Developmental & Behavioral Health Services for counseling services for the 2017-2018 school year at the rate of \$54.00 per hour not to exceed \$22,680.00 annually, if placement is needed throughout the year. (Same rate as last year.)

The Board approved the letter of agreement with The Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2017-2018 school year at the rate of \$65.00 per day, if placement is needed throughout the year. (\$5.00 per day increase from current year.)

The Board approved the changes to the elementary and secondary student handbooks for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the changes to the elementary and secondary faculty handbooks for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved Dr. Bolden as the school dentist for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of \$8.25 per exam.

The Board approved the Somerset County School Nurses' Association meeting schedule for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the FFA schedule of events for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the French Exchange Program for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board authorized the business office to make budgetary transfers for the 2016-2017 fiscal year in order to avoid line item and categorical over-expenditures resulting from audit re-classifications and to present those transfers for final approval at the acceptance of the annual financial report.

The Board voted in favor to accept the proposal from S&S Flooring to install a Robbins Bio Cushion maple gym floor in the elementary gymnasium at a cost of \$47,200.00.

The Board voted in favor to accept the proposal from S&S Flooring to install a Versa Shield Vapor Barrier under the elementary gymnasium floor at a cost of \$10,600.00.

The Board voted in favor to accept the proposal from C.M. Eichenlaub to install new wall padding in the high school gymnasium at a cost of \$9,285.00.

The Board voted in favor to accept the proposal from C.M. Eichenlaub to install bleachers in the elementary gymnasium at a cost of \$17,737.00.

The Board voted in favor to accept the proposal from C.M. Eichenlaub to relocate two existing backboards in the elementary gymnasium at a cost of \$1,500.00.

The Board voted in favor to accept the proposal from C.M. Eichenlaub for the purchase and installation of floor sleeves and cover plates in the elementary gymnasium at a cost of \$1,753.00 and for the purchase of a volleyball net system for the elementary gymnasium in the amount of \$2,134.00.

Committee Reports:

The Board voted in favor to add Joshua Benford to the district substitute custodial list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Ashley Moyer as the bona-fide volunteer forensic coach and approved her as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer forensic coach.

The Board voted in favor to employ Martika Hetrick as the bona-fide volunteer junior high forensic coach, the bona-fide senior high forensic coach, and the bona-fide student congress coach.

The Board approved a medical leave of absence for Melissa Gindlesperger from 9/29/17 through 1/3/18.

The Board accepted the resignation of Mary Jo Picklo as the bona-fide student congress advisor and assistant coach for the junior high and senior high speech teams and approved her as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer assistant for both programs.

The Board approved Luke Brancato as an unpaid volunteer to assist with track and off-season conditioning in the weight room pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ James Harrold, Sr. as the bona-fide volunteer junior high boys' soccer coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ J.B. Harrold, Jr. as the bona-fide volunteer junior varsity boys' soccer coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the elementary and secondary student activity advisor stipends for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the athletic fees for officials for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved a 3% increase for the coaches' salaries for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board voted in favor to employ James Lytle III as a 90-day probationary custodian pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Samantha Rahe as a speech teacher pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Jessica Miller as an elementary/special education teacher pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved a 3% salary increase plus evaluation results for secretaries, custodians, teacher aides & hourly employees, and administrative services and a 3% salary increase for Act 93 and contractual employees.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

- a) Bringing STEM to Life – Richland, Pa. – Ben Baker and Christy Hay – 6/15/17
- b) LittleBits – Richland, Pa. – Beth Mapes & Christy Hay – 6/20/17
- c) Apps and iPads in K-12 – Altoona, Pa. – Beth Mapes – 6/26/17
- d) Sphero – Altoona, Pa. – Ben Baker & Jenna Sembower – 7/13/17

- e) Using iPads in Your Classroom – Richland, Pa. – Shanna Wilson – 8/4/17
- f) Lego Mindstorm EV3 – Altoona, Pa. – Ben Baker – 8/10/17

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood high school athletic fields – 9/9/17, 9/16/17, 10/7/17, 10/21/17; 9:00 A.M.- 8:00 P.M. – Youth football games.
2. TJ Dance – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 9/21/17; 3:30 P.M.-?, 9/22/17; 3:30 P.M.-?; 9/23/17, 12:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. – Dance recital.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

1. French & Spanish Clubs – Cookie dough sale – 10/5/17 through 10/20/17 – raise funds for class activities.
2. French Honor Society – Yankee Candle sale – Spring 2018 – raise funds for class activities.
3. FFA – Beef sticks sale – September 2017 through June 2018 – raise funds for field trips, jackets.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board of drainage issues in the downstairs area of the building.

The Board decided to eliminate Board briefs until the middle of August.

The Board voted in favor to cancel the July Board meeting and to authorize the business office to pay bills in July and to present those bills for approval in August.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the rocket has been removed and will be restored to its original color.

Mark Bower informed the Board that a poll was taken among the coaches about moving all practices back to Rockwood from the AYSO field in New Centerville. There was a mixed review and the district will probably continue to use the facility this coming year.

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