



Rocket Express

June 21, 2016

The Rockwood Area School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21, 2016.

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

The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were approved.

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

Old Business:

The Board voted in favor to adopt the general fund budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year in the amount of \$12,154,077.00 and a millage rate of 21.89 mills on real estate, a beginning committed fund balance of \$350,000.00, a beginning unassigned fund balance of \$2,881,561.00, 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%.

The Board approved the 2016 homestead/farmstead resolution as a result of accepting the state tax reduction allocation in the amount of \$232,724.52.

New Business:

The Board approved the quote from Weatherproofing Technologies Inc. for the repairs of the deficiencies that were noted on the visual inspection for the renewal of the Tremco roof maintenance agreement in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. (Funds coming from budgeted one-time expenditures.)

The Board approved the contract with Bayada Home Health Care Inc. for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the resolution approving the amendments to the Bedford-Somerset Schools Health Insurance Consortium agreement.

The Board approved membership in the Pa. Association of Rural and Small Schools for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board voted in favor to remove old textbooks and educational supplies from the district inventory and to accept the quote from Follett for the purchase of several used textbooks.

The Board approved the 2016-2017 Somerset County School Nurses' Association meeting schedule.

The Board did not appoint voting delegates to the PSBA Delegate Assembly on 10/15/16.

The Board approved the contract with Bedford-Somerset Developmental & Behavioral Health Services for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the contract with Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services Inc. for the 2016-2017 school year, in the event a placement is needed throughout the year.

The Board approved the elementary and secondary student handbook changes for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the elementary and secondary faculty handbook changes for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board denied a contribution to the Somerset County Student Assistance Program Coordination Team in the amount of \$200.00 for professional development opportunities.

The Board approved the elementary and secondary textbook adoptions for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the STEM Advisor/Coach proposal for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the purchase of new soccer goals and voted in favor to scrap the existing goals.

The Board voted in favor to authorize the business office to make budgetary transfers for the 2015-2016 school 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 continue to use the track facility as it is currently being used, making it mandatory that one track meet is held at the Rockwood facility, and the Board authorized the administration to make repairs and upgrades on the facility as needed.

The Board approved continuation of the Rockwood French Exchange program.

The Board approved participation in the IU 08 Open Campus Initiative.

The Board voted in favor to accept the quote from Paul Bunyan for the removal of stumps and excavating work behind the elementary playground.

Committee Reports:

The Board accepted the resignation of Amber Kelly as the bona-fide volunteer junior high girls' soccer coach and approved her as a bona-fide volunteer assistant coach.

The Board accepted the resignation of Tracy Miller as an instructional assistant effective June 6, 2016.

The Board voted in favor to employ Becky McKinley as the bona-fide volunteer junior high girls' soccer coach.

The Board approved the athletic fees for officials for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved salary increases for the following employees:

- a. Secretaries
- b. Administrative Salaries
- c. Custodians
- d. Teacher Aides and Hourly Employees
- e. Act 93 and Contractual Employees

The Board approved a salary increase for all coaches for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board voted in favor to set the substitute teacher rate at \$85.00 per day for the first 20 days worked during the school year and at the rate of \$100.00 per day for any day thereafter.

The Board authorized Mark Bower to enter into discussion with another school district, regarding the marching band program and to initiate a possible cooperative agreement.

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

- Class of 1981 to tour the building as part of their 35th year class reunion
- Football Boosters – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 6/5/16, 6:00pm-? – Booster Meeting

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

- French Honor Society – Yankee Candle Sale – Spring 2017 – Raise funds for club activities
- French/Spanish – Cookie Dough Sale – 10/6/16 through 10/21/16 – Raise funds for activities and field trips.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Bower informed the Board that the 2015 Youth Survey is available for review if any Board member is interested.

General Board Member Discussion:

The Board voted in favor to cancel the regular Board meeting scheduled for July 19, 2016.

The Board approved the district sponsoring transportation to Berlin for summer conditioning with the boosters reimbursing the district for the costs.

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