



Rocket Express

June 30, 2015

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 30, 2015.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 5/19/15 and the regular meeting on 5/19/15 were approved.

The agenda and agenda items were approved.

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

Old Business:

The Board approved the first reading of the following revision to the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

The Board approved a final general fund budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year in the amount of \$11,902,215.00 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 \$2,700,000.00, 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 2015 homestead/farmstead resolution as a result of accepting the state tax reduction allocation.

Steve Chausse, from Johnson Controls, presented an Act 39 power point on a guaranteed energy savings program for the district.

New Business:

The Board approved the Tier 3 Problem-Solving series through the Appalachia IU 08.

The Board approved the elementary and secondary student handbook changes for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the elementary and secondary faculty handbook changes for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the contract with Bedford-Somerset MH/MR for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved membership in the PARSS for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the district operated Extended School Year program for 12 days beginning 6/23/15 and ending 7/17/15 with Stacey Baker as the instructor.

The Board approved the contract with The Meadows for the 2015-2016 school year in the event a placement is needed throughout the year.

The Board approved the summer band lessons proposal for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the revisions to the Teacher Effectiveness Evaluation and Observation Plan and Procedures.

The Board approved the marching band schedule for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board voted in favor of removing old textbooks and educational supplies from the district inventory.

The Board voted in favor of authorizing the business office to make budgetary transfers for the 2014-2015 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 of accepting the Land O Lakes Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Committee Reports:

The Board accepted the resignation of Nicholas Buterbaugh as the bona-fide volunteer junior varsity boys' basketball coach and to advertise for the position.

The Board voted in favor of employing Roger King as the bona-fide volunteer varsity volleyball coach for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board accepted the resignation of Tammy Minnick as elementary social studies curriculum coordinator.

The Board approved James Harrold Sr. as a bona-fide unpaid volunteer assistant junior high boys' soccer coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Sarah Pletcher as the quiz team coach.

The Board accepted the retirement of Joyce Meese as high school special education teacher effective 9/22/15 and accepted her resignation as high school special education coordinator.

The Board approved an increase in coaching salaries for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the athletic fees for officials for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board accepted the resignation of Holly Carlson as the bona-fide volunteer junior high girls' basketball coach and to advertise for the position.

The Board approved an HRA plan through Highmark for the individuals that are not eligible for the district's HSA plan.

The Board approved salary increases for the following employees:

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

Conference Requests:

The following conference request was approved by the Board:

1. Socratic Seminar – Ebensburg, PA – 9/16/15, 10/16/15 – Jill Morgan

Field Trip Requests:

The following field trip request was approved by the Board:

1. Mountain Playhouse, The Hounds of Baskervilles – Jennerstown, PA – 9/17/15 – Mary Jo Picklo, teacher to be determined and 55 students.

Use of School Facility Requests:

The following use of school facility requests were approved by the Board:

1. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood athletic fields – 9/12/15, 9/27/15, 10/3/15, 10/17/15 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM – youth football program.
2. TJ Dance – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 9/17/15, 4:00 PM - ?, 9/18/15, 4:00 PM - ?, 9/19/15, 12:00 PM - ? – Dance rehearsal and recital.
3. Kingwood Little League – Rockwood softball field – 6/4/15 through 7/17/15, 6:00 – 8:00 PM if needed and when available – baseball practice.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The following club & class activity requests were approved by the Board:

1. Spanish Club – Junior High Fall Formal – mid November through beginning of December – raise funds for Mexican American exchange.
2. French & Spanish Club – cookie dough sale – 10/1/15 through 10/15/15 – raise funds for classroom projects and field trips.
3. French Club – Yankee Candle Sale – spring of 2016 - raise funds for field trips and French American exchange.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that the French Exchange trip went very well.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he and Brian signed the documents required for the tennis court grant through DCED.

The board was invited to the dedication of the Kingwood Church of God Fellowship Center on July 26th at 2:00 P.M.

The Board was informed that the chairs and table for the Board room have been ordered.

There will be no Board briefs for the month of July.

General Board Member Discussion:

The Board voted in favor of authorizing the business office to pay bills in July, to present those bills for final approval in August, and to cancel the July Board meeting on July 16th pending no issues that require action are necessary for a meeting to be held.

The Board voted in favor of advertising for a high school special education teacher.

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