



Rocket Express

June 19, 2018

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 5/15/18 and the regular meeting on 5/15/18 were approved.

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

The Board approved the financial and treasurer reports, bills, and budgetary transfers.

Old Business:

The Board approved the second and final reading of the following revisions to the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

- 105 Curriculum
- 138 Language Instruction Educational Programs for English Learners
- 239 Foreign Exchange Students
- 906 Public Complaint Procedures
- 918 Title I Parent and Family Engagement

The Board approved the second and final reading of the following new policy to the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

- 840 Criminal History Record Information (CHRI)

The Board voted in favor to adopt a final general fund budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the amount of \$11,531,382.00 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 \$2,964,800.00, a beginning assigned fund balance of \$1,150,000.00, a budgetary reserve of \$500,000.00, and earned income and real estate transfer taxes of ½%.

New Business:

The Board approved the 2018-2019 homestead and farmstead resolution as a result of accepting the state property tax reduction allocation in the amount of \$233,590.31.

The Board voted in favor to authorize the business office to make budgetary transfers for the 2017-2018 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 with the acceptance of the annual financial report.

The Board voted in favor to not hold a July board meeting and to authorize the business office to pay necessary bills in July and to present those bills for final approval in August.

The Board approved the first reading of the following revision to the Rockwood Area School District policy manual and voted in favor to waive the second reading as to allow inclusion in the student handbooks:

210.1 Possession/Administration of Asthma Inhalers/EPI Auto Injectors

The Board approved the contract with Dr. Christopher N. Clarke as the physician-consultant for the Rockwood Area School District for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board voted in favor to remove old textbooks from the district inventory and to authorize the administration to contact book companies for the possible purchase of the textbooks.

The Board approved the changes to the elementary and secondary student handbooks for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the changes to the elementary and secondary faculty handbooks for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved membership in the PA Association of Rural and Small Schools (PARSS).

The Board approved the FFA schedule of events for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the Somerset County School Nurses' Association meeting schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved a modified academic schedule for a student for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board voted in favor to support the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) Trail Relay to benefit the "Kids Come First Club" and to donate \$450.00 towards the registration.

The Board approved the changes to the coaches' handbook for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the athletic team schedules for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board voted in favor to authorize the administration to award the paving and sealcoating projects when all quotations have been received and to handle them as two separate projects.

The Board voted in favor to award the updates to the building security windows to Kingwood Construction at a cost of \$14,860.00.

The Board voted in favor to accept the donation of furniture from the Valley School of Ligonier.

Committee Reports:

The Board accepted the resignation of Jane Sauder as an English teacher effective 6/4/18.

The Board accepted the resignation of Joanna King as a paraprofessional effective 6/1/18.

The Board approved a medical leave for Kristi Brant from 9/24/18 through 1/3/19.

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

The Board approved 12 additional hours for Samantha Rahe for the extended school year program and an additional 6 hours for Stacey Baker for preparation time.

The Board approved the athletic fees for officials for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved salary increases for athletic coaches for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved salary increases based upon evaluations for the following employee groups:

- Secretaries
- Administrative Services
- Custodians
- Teacher Aides and Hourly Employees

The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and the Rockwood Education Association.

The Board voted in favor to employ Valerie Friedline and Kelsey Pletcher as full time elementary teachers for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board voted in favor to employ Sarah Foy as a full-time substitute elementary teacher for the 2018-2019 school year under the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement.

The Board voted in favor to employ Whitney Sandin as a full-time secondary English teacher for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board voted in favor to employ the following instructional assistants for the 2018-2019 school year:

Becky Saylor	Special Education
Ashley Bowers	3 rd Grade
Carissa Shipley	Kindergarten
Samantha Ritenour	School Security Specialist
Ann Mathias	School Security Specialist

Conference Request:

The Board approved the following conference request:

1. IU 08 Google Level 1 Boot Camp – Ebensburg, Pa – 6/27/18 – 6/28/18 – James Wagner

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood athletic fields – 8/11/18, 8/18/18, 9/15/18, 9/23/18, 10/6/18; 8:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M. – Youth football camp and home games.
2. TJ Dance – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 9/19/18, 9/21/18; 4:00 P.M.-?; 9/22/18; 2:30 P.M.-? – Dance recital.

Club & Class Activity Request:

The Board approved the following club & class activity request:

1. French Club/FHS & Spanish Club/SHS – Cookie dough sale – Fall 2018 – Raise funds for club projects.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that he has received a quote from MEI for the installation of alarms at the doors and for a computerized monitoring system. The project would have to go out to bid if the Board wishes to pursue this option.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the end of year activities went very well.

The Board decided to waive the preparation of Board briefs for the summer months.

The Board voted in favor to allow district employees to be off, and district offices closed, on July 4, July 5, and July 6, 2018.

The Board authorized the administration to remove the fencing along the tennis courts.

The Board approved a 5% increase for athletic coaches for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved a \$1,500.00 increase plus evaluation results for Secretaries, Custodians, and Administrative Service employees and a 4% increase plus evaluation results for teacher aides and hourly employees.

2018-2019 - Paraprofessional and Substitute Support Staff Wage Adjustment Recommendation:

- \$8.00/hour for first year of service in the district
- \$8.50/hour for second year of service in the district
- \$9.00/hour for third year of service in the district
- Future increase determined by annual wage/salary increases as approved by the Board
- Adjust current employees to the higher of above rate or Board approved wage increase for all paraprofessionals
- When placing new paraprofessionals, give credit for previous comparable service in other districts/jobs at a rate of 3 to 1 service, to a maximum of \$9.00/hour

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