



Rocket Express

November 12, 2012

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, November 12, 2012. The minutes of the committee meeting on 10/15/12, and the regular meeting on 10/15/12, were approved. The agenda and agenda items were approved.

Zach Gaskin informed the Board of his resignation effective immediately as a result of moving to another voting region of the district.

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

The following students of the month were recognized by the Board:

Lillian Pletcher
Haley Beahr
Angela Seifert
Brady Yachere
Alan Halverson
Shannon Knopsnyder

Old Business:

The final transportation rates and routes for the 2012-2013 school year were approved.

The board authorized Brian Coughenour to work with the solicitor on a pending earned income tax situation involving Laurel Mountain Tax Services.

The second and final readings of the following policies of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual were approved:

123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest
209.1 Food Allergy Management

Brian Coughenour and Mark Bower gave a presentation on the annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. The presentation reviewed the major financial highlights, fund balance designations, history of cash surpluses, history of fund balances, sources of cash surplus for the year, and financial issues facing the district in the future.

Major Financial Highlights

Total Revenue	11,019,367.00
Total Expenditures	10,598,965.00
Cash Surplus	420,402.00
Fund Balance	3,567,400.00

The breakdown and designation of the fund balance is as follows:

Committed	350,000.00
Assigned	1,000,000.00
Unassigned	2,217,400.00

History of Cash Surpluses

2011-2012	420,402.00
2010-2011	839,778.00
2009-2010	1,169,951.00
2008-2009	960,766.00
2007-2008	362,113.00

History of Fund Balances

2011-2012	3,567,400.00
2010-2011	3,146,250.00
2009-2010	2,338,952.00
2008-2009	1,163,787.00
2007-2008	546,277.00

Sources of Cash Surplus for 2011-2012

Proceeds from the sale of the Kingwood school	94,000.00
Act 511 Taxes	134,000.00
Delinquent Real Estate Taxes	50,000.00
Additional ARRA stimulus funds	140,000.00

Financial Issues Facing the District

Enrollment in Cyber/Charter Schools
Future increases in the retirement contribution rate
Increasing health care costs
On-going maintenance issues
Uncertainty of future state budgets

Mark Bower distributed a 17 year history of the revenues, expenditures, and ending fund balances for the district.

The board approved the annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

The board discussed the possible purchase of a scoreboard for the district athletic fields. Upon discussion, it was moved to table a decision of the purchase of a scoreboard for the athletic fields until the December meeting.

New Business:

The board voted in favor of holding the annual reorganization meeting on 12/3/12 at 7:30 P.M. and to advertise for the Board vacancy created by the resignation of Zach Gaskin.

The board voted to accept the donation from the Rockwood Elementary PTO for landscaping improvements outside the elementary entrance.

The board approved homebound instruction for a 2nd grade student and also for a 12th grade student.

The discussion and consideration for approval of the Architect of Record Services proposal with L.R. Kimball died for the lack of a motion.

Mark Bower discussed the 2013-2014 budget, the Act 1 timeline, and possible exceptions that may be available to the district. The Board has until 1/31/13 to adopt a resolution that it will not increase taxes above the index or adopt a proposed preliminary budget if it desires to pursue exceptions. The possible

exceptions available to the district would be in the areas of special education and retirement. Mark Bower also presented a preliminary projection of the increases in expenditures that the district will be facing for the 2013-2014 school year. The preliminary estimate is \$560,720.00. Upon discussion, the board authorized the administration to pursue the possible exceptions available to the district and to have Brian Coughenour prepare a proposed preliminary budget for possible approval in January.

The board approved removing old junior high soccer uniforms from the district inventory and to donate the uniforms to the traveling youth soccer league.

Mark Bower will present the PSSA results at the December meeting.

The following **use of school facility** requests were approved:

1. NHS & Cheerleaders – Rockwood elementary chorus room, gymnasium – 11/17/12, 5:45 – 10:45 PM – Fall Formal dance.
2. Rockwood Youth Wrestling Boosters – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 10/30/12 & 10/31/12, 6:00 – 8:00PM – wrestling sign ups.
3. Rockwood Youth Wrestling Boosters – Rockwood wrestling room, multi-purpose room, gymnasium, Ag. Room – 11/5/12 through 4/1/13, 6:00 – 9:00 PM – wrestling practice and booster meetings.
4. Rockwood Youth Wrestling Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium, cafeteria, kitchen – 1/11/13, 6:00 – 11:00 PM; 1/12/13, 6:00 AM – 11:00 PM – wrestling tournament.
5. Rockwood Youth Wrestling Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium, cafeteria, kitchen – 2/15/13, 6:00 – 11:00 PM; 2/16/13, 6:00 AM – 11:00 PM – wrestling tournament.
6. Rockwood 5th & 6th grade basketball – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 11/7/12 through ? when available – basketball practice.
7. Elementary Student Council – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 1/18/13, 5:30 – 8:30 PM – winter dance.
8. Elementary Student Council – Rockwood high school auditorium – 2/15/13, 5:00 – 9:00 PM; Snow Date 2/22/13, 5:00 – 9:00 PM – talent show.
9. Elementary Student Council – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 5/17/13, 5:30 – 8:30 PM – spring dance.

The following **club & class activity** requests were approved:

1. Elementary Student Council – ducky gram sale – 11/13/12 through 11/21/12, 12/20/12 through 12/21/12 – raise funds for elementary yearbook.
2. Elementary Student Council – donation letters to local businesses – upon Board approval – raise funds for elementary yearbook.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower discussed the results of the recent special education audit. He commended Mary Gosnell and the special education staff on receiving a fantastic audit from the state.

Brian Coughenour informed the Board that the food service management contract does not have to be placed out for bid as previously required. He will obtain more information and the item will be discussed at the December meeting.

Committee Reports:

The board approved a practicum for Erin Zimmerman to work with Catherine Fischer for a total of 1100 hours from 1/13/13 through 5/11/13.

The following individual was added to the district substitute list:

Gabriel Foust

Mathematics 7-12

The following resolution in relation to the student disciplinary matters was approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the recommendation of the Superintendent is hereby accepted and the Hearing Officer is authorized to prepare written Adjudication on behalf of the Board in the matter of student disciplinary action which Adjudication is hereby ratified in all respects as an action of the Board of Directors of the Rockwood Area School District.

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