



Rocket Express

June 21, 2022

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 5/17/2022 and the regular meeting on 5/17/2022 were approved.

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

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

Old Business:

The Board approved the 2022-2023 homestead and farmstead resolution as a result of accepting the property tax reduction allocation in the amount of \$293,458.13.

The Board voted in favor to adopt a final general fund budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$15,310,974.00 and a millage rate of 22.63 mills on real estate, a beginning committed fund balance of \$500,000.00, a beginning unassigned fund balance of \$3,646,345.00, a beginning assigned fund balance of \$1,000,000.00, a budgetary reserve of \$1,000,000.00, and earned income and real estate transfer taxes of ½ %.

New Business:

The Board authorized the business office to make budgetary transfers for the 2021-2022 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 authorized the business office to pay the necessary bills in July to avoid penalties and to present those bills for final approval in August.

The Board voted in favor to accept the quote from CriLon Corp in the amount of \$11,736.92 for crack repair, sealcoating and line striping in the high school parking lots.

The Board accepted the quote from Total Contracting & Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$9,200.00 for the 2021-2022 school year for the replacement of concrete steps and new hand railing in the high school parking lot.

The Board accepted the quote from Total Contracting & Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the 2022-2023 school year for the replacement of sidewalk leading to the elementary playground.

The Board approved the quote from Integrated IT Group, in the amount of \$3,062.75, for a Managed Service Agreement for Mitel Support for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

The Board approved the FFA schedule of events for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved the athletic schedules for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board met in executive session to review the School Safety and Security Coordinator's annual report as required by Section 1309-B of the PA Public School Code.

The Board approved the Section 520.1 Emergency Instructional Time Plan for the 2022-2023 school year and authorized the superintendent to submit the appropriate documents to the Department of Education.

The Board approved the purchase of elementary math textbooks for the 2022-2023 school year, at an estimated cost of \$32,921.21.

The Board approved the changes to the elementary and secondary student handbooks for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved the changes to the elementary and secondary faculty handbooks for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved modified schedules for three 12th grade students to participate in the school to work program during the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved the removal of old textbooks from the district inventory and authorized the administration to contact companies for the purchase of the old textbooks.

The Board approved the removal of old equipment from the district inventory. The Board approved to sell the Parks 12" Thickness Planer to a district employee and to put an advertisement on the district website advising the district will accept sealed bids until July 14, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. for all remaining items listed, with notation on the advertisement stating working condition of each item is unknown.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding Affiliation Agreement between Rockwood Area School District and University of Pittsburgh School of Computing and Information Department of Information Culture and Data Stewardship through the School Library Certification Program.

The Board approved to continue the athletic cooperative program with Rockwood Area School District and Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District for the sports of volleyball and track and the athletic cooperative program with Rockwood Area School District, Salisbury-Elk Lick School District, and Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District for the sports of golf and soccer and to

waive the participation fee in the cooperative agreement if each participating District provides transportation for their students.

The Board voted in favor to sponsor the Rockets Run for Kids team, comprised of Rockwood staff and community members, to participate in the 2022 GAP Trail Relay to raise funds for the Kids Come First and Rocket Fuel Backpack programs and for the district to pay the registration fee for the event.

The Board approved Somerset Engineering to complete the engineering, bidding/advertising process, project supervision, and final inspection of the chimney repair project.

The Board authorized the administration to advertise for bids for the chimney repair project.

The Board approved the quote from Whitey's Electric, LLC., in the amount of \$12,800.00, for the installation of exterior lighting, funded by the Safe Schools Grant.

The Board accepted the bid from Marc Service, Inc., in the amount of \$91,000.00, for the replacement of the walk-in freezer and walk-in cooler in the cafeteria, with work to be completed during the summer of 2023 using cafeteria funds.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved the following curriculum coordinators for the 2022-2023 school year:

Jessica Miller	Elementary ELA
Elyse Cordaro	Elementary Math
Ben Baker	Elementary Science
Shanna Wilson	Elementary Social Studies
Jenna Wintersteen	Elementary Special Education
Jill Morgan	Secondary ELA
Greg King	Secondary Math
Joe Kush	Secondary Science
Jim Wagner	Secondary Social Studies
Amber Walker	Secondary Fine Arts/Practical Arts
Cassie Ohler	Secondary Special Education

The Board voted in favor to employ a health room aide/L.P.N. through the Learning Lamp for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board accepted the resignation of Logan Seybold as the Secondary English Teacher, bona-fide volunteer junior high track coach, soph-senior and prom co-advisors, and auditorium lighting and sound crew assistant advisor, at the end of the 2021-2022 school year and to advertise for the positions.

The Board accepted the resignation of Jason Sechler as the bona-fide volunteer junior high softball coach, to advertise for the position, and approved him as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer junior high softball coach.

The Board accepted the resignation of Michael Benton as the bona-fide volunteer junior varsity/varsity assistant boys' basketball coach and to advertise for the position.

The Board voted in favor to employ Susan Hay as an elementary special education paraprofessional beginning the 2022-2023 school year, pending completion of all paperwork and approved her leave of absence from 8/29/2022 through 9/2/2022.

The Board approved Dale Foy as the bona-fide volunteer varsity boys' basketball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Chandler Enos as the bona-fide volunteer junior high boys' basketball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Savannah Atchison as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer volleyball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to add Rosalie O'Brien and Betsy Smith to the district substitute custodian list, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved offering the SwiftMD telemedicine service to District employees who are currently not covered by District provided healthcare.

The Board approved Lacey Snyder as the bona-fide volunteer assistant cheerleading coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Chandler Enos as a Health and Physical Education Teacher K-12, beginning the 2022-2023 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Cassandra Kemp as an Elementary Teacher, beginning the 2022-2023 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Allison Shultz as an English Language Arts Teacher 7-12, beginning the 2022-2023 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the athletic fees for officials for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved a 3% increase in coaches' salaries for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved a 3% increase to the starting coaches' base salary and approved the following salary adjustments:

- 10% increase to base starting salary for coaches who have previously completed (3) three seasons of coaching within the District.
- 15% increase to base starting salary for coaches who have previously completed (5) five seasons of coaching within the District.
- 20% increase to base starting salary for coaches who have previously completed (7) seven seasons of coaching within the District.
- Current coaches' salaries will be adjusted to meet these minimums.

The Board approved the activity advisor salary scale for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved a 5% salary increase for the following employee groups, plus the results of their yearly evaluation: administrative assistants, administrative services, custodial/maintenance staff, and paraprofessionals and hourly employees. In addition, starting salary adjustments for paraprofessionals and hourly employees will be increased to \$10.00/hour for the starting rate, \$10.50/hour for the second year, and \$11.00/hour for the third year. The Board voted in favor to increase the minimum starting salary to \$27,000.00 for full-time support staff employees, and increase the salary for a full-time support staff employee with (3) or more years of service in the District to \$32,000.00.

On the discussion and possible action to increase the substitute teacher rate beginning the 2022-2023 school year, the Board approved to increase the rate to \$125.00 per day. If the district is aware that a substitute will be used in the same position for a period of more than 10 days, the rate will be \$175.00 per day. In the event that a substitute is called in for a position and the district is unaware that it may last for a period of more than 10 days in that same position, the substitute will be paid \$175.00 per day pro-rated to the day that he/she started in that position.

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Cheerleading Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 6/24/22, 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. – Fundraiser pick up.
2. The Learning Lamp and Ignite Education Solutions – Rockwood elementary lobby – 7/19/22, 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. – Hiring event.
3. Rockwood Youth Football League – Rockwood athletic field, concession stand, announcers booth, admissions booth – 10/2/22, 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Youth football game.
4. Spinnetts – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 7/8/22, 7/9/22, 4:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. – Baton twirling recital.
5. Rockwood Basketball Boosters – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 7/12/22, 7/13/22, 7/14/22, 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Youth basketball camp.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower thanked the Board for attending the graduation ceremony for the class of 2022.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the senior trip went well. The trip was well organized, and the students had a great time.

Mark Bower advised the Board that all of the end of year activities were successful.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the summer programs in both the elementary and high school buildings are going well.

Mark Bower presented to the Board several American waving flags that were created by the Engineering & Technology Club. The flags are for sale on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Mark Bower advised the Board that he has been in contact with Rockwood Manufacturing in regards to expanding a partnership with the District's Engineering & Technology Club program. He will be discussing the opportunity with Mrs. Sharon Clapper in August.

Jordan Svonavec informed the Board that he went to a government surplus warehouse facility in Harrisburg last week. The warehouse sells new and used furniture, equipment, tools, clothing, etc. to non-profit municipalities. While there, he purchased numerous surplus items for the district at great prices.

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