



# **Rocket Express**

## **June 23, 2020**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 5/19/2020 and the regular meeting on 5/19/2020 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 voted in favor to adopt a final general fund budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year in the amount of \$12,818,993.00 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 \$3,481,609.00, 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 1%.

The Board approved the 2020-2021 homestead and farmstead resolution as a result of accepting the property tax reduction allocation in the amount of \$232,930.33.

The Board voted in favor to accept the base bid from Somerset Flooring for the cafeteria/kitchen flooring project and to approve the additional amount for a top coat.

The Board voted in favor to accept the bid from WSS Integrated Technologies for the lock project as part of the School Safety Grant.

### **New Business:**

The Board voted in favor to authorize the business office to make budgetary transfers for the 2019-2020 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 authorize the business office to pay the necessary bills in July to avoid penalties and to present those bills in August for final approval.

The Board voted in favor to accept the donation of aluminum, stainless steel, and aluminum diamond tread pieces from 4 Guys in the amount of approximately \$300.00.

The Board approved the contract with Bedford-Somerset DBHS for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the contract with New Directions, Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services, Inc. for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.

The Board approved the contract with FIT Optimized Solutions for the automatic temperature controls for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the district participation in the ACCESS program for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved a school to work program for a student for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the Notice of Adoption of Approved LEA Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds by School Districts through Appalachia IU 08.

The Board approve the athletic schedules for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the Language Arts textbook purchase for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

The Board approved the request from The Learning Lamp to install a new preschool playground at the Rockwood Area School District at no cost to the district.

The Board approved the Rockwood Area School District flexible instructional day plan for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.

The Board approved the Rockwood Area School District reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year and approved an on-line format for student handbooks, with final changes to be approved in August.

The Board approved the Rockwood Area School District athletics health and safety plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the letter of agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Tableland Services, Inc. for the use of one elementary classroom.

The Board voted in favor to authorize Shanksville-Stoneycreek School District to participate in the coop agreement with Rockwood and Berlin for junior high football for the 2020-2021 school year.

## **Committee Reports:**

The Board voted in favor to add the following individuals to the district substitute teacher list pending completion of all paperwork:

Michael Johnson	Social Studies 7-12
Lisa Miller	Type 06

The Board voted in favor to add Kristen Rose to the substitute custodial list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Steve Barto as the bona-fide volunteer junior high golf coach.

The Board accepted the resignation of Stacey Baker as the bona-fide volunteer assistant junior high boys' soccer coach and approved Kathleen Miller as the bona-fide volunteer assistant coach for junior high soccer.

The Board voted in favor to accept the resignation of Shari Weimer as the elementary security receptionist effective 5/19/2020 and to reassign Chasity Davis to the position.

The Board approved Joe Kush and Alana Letizia as co-advisors for the prom and soph-senior.

The Board approved the athletic fees for officials for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved a 2 ½% increase in coaches' salaries for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved a 3% salary increase for the following employee groups based upon their yearly evaluation:

- Secretarial Staff
- Administrative Services
- Custodial Staff
- Administrative Aides and Hourly

The Board approved Whitney Sandin as the NHS advisor.

The Board approved Kathy Nealon as a substitute instructional aide and secretary pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ a health room aide/L.P.N. through the Learning Lamp.

The Board voted in favor to employ Kathleen Miller as a secondary math teacher pending completion of all paperwork.

### **Use of School Facility Requests:**

The Board voted in favor to require outside organizations using the indoor school facilities to provide a professional cleaning service, approved by the district, to clean the area after use.

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Somerset County Mobile Food Bank – Rockwood high school parking lot – 6/25/2020, 7/23/2020; 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Food distribution.
2. Rockwood Soccer Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium, athletic fields – 8/10/2020 through 8/14/2020; 7:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M. – Soccer camp.
3. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood athletic fields – 8/15/2020, 9/20/2020, 9/27/2020, 10/10/2020; 8:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M. – Youth football games.
4. Rockwood Softball Boosters – Rockwood athletic fields – 6/7/2020 through 8/1/2020; 3:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – 18U softball games and practices.
5. New Centerville Spinnetts – Rockwood high school auditorium, classrooms – dates and times to be determined – Baton twirling recital.
6. Somerset County Chorus 2021 – Rockwood high school auditorium, classrooms, cafeteria, band room, chorus room, library – 3/29/2021 through 3/30/2021; 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. (3/29/2021 and 3/30/2021); 4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. (3/30/2021) – Somerset county chorus festival.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

Mark Bower thanked the Board members for attending the graduation ceremony. Their presence was greatly appreciated by the students and parents.

Mark Bower informed the Board that a prom event consisting of a picnic and dance will be held at the Hayloft on July 19, 2020, provided that 30 students sign up for the event.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the cafeteria project. It will be ready to go at the start of school.

Mark Bower reminded Board members of the required training. He provided them with information from PSBA to set up accounts.

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