



Rocket Express

June 18, 2012

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, June 18, 2012. The minutes of the committee meeting on 5/21/12 and the regular meeting on 5/21/12 were approved. The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were also approved.

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

Public Comment:

Dan Peterson, Ron Sleassman, and Cary Phillippi, representatives from the Rockwood Cemetery Association, made a proposal to the Board on the purchase of a piece of land above the water tower that is approximately 30 feet by 350 feet. The Board asked the administration to consult with the solicitor regarding the legal requirements for the purchase or the donation of this land. This item will be included as part of the July Board meeting agenda.

Old Business:

The additions/alterations to the secondary writing handbook were approved.

The following census enumerators were approved for the 2012-2013 school year at a rate of .55/name for the boroughs and .75/name for the townships:

Black Township	Renee Raupach
Casselman Borough	Jason Troutman
Middlecreek Township	Beverly Pletcher
Milford Township	Crystal Powell
New Centerville Borough	Denise Pletcher
Rockwood Borough	Jason Troutman
Upper Turkeyfoot Township	Julie Carlson

The board approved the following revisions to the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

122	Extracurricular Activities
123	Interscholastic Athletics
216	Student Records
216.1	Supplemental Discipline Records
249	Bullying/Cyberbullying

The board authorized the business manager and superintendent to make assignments to the fund balance with final approval to be granted by the Rockwood Area Board of School Directors as required by GASB 54.

A final general fund budget was approved for the 2012-2013 fiscal year with total revenues of \$10,739,921.00, total expenditures of \$11,089,921.00 including one-time expenditures of \$350,000.00, a millage rate of 21.89 mills on real estate and an assigned fund balance of \$1,000,000.00.

New Business:

The contract with Bedford-Somerset MH/MR was approved for the 2012-2013 fiscal year at a rate of \$53.00 per hour not to exceed a yearly total of \$22,260.00 (same as current year).

The cooperative sports agreement with Turkeyfoot for the 2012-2013 school year was approved.

The board voted to adopt the elementary and secondary social studies textbook series for the 2012-2013 school year at a cost not to exceed \$53,786.73.

The board voted to purchase an ice machine from the cafeteria fund at a cost of \$4,185.00.

The tax collectors' exoneration lists for the 2012-2013 school year were approved.

The first reading of policy number 123.1 (Concussion Management) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual was approved.

The board approved the removal of old textbooks from the district inventory.

The board authorized the administration to make budgetary transfers for the 2011-2012 fiscal year in order to avoid line item and categorical over-expenditures resulting from audit re-classifications.

The 2012 Homestead and Farmstead resolution, approving property tax reduction amounts, was approved.

The changes to the elementary and secondary student handbooks for the 2012-2013 school year were approved.

The board voted to table a decision on the changes to the elementary and secondary faculty handbooks for the 2012-2013 school year.

Education/Personnel:

Jeremy Romesberg was approved as the junior high football coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

Deneane Miller-Armel was approved as the varsity cheerleading coach for the 2012-2013 football season, pending completion of all paperwork.

Elyse Branam was hired as the varsity cheerleading coach for the 2012-2013 basketball season.

Susan Branam was approved as an assistant cheerleading coach for the 2012-2013 basketball season.

Tenure status was approved for the following professional employees:

Ben Baker	Carter Bower	Joshua Bowlin
Catherine Fischer	Heidi Johnson	Alana Letizia
Becky McKinley	Devin Schrock	Farrah Thompson

A decision on the memorandum of understanding with the Rockwood Education Association for an elementary teaching position died for the lack of a motion.

Elyse Branam was hired as a 6th grade teacher for the 2012-2013 school year at step 1 of the salary schedule.

Melissa Putman was hired as an elementary life skills teacher for the 2012-2013 school year at step 1 of the salary schedule.

Brooke Latuch was hired as a 4th grade teacher for the 2012-2013 school year at step 1 of the salary schedule.

The board voted to remove Rob Yench from the district support staff and include him in the Act 93 agreement.

The following adjustments for support staff for the 2012-2013 school year were approved:

1. Salaried support staff will receive a salary of \$19,500.00 after 1 full year of employment.

2. Support staff will receive a 2% base increase for the 2012-2013 school year with adjustments to be made as a result of evaluations.
3. Support staff with salaries of \$30,000.00 or higher will be frozen for the 2012-2013 school year.

The board voted to approve the superintendent's contract effective 7/1/13 through 6/30/18.

The board voted to approve the district paying the monthly service fee for the wireless internet coverage.

The following conference request was approved:

1. Somerset County Nurse's Association meetings for Amanda Custer for the 2012-2013 school year.

The following use of school facility requests were approved:

1. Junior/Senior Prom – Rockwood high school auditorium – 5/4/13, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM – grand march and pictures.
2. Class of 2015 – Rockwood elementary band room, gymnasium – 11/17/12, 4:00 PM – 10:30 PM – Soph-Senior dance.
3. Rockwood Youth Wrestling – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 8/6/12 through 8/11/12, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – training camp.
4. Student Council - Rockwood high school and elementary gymnasiums, athletic fields – 10/12/12, 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM; 10/13/12, 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM – homecoming dance, bonfire, carnival, pep rally.

The following club & class activity requests were approved:

1. French Club – cookie dough sale – 9/20/12 through 9/30/12 – raise funds for field trips and classroom activities.
2. Spanish Club – cookie dough sale – 9/20/12 through 9/30/12 – raise funds for field trips and classroom activities.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower updated the Board on the architectural findings for the facility. They suggest not looking at alternatives for the under the current gym or the remodeling of the red section. They would like to concentrate their focus on a new building at a new location and get cost estimates of the demolition of the red section.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he is acquiring proposals for the engineering study for the installation of sidewalks.

Mark Bower discussed several maintenance concerns with the Board. The district will be disposing of the old scoreboard that was donated by Somerset several years ago. The district will be replacing floor tiles in an area classroom and removing the overhang at the elementary entrance. The concrete barriers in the upper parking area are going to be removed.

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