



Rocket Express

June 25, 2013

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at 7:30 P.M. in the Administrative Office of the Rockwood Area School District. The minutes of the committee meeting on 5/21/13, and the regular meeting on 5/21/13, 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.

Old Business:

The board discussed the adoption of a final general fund budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Upon discussion, the board voted to adopt a final general fund budget in the amount of \$12,215,080.00 and a millage rate of 21.89 mills on real estate, a beginning committed fund balance of \$350,000.00, a beginning assigned fund balance of \$1,000,000.00, a beginning unassigned fund balance of \$2,217,400.00, a budgetary reserve balance of \$947,500.00, to rescind the previous motion made in May to eliminate the per capita and occupation taxes, and to set the current rates for per capita and occupation taxes at 0. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried.

The board adopted the 2013 Homestead/Farmstead Resolution and accepted the property tax reduction allocation in the amount of \$232,714.99.

New Business:

The board approved: the removal of old textbooks from the district inventory, placing several series on consignment with Follett, and selling several series to Follett.

The board approved a student to compete as an independent cross country athlete with Somerset, at no cost to the district.

The photography contract with SANDAV Studio for the 2013-2014 school year was approved, with no changes from previous years.

The club period/activity period bell schedule for the 2013-2014 school year was approved.

The board approved the contract with Bedford-Somerset MH/MR for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$54.00 per hour to a maximum of \$22,680.00, an increase of \$1.00 per hour from last year.

The board authorized Amanda Custer to attend the Somerset County School Nurses' Association meetings for the 2013-2014 school year.

The elementary Write Steps program was approved at a cost of \$17,105.00.

The board authorized the soccer boosters to move the electrical box into the concession/press box provided the work is done by a certified electrician and inspected by the electric company prior to use.

The changes to the elementary and high school faculty handbooks for the 2013-2014 school year were approved.

The changes to the elementary and high school student handbooks for the 2013-2014 school year were approved.

The board authorized the business office to make budgetary transfers for the 2012-2013 school year in order to avoid item and categorical over-expenditures resulting from audit reclassifications.

Education/Personnel:

The board approved a stipend for Cindy Brant for serving as the accompanist for the spring chorus concert - \$250.00.

The board accepted the resignation of Dave Putman as junior varsity/assistant varsity girls' soccer coach.

The board accepted the resignation of Ben Baker as junior varsity/assistant varsity boys' basketball coach.

Kristi Jacobson was employed as a Family & Consumer Science teacher for the 2013-2014 school year at step 1 of the salary schedule.

Cassie Weimer was employed as a special education teacher for the 2013-2014 school year at step 1 of the salary schedule.

The board voted to retain Heather Houghton as a paraprofessional for the 2013-2014 school year.

The board approved a base rate of \$8.50 per hour for all paraprofessionals and approved a 2% salary increase.

The board approved a 2% salary increase for the support staff.

The board approved a 2% salary increase for administrative staff and raised the base rate to a minimum salary of \$45,000.00.

The following **use of school facility request** was approved:

- Class of 2015 – HS Auditorium - Grand March for Prom – 5/3/14 – 3:30pm – 6:00pm

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower thanked the Board for authorizing the French trip and allowing our students the experience.

Mark Bower informed the Board that an exchange student will be in the district for approximately 5 months during the 2013-2014 school year.

Mark Bower thanked Mark Phillippi for the donation of 4 more computers from CTC.

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