



Rocket Express

June 25, 2019

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

Announcement of Executive Session Held on 5/29/19:

Board President, Irvin Kimmel, announced to the public that the Board held an executive session on 5/29/19 and during the committee meeting on 6/25/19 for student disciplinary matters. The Board voted in the affirmative to expel a student due to disciplinary matters.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 5/21/19 and the regular meeting on 5/21/19 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 2019-2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$12,273,703.00 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 \$3,702,372.00, 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 ½%.

The Board approved the 2019-2020 homestead and farmstead resolution as a result of accepting the state property tax reduction allocation in the amount of \$232,992.07.

New Business:

The Board voted in favor to authorize the business office to make budgetary transfers for the 2018-2019 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 for final approval in August.

The Board approved the contract with Dr. Christopher N. Clarke as the physician-consultant for the Rockwood Area School District for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the changes to the elementary and secondary student handbooks for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the changes to the elementary and secondary faculty handbooks for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding/Transitional Agreement with the Learning Lamp/Ignite as required by Title I.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding/Transitional Agreement with Community Action Partnership/Tableland as required by Title I.

The Board approved the Somerset County Nurses' Association meeting schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the summer driver education program and the payment of the instructor at a per diem hourly rate.

The Board approved the Mexican American Exchange program for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Pa. State Police-Troop A Somerset.

The Board approved an educational arrangement for a student.

The Board approved the athletic team schedules for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the quote from Pittsburgh Garage Flooring and Cabinets, LLC for the elementary entrance flooring through the COSTARS-8 program.

The Board approved the quote from Pittsburgh Garage Flooring and Cabinets, LLC for band room flooring through the COSTARS-8 program.

The Board approved the quote from All American Athletics for the recoating of the high school and elementary gymnasiums through COSTARS.

The Board approved the purchase of the K-12 science textbooks.

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

The Board approved the contract to participate in the School-Based ACCESS program for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the change to the faculty handbook regarding enrichment courses.

The Board approved the letter of agreement with Tableland Services, Inc. for the use of a classroom.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved the retirement of Kirsten Snyder as an instructional aide effective June 6, 2019.

The Board accepted the resignation of Katie Miller as the bona-fide volunteer junior high girls' assistant soccer coach.

The Board approved Loretta Hostetler and Karey Vough as substitute instructional aides pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the addition of the following individuals to the district substitute list pending completion of all paperwork:

Donna Jano	Type 06
Karey Vough	Type 06

The Board voted in favor to employ Michael Benton as the bona-fide volunteer junior varsity/varsity assistant boys' basketball coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved salary increases for the following employee groups:

- Secretaries
- Administrative Services
- Custodians
- Teacher Aides and Hourly Employees

The Board approved the proposed athletic fees for officials.

The Board voted in favor to table a decision on the coaches' salaries for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board voted in favor to add Lisa Buss to the district substitute teacher list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the letter of resignation from Kristen Kuzemchak as a physical education teacher and authorized the business office to advertise for the position.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. Intensive Skills Training in Applied Behavior Analysis for Teams Supporting Students with Autism – Altoona, Pa. – 7/9/19 through 7/11/19 – Ashley Kopp, Cassie Ohler
2. 2 Day Intensive IEP Writing Workshop – Rockwood, Pa. – 9/30/19 through 10/1/19 – Mary Gosnell, Kelly Herrman, Samantha Stonebrook, Stacey Baker, Cassie Ohler, Roni Langley, Dana Weimer, Jenna Wintersteen, Faith Hemminger, Ashley Kopp, Melissa Putman

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Basketball Boosters – Rockwood high school gym lobby – 6/11/19, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Booster meeting.
2. ACS & PPRAC – Rockwood high school, elementary classrooms, auditorium, cafeteria, gymnasium, library – 7/29/19 through 7/30/19, 3:00 P.M.-7:00 A.M. – Cancer fundraising bike ride.
3. Rockwood Ministerium – Rockwood high school auditorium – 7/18/19, 5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Guest speaker.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. Class of 2021 – Sheetz coupon booklet sales – 8/27/19 through 9/27/19 – Raise funds for prom
2. Spanish/French Clubs – Great American cookie dough sale – 10/3/19 through 10/17/19 – Raise funds for classroom activities, access to cultural experiences, field trips, etc.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that the Pa. budget is on track to pass on time.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district will attempt to order bus cameras this fiscal year and the step replacement will be done in the next fiscal year.

General Board Member Discussion:

The Board voted in favor to meet in executive session for the discussion of personnel, student disciplinary matters, and the review of the annual school safety and security report. Mark Bower presented the required annual School Safety and Security Report.

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