



# **Rocket Express**

## **November 16, 2021**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 10/19/2021 and the regular meeting on 10/19/2021 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.

### **Board Recognition:**

Students of the month were not recognized by the Board as listed on the posted agenda. November students of the month will be recognized at the December reorganization meeting.

### **Public Comment:**

Martha Mitchell addressed the Board about the Foreign Exchange Program. This year's exchange students introduced themselves and presented their country's flag. The flags were gifted to the District and will be displayed for students and community members to see.

### **Old Business:**

The Board discussed possible action on revisions to the Rockwood Area School District Health and Safety Reopening Plan. No changes were made to the plan.

The Board voted in favor to accept the final approval of the annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

### **New Business:**

The Board voted in favor to establish the date for the annual reorganization meeting as Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

The Board voted in favor to adopt the Act 1 resolution electing not to increase the tax rate above the index for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

The Board approved homebound instruction for an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student.

The Board approved the Rockwood Area School District elementary library painting proposal, at no cost to the District.

The Board approved the following revisions to the Rockwood Area School District policy manual and waive the second readings:

- 006 Meetings
- 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings

The Board voted in favor to adjust the adult meal prices from \$2.60 to \$4.00 for lunch and \$1.50 to \$2.00 for breakfast for the 2021-2022 school year due to federal school nutrition programs regulations.

The Board voted in favor to accept the quote from Pixellot at a cost of \$1,598.00; cost to be split between the Rockwood Area School District and the basketball boosters.

The Board approved the contract with David M. Maines Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$978,961.00 to install a TREMCO roof on remaining roof sections: J1, G, J2, F2, E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, and E6, through Keystone Purchasing Network – KPN/AEPA procurement program.

The Board approved Elisha Fazenbaker as a district van driver for Rockwood Transportation, Inc., pending completion of all paperwork.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board approved tenure status for the following individuals:

- Valerie Friedline
- Sarah Hay
- Kelsey Pletcher

The Board approved a medical leave of absence for the following employee (referenced by employee identification number) beginning November 11, 2021, through March 18, 2022, with the use of sick days and FMLA days. Employee ID #59.

The Board accepted the resignation of Carey Stivison as high school special education paraprofessional effective November 3, 2021.

The Board voted in favor to accept the resignation of Kelsey Pletcher as the bona-fide volunteer junior varsity volleyball coach and to advertise for the position.

The Board approved Mya Keller as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer for the District musical, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Briana Baughman as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer cheerleading coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the following Rockwood Area School District position volunteers, pending completion of all paperwork:

- Joni Smith
- Rebecca Spoerlein
- Brittney Monticue
- Roxann Blough

The Board voted in favor to add Chandler Enos to the substitute teacher list, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Zoey Tunstall as elementary classroom paraprofessional and add her to the substitute instructional aide list for the 2021-2022 school year.

### **Conference Requests:**

The Board approved the following conference request:

1. Hue Animation, Stikbots, and Story Cubes – Johnstown, PA – 12/8/21 – Ben Baker, Jenna Sembower.

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

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Volleyball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium, concession stand, wrestling room – 2/12/22; 6:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M. – AAU tournament fundraiser with Highlands Volleyball Club.
2. Rockwood Volleyball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium, concession stand, wrestling room – 3/19/22; 6:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M. – AAU tournament fundraiser with Highlands Volleyball Club.
3. Rockwood Basketball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium lobby – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, beginning 11/17/21; 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. – Monthly meetings.
4. Rockwood Alumni Basketball – Rockwood high school gymnasium – Sundays beginning 12/5/21 through 4/10/22; 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. – Alumni basketball open gyms.

### **Club & Class Activity Requests:**

The Board approved the following club & class activity request:

1. Junior Class – 60-minute popcorn sale – 12/1/21 – 12/3/21 – Raise funds for senior class trip and senior year activities.

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

Mark Bower provided the Board with an update in regards to ESSER funding. The Administration received defined federal restrictions on how ESSER funds can be used. ESSER funds will be used for the purchase of Dell Chromebooks, as well as bathroom renovations. Work must be done under federal procurement requirements. ESSER funds were to be used for the replacement of exterior doors; however, the consensus of the Board was to move funds from the exterior entry door project to the bathroom renovation project. The cost to replace the doors will be paid out of the district's general fund, as previously approved by the Board.

Mark Bower advised the Board he met with Somerset Planning & Engineering regarding the bathroom renovation project. Final plans will be made and bids should be available at the March 2022 Board meeting.

Mark Bower discussed snow day coverage with the Board and requested the Board not require administrative assistant coverage in the building on snow days. The consensus of the Board agreed to support the request.

Mark Bower thanked Richard Stoner and Clair Saylor for their many years of dedicated service as School Board members.

Mark Bower advised the Board of the plumbing and flooding issues in the downstairs hallway area. The district maintenance/custodial staff handled the situation in a timely manner and will continue to pursue a more permanent resolution to avoid flooding concerns in the future.

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