



# **Rocket Express**

## **March 17, 2020**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 2/18/2020 and the regular meeting on 2/18/2020 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.

### **New Business:**

The Board approved the renewal agreement with Metz Culinary Management for the 2020-2021 school year with a breakeven guarantee.

The Board approved homebound instruction for a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student.

The Board approved the Somerset County Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

The Board approved the Somerset County Technology Center Adult Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

The Board approved the Appalachia IU 08 General Fund Operating Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Election of Appalachia IU 08 officers.

The Board voted in favor to adopt the resolution calling for charter school funding reform.

The Board authorized the business office to advertise for propane gas, coal, and custodial/electrical supplies for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

The Board voted in favor to accept the offer from Kathryn Beale to purchase property at private sale.

The Board approved the list of position volunteers pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to accept the donation from One Stop Auto for the purchase of clay for the baseball field.

The Board approved the first reading of the following revisions to the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

222	Tobacco and Vaping Products
323	Tobacco and Vaping Products
707	Use of School Facilities
805.2	School Security Personnel
904	Public Attendance at School Events

The Board accepted the quote for the purchase of equipment for the cafeteria upgrade.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board approved a medical leave for Jill Morgan.

The Board accepted the resignation of Barry Sechler as the bona-fide volunteer junior high golf coach.

The Board voted in favor to employ Kelsey Pletcher as the bona-fide volunteer junior varsity volleyball coach.

The Board approved Jay Best as a mentor teacher for Vincent Corrado.

The Board approved a medical leave of absence for Beth Miller from 3/10/2020 for approximately 6 weeks.

The Board approved a medical leave of absence for Richard Grimes from 4/1/2020 until approximately 4/15/2020.

The Board approved Shawn Ware as a bona-fide unpaid volunteer coach for softball pending completion of all paperwork.

### **Conference Requests:**

The Board approved the following conference request:

1. Ethical Training – Somerset, Pa. – 5/8/2020 – Brandi Shaulis

### **Field Trip Requests:**

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Senior High Adventure and Team Building – Deer Valley YMCA Camp, Fort Hill, Pa. – 4/23/2020 – Nick Buterbaugh, Carlee Glessner, and 40 students

2. Rockwood Business Tour – Rockwood, Pa. – 5/7/2020 – Brandi Shaulis, Becky McKinley, Jessica Knepper, Ben Baker, Chelsea Weimer, and 46 students
3. National Guard Experience – Somerset, Pa. – 4/23/2020 – PJ Opfar and number of students to be determined
4. Challenge 24 Competition – Cresson, Pa. – 5/14/2020 – Jessica Knepper and 5 students

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

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests (subject to guidelines established regarding COVID 19 – dates will be rescheduled as needed):

1. Highlands Volleyball Club – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 3/14/2020, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. – AAU practice.
2. Rockwood Legion Riders – Rockwood high school front parking lot – 6/6/2020, 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. – American Cancer Society ride.
3. Rockwood Youth Football and Cheerleading sign-ups – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 3/19/2020, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.; 3/21/2020, 8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.; 3/26/2020, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.; 3/31/2020, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – sign-ups.
4. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 4/24/2020, 6:00 A.M.-7:00 A.M. – pizza & hoagie delivery.
5. Rockwood Post 279 Jr. Legion Baseball – Rockwood baseball field – May 2020 through August 1, 2020, various times – practice and games.
6. Pre-K – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 3/20/2020, 1:00 P.M.-2:45 P.M.- study celebration.

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

The Board voted in favor to appoint Hailey Miller to the Board of School Directors to represent Region 3. Hailey Miller was administered the oath of office by notary public, Bethann Rice.

The Board approved the district-operated food distribution program.

The administration was given the authorization to amend the school calendar as needed.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the school grounds will remain closed, except for essential operations.

Mark Bower informed the Board that a series of frequently asked questions will be posted on the district website.

Mark Bower informed the Board that PSBA will hosting various COVID-19 webinars over the next several days and weeks.

Mark Bower informed the Board that there has been no decision on the administering of the PSSA and Keystone exams.

The Board voted in favor to continue to pay the hourly employees during the shutdown, subject to the discretion of the administration.

The Board voted in favor to pay the spring coaches  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the stipend owed to them.

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