



# **Rocket Express**

## **May 16, 2017**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 4/18/17 and the regular meeting on 4/18/17 were approved.

The agenda, agenda items, and additional items, including the items added at the committee meeting, were approved.

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

### **Board Recognition:**

The following students of the month were recognized by the Board:

- Evan May
- Faith Purbaugh
- Jacob Sechler
- Troy Emert
- Luke Foy
- Emily Kemp

A representative from Girls Scout Troops 40855 and 46452 addressed the Board on their silver award project to refurbish the ticket booth by the soccer field. There would be no cost to the district. The Board approved the silver award proposal from Girl Scout Troops 40855 and 46452 to refurbish the ticket booth.

### **Old Business:**

The Board voted in favor to accept the recommendations of the business office for coal, propane, and custodial supplies for the 2017-2018 school year and to accept the two-year option from Collins Brokerage for the coal supply bid.

### **New Business:**

Shannon Berkey was elected as Board Treasurer by acclamation.

Brian Coughenour was elected as Board Secretary for a 4-year term by acclamation.

The Board appointed Gail May as the fund custodian for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board designated First National Bank and Somerset Trust as the school district depositories for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board appointed Dr. Ajay P. Singh as the school district physician-consultant for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board designated the Somerset Daily American as the newspaper of general circulation for the Rockwood Area School District.

The Board approved the tentative graduation list for the Class of 2017.

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

The Board adopted the resolution approving the amendments to the Bedford-Somerset Schools Health Insurance Consortium.

The Board authorized Cliff Atchison to build a locked cabinet with shelves in the Maintenance building.

The Board voted in favor to accept the donation from the O'Brien family of a bench to be placed at the Jaden Rock memorial.

The Board approved the photography contract with SANDAV for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board authorized the administration to seek the services of a dentist for a mandated dental program and to bring proposals back to the Board at a later date.

The Board approved the school nurse program for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board voted in favor to allocate approximately 500 substitute custodial hours from the 2016-2017 general fund budget for various maintenance projects and to set the rate of pay at the greater of the minimum wage or the current hourly rate of the employee.

The Board voted in favor to appoint the firm of Barbera, Clapper, Beener, Rullo, & Melvin, with Michael Barbera as the primary solicitor for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board accepted the property tax reduction allocation for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$232,709.77 and to authorize the business manager to prepare a resolution approving the individual homestead/farmstead reductions for approval at the 6/20/17 meeting.

The Board adopted the preliminary general fund budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year in the amount of \$11,171,838.00 and a millage rate of 21.89 mills and to advertise this budget for public inspection and final adoption at a meeting on 6/20/17.

The Board approved the purchase of financial/human resources software from E Finance Plus in the amount of \$33,000.00 to be installed after July 1, 2017 and paid as part of the approved one-time expenditures for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board accepted the resignation of Cliff Atchison as the bona-fide junior varsity/assistant varsity boys' soccer coach effective 5/1/17 and to advertise for the position.

The Board accepted the resignation of Amber Walker as co-student council advisor.

The Board voted in favor to employ Roni Langley as the co-student council advisor.

The Board accepted the resignation of Roger King as the bona-fide varsity and junior varsity volleyball coach and the varsity girls' basketball coach effective immediately and accepted the following coaching recommendations of the administration:

- Varsity Girls' Basketball                      Bob Hay
- Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball              Autumn Kelly
- Junior High Girls' Basketball                Kelly Atchison
- Varsity Volleyball                                Julie Johnson
- Junior Varsity Volleyball                      Jason Atchison
- Junior High Volleyball                         Mary Jane Sauder

The Board accepted the resignation of Ben Baker as the bona-fide volunteer junior high track coach.

The Board accepted the resignation of Roger King as custodian effective May 26, 2017 and voted to advertise for the position.

The Board accepted the resignation of Dave Miller as the bona-fide junior varsity boys' basketball coach and to advertise for the position.

### **Conference Requests:**

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. IU 08 STEM – Altoona, PA – 5/23/17 – Christy Hay and Ben Baker
2. Dyslexia Training – Harrisburg, PA 6/15/17 through 6/16/17 – Kelly Herrman

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

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Volleyball Boosters – Rockwood high school gym lobby – 5/9/17, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – booster meeting.
2. New Centerville Spinnetts – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 6/29/17, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM; 6/30/17, 3:30 PM – 9:30 PM; 7/1/17, 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM – baton twirling recital.
3. Rockwood Track Boosters – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 5/19/17, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM – end of year picnic/athlete recognition.
4. Rockwood Volleyball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 7/27/17, 7/28/17, 7/29/17; 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM – volleyball camp.
5. Rockwood Youth Volleyball – Rockwood high school gymnasium – dates to be determined – practice and skill development.

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

Mark Bower informed the Board that the Class of 1965 bench dedication will be held on 5/18/17 at 11:00 A.M. and Board members are welcome to attend.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the senior trip will be held next weekend and graduation will be on 6/2/17.

Mark Bower reminded Board members of the Staff Appreciation Dinner that will be held on 5/18/17.

The Board approved 7/3/17 as a day off for support staff and administration.

Mark Bower discussed various options for the elementary gymnasium restoration project, including the flooring, bleachers, padding, etc. A comprehensive proposal will be forthcoming to the Board at a later date.

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