



# **Rocket Express**

## **May 17, 2022**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 4/19/2022 and the regular meeting on 4/19/2022 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:**

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

Maxwell G. Kemp  
Gage M. Upton  
Devin W. McCauley  
Emily N. Hutchison  
Payge P. Lytle  
Brooke M. Wagner

### **Public Comment:**

Mark Bower presented to the Board an American waving flag that was created and donated to the district by Mr. Kush and the Technology & Engineering Club.

The Board watched a video created by students in the Technology & Engineering Club. The club teamed up with Global SFC Valve to compete in the “What’s So Cool About Manufacturing” video contest.

### **Old Business:**

The Board accepted the recommendation of the Business Office for the coal bid for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board authorized the Business Office to re-advertise for bids for the restroom and locker room alteration project.

The Board approved the amended agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Ignite Education Solutions for Title I services at Somerset Christian School for the 2021-2022 school year (increase of \$125.00).

The Board approved the amended agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Ignite Education Solutions for Title I services at St. Peters Catholic School for the 2021-2022 school year (increase of \$419.14).

The Board approved the revisions to the job description and responsibilities for the School Social Worker.

The Board approved the revised Evaluation Form for the School Social Worker.

**New Business:**

Brad Pletcher was elected as Treasurer by acclamation.

The Board approved membership in the PA Association of Rural and Small Schools for the 2022-2023 school year, in the amount of \$890.00.

The Board approved the membership renewal with PSBA in the amount of \$10,704.15 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

The Board approved the cooperative agreement between Rockwood Area School District, Berlin Brothersvalley School District, and Shanksville-Stonycreek School District for cheerleading during the fall seasons, remaining in effect until appropriate board action to terminate the agreement is taken by a participating district.

The Board voted in favor to accept the quote from CriLon Corp in the amount of \$10,319.00 for crack repair and line striping in the elementary parking lot.

The Board appointed Jenny Beckner as fund custodian for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved First National Bank, Somerset Trust, and First People's Community Federal Credit Union as school district depositories for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board voted in favor to designate the Somerset Daily American as the newspaper of general circulation for the Rockwood Area School District.

The Board approved the mandated dental program for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved the school nurse program for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved Dr. Christopher Clark as the school physician-consultant for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved Barbera Law and Michael Barbera as school district solicitor for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved the tentative graduation list for the class of 2022.

The Board voted in favor to accept the property tax reduction allocation for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$293,458.13.

The Board voted in favor to adopt the proposed final budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$15,310,974.00 and a millage rate of 22.63 mills on real estate and to advertise this budget for public inspection and final approval at a meeting on June 21, 2022.

The Board approved the agreement with Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for support services for local and state validation reporting for PIMS, in the amount of \$1,442.65 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

The Board approved the Rockwood Area School District Special Education Plan from 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2024.

The Board approved the French and Spanish Trip Proposal for students to travel to French and Spanish related sites throughout the United States in June 2023.

The Board approved the agreement with Government Software Services, Inc. for the printing of tax duplicates.

The Board approved the Cooperative Agreement between Saint Francis University and Rockwood Area School District for the College in High School Program for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved the ESL Consortium Agreement with Appalachia IU 08 for the 2022-2023 school year at a cost of \$4,500.00.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board accepted the resignation of Amelia Gross as the bona-fide volunteer assistant cheerleading coach, to advertise for the position, and approved her as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer cheerleading coach.

The Board accepted the resignation of Nicholas Buterbaugh as the bona-fide volunteer varsity golf coach, to advertise for the position, and approved him as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer golf coach.

The Board accepted the resignation of James Wagner as the bona-fide volunteer varsity boys' basketball coach and to advertise for the position.

The Board withdrew the agenda item to approve an intermittent FMLA leave for the following employee (referenced by employee identification number) on an as needed basis. Employee ID # 77.

The Board voted in favor to employ Rebekah Marietta as a certified school nurse beginning the 2022-2023 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Roni Langley as the bona-fide volunteer Jr./Sr. High Speech Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board voted in favor to employ Hanna Mitchell as the bona-fide volunteer Assistant Jr./Sr. High Speech Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board voted in favor to employ Gail May as a substitute administrative assistant for up to 10 days during August 2022 through October 2022, at her current per diem rate, to assist with beginning of school year cafeteria processing and annual audit preparation.

The Board voted in favor to add Gail May to the substitute administrative assistant list for the 2022-2023 school year for employee absences.

The Board approved Ashley Shrum as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer volleyball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Shelby Coughenour as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer volleyball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the Evaluation Form for the Accounts Payable Administrative Assistant.

The Board approved the Evaluation Form for the School Psychologist/Special Education Supervisor.

The Board voted in favor to appoint the current School Psychologist, Megan Hetrick, to the role of School Psychologist/Special Education Supervisor effective July 1, 2022.

The Board voted in favor to amend the Act 93 and Related Compensation Plan.

The Board voted in favor to employ Anthony Evans as a full-time maintenance/custodial employee, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Jeffrey Snyder as custodian effective immediately.

### **Field Trip Requests:**

The Board approved the following field trip request:

1. WSCAM Video State Competition – Hershey, PA – 5/18/22 – Joe Kush and 5 students.

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

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Youth Football League – Rockwood athletic fields, concession stand, announcers booth, admissions booth – 8/21/22, 9/17/22, 9/24/22, 10/8/22; 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Youth football games.

2. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary library – 5/19/22, 5/20/22; 8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. – Bargain book fair.
3. Rockwood Pre-K – Rockwood yard area by rocket – 6/1/22; 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. – End of year celebration.
4. Justice Works Youth Care (JWYC) Independent Living Program – Rockwood Area School District bikes – 6/15/22, 7/15/22, 8/15/22; 12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. – Use of district bikes for bike trail outings.

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

The Board approved the following club & class activity request:

1. Spanish and French Class – Cookie Dough Fundraiser – 9/29/22 through 10/10/22 – Raise funds for classroom items, cultural opportunities and experiences.

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

Mark Bower informed the Board that faculty and staff are in the midst of many exciting student-related activities that include: honors banquets, field trips, athletic playoff games, etc. They have been busy preparing for the end of year activities that make going to school a great experience for our students. Jon Hale and Misty Demchak elaborated on events that will be occurring for both high school and elementary students.

Mark Bower congratulated Jon Hale on the Federal Programs Audit.

Mark Bower advised the Board that Salisbury-Elk Lick School District is interested in participating in a girls' soccer cooperative program. He will be working out the details to present at the June Board meeting.

Mark Bower informed the Board that interviews have been scheduled for the Elementary and Health and Physical Education Teacher positions.

Mark Bower discussed summer hours for staff members. Beginning the week of June 13, 2022, staff will work longer hours Monday through Thursday. The building will be closed on Fridays. Staff will return to a normal five-day work week beginning the week of August 8, 2022. The Board agreed with this recommendation.

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