



# **Rocket Express**

## **May 21, 2019**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 4/16/19 and the regular meeting on 4/16/19 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.

### **Board Recognition:**

The following students were recognized by the Board:

- Dylan Coho
- Abygail Floyd
- Kaitlyn Pletcher
- Catherine Houghton
- Sophia Yachere
- Savannah Clawson

### **Public Comment:**

Representatives from Girl Scout Troops 46441 and 40009 addressed the Board regarding a proposal to construct a flower garden at the elementary school entrance as part of their Silver Award project. The Board approved the proposal presented by the Girl Scouts.

### **Old Business:**

The Board voted in favor to accept the recommendations by the business office for the bids for propane and custodial supplies for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Board approved the Rockwood Area School District Comprehensive K-12 School Guidance and Counseling Program.

### **New Business:**

The Board approved the basketball booster's proposal to expand the existing concession stand.

The Board voted in favor to appoint Gail May as the fund custodian for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Board voted in favor to designate Somerset Trust and First National Bank as the school district depositories for the 2019-2020 fiscal 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 tentative graduation list for the class of 2019 and voted to present the original diplomas to the students on stage.

The Board approved the mandated dental program for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Board approved the school nurse program for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Board approved Dr. Christopher Clark as the school district physician-consultant for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Board approved the firm of Barbera Law and Michael Barbera as the school district solicitor for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Board voted in favor to allocate approximately 300 substitute custodial hours from the 2018-2019 general fund budget for various maintenance projects and set the rate of pay at the greater of the minimum wage or the current hourly rate of the employee.

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

The Board approved a modified schedule for a student to work with a family business for his senior year.

The Board approved the following support for the 2019 GAP Trail Relay – Rockets Run for Kids proposal:

- Permission to participate as a team
- 4 to 5 substitutes for Friday, October 11, 2019
- \$900.00 admission fee
- Permission to raise funds

The Board voted in favor to accept the School Safety and Security Grant Program (Part B) in the amount of \$90,448.00 and to approve the 1% grant writing stipend to Mark Bower as a donation to the GAP Trail Relay – Rockets Run for Kids.

Shannon Berkey was elected to the office of treasurer by acclamation.

The Board approved the contract with Ignite Educational Solutions for the 2019-2020 fiscal year for long term, contracted and substitute staff on an as needed basis.

The Board approved the extended school year program for 12 days in June and July.

The Board approved the photography contract with Sandav for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Board approved the proposed transportation contract with Champion Christian School for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2026.

The Board approved the transportation contract with Rockwood Transportation, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2026.

The Board voted in favor to accept the property tax reduction allocation funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$232,992.07 and to authorize the business manager to prepare a resolution for consideration at the June 25, 2019 meeting.

The Board voted in favor to adopt a proposed final budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$12,273,703.00, a millage rate of 21.89 mills, and to advertise this budget for public inspection and final adoption at a meeting on June 25, 2019.

The Board approved the contract with The Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2019-2020 fiscal year in the event a placement is needed.

The Board approved the agreement with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for in school nursing services for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Board approved homebound/extended school year services for a kindergarten student.

The Board approved membership in the Sourcewell purchasing program at no cost to the district and approved the purchase of bus cameras from the program as part of the 2018-2019 approved allocation for one-time expenditures.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board approved the following bona-fide volunteer positions for the district musical pending completion of all paperwork:

- Susan Branam                      Musical Director
- Angie Weaver                     Assistant Musical Director
- Faith Hemminger                 Acting lines, song, dance
- Elyse Cordaro                     Asst. acting lines, song, dance
- Gina Huss                         Assistant Coach 3\*

\*only in the event of more than 50 participants in grades 6 – 12

The Board accepted the letter from Kelly McNaul requesting removal from the district substitute nursing list.

The Board voted in favor to add the following individuals to the district substitute list pending completion of all paperwork:

- Leah Clay                      Substitute Nurse
- Sandra Greene                Substitute Custodian

The Board approved the following substitute school nurse rates:

- \$200.00/day.....Certified school nurse in the absence of the regular school nurse.
- \$150.00/day.....RN, LPN, or CSN on a field trip or providing health assistance or coverage for the regular school nurse under the direct supervision of the regular school nurse.

The Board voted in favor to employ James Wagner as the bona-fide volunteer varsity boys' basketball coach.

The Board approved a medical leave of absence for Jessica Miller from 8/27/19 through 11/18/19.

The Board approved Charles Johnson as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer coach for varsity girls' soccer pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Mike Munsell as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer coach for girls' varsity basketball pending completion of all paperwork.

**Use of School Facility Requests:**

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Track Boosters – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 5/20/19, 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. – End of year picnic/awards.
2. Alumni Volleyball – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – Sunday evenings, 1/5/20 through 4/5/20, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Pick-up volleyball.
3. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood high school athletic fields – 8/24/19, 9/7/19, 9/15/19, 10/5/19, 8:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M. – Home youth football games.
4. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood athletic fields – 7/9/19, 5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.; 7/10/19, 5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Youth football camp

**Club & Class Activity Request:**

The Board approved the following club & class activity request:

1. Rockwood PTO – Joe Corbi's Fundraiser – 9/30/19 through 10/18/19 – Raise funds for author day and new equipment for the Health-A-Thon.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mark Bower reminded the Board of the Staff Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, May 23.

Jon Hale informed the Board of the various elementary activities that will be taking place until the end of the school year.

Mark Bower and Misty Demchak informed the Board of the various high school activities that will be taking place until the end of the year.

The senior trip to New York City will be taking place this weekend.

Senior lock-in will occur on 6/3/19 and 6/4/19.

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