



# **Rocket Express**

## **August 15, 2017**

The Rockwood Area School District Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 6/20/17 and the regular meeting on 6/20/17 were approved.

The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were approved.

The financial and treasurer reports and bills were approved.

### **New Business:**

The Board voted to table the appointment of voting delegates and the designation of Brian Coughenour to cast district votes for PSBA officers until the September meeting.

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

- 203 Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
- 204 Attendance

The Board approved the updated ELL curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the changes to the Outside Services Handbook for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the tentative transportation rates and routes for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the tentative bus driver and substitute bus driver list for the 2017-2018 school year pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the agreement to provide community resource consultation with Clapper Educational Consulting for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the maintenance agreement with FIT Optimized Solutions for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the letter of agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Ignite Education Solutions for Title I services at Somerset Christian School.

The Board approved the letter of agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Ignite Education Solutions for Title I services at Champion Christian School.

The Board approved the cooperative agreements between the Rockwood Area School District and the Berlin Brothersvalley School District for football and marching band for the 2017-2018 school year, remaining in effect until the agreement is mutually dissolved or ended for cause.

The Board approved the cooperative agreement between the Rockwood Area School District, the Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District, the Berlin Brothersvalley School District, and the Shanksville-Stonycreek School District for wrestling for the 2017-2018 school year, remaining in effect until the agreement is mutually dissolved or ended for cause.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board approved Savannah Cavanaugh as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer coach for volleyball pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Elyse Cordaro as the bona-fide assistant varsity girls' soccer coach and approved her as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer varsity girls' soccer coach.

The Board accepted the resignation of Dave Griffith as the bona-fide volunteer assistant track coach.

The Board voted in favor to employ Amber Kelly as the bona-fide volunteer assistant boys' soccer coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Cliff Atchison as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer assistant junior high girls' soccer coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Beth Miller as the bona-fide volunteer junior varsity/varsity assistant girls' soccer coach.

The Board approved Mark Mort, Autumn Kelly, and Charles Johnson as unpaid bona-fide volunteer coaches for varsity girls' soccer pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Kapeka Galazia as elementary guidance counselor.

The Board voted in favor to employ Brandi Shaulis as the elementary guidance counselor.

The Board accepted the resignation of Mary Jo Picklo as high school English/Reading teacher.

The Board voted in favor to employ Gina Huss as a high school English/Reading teacher.

The Board voted in favor to authorize Christy Hay to participate in the ESL program, to approve compensation for her for summer training at a per diem rate, and to approve the district applying for emergency certification.

The Board approved the following mentor teachers for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Jenna Wintersteen for Jessica Miller
- Amanda Custer for Samantha Rahe
- Patti Jo Opfar for Brandi Shaulis
- Jill Morgan for Gina Huss

The Board approved the following curriculum coordinators for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Becky McKinley Elementary Reading
- Jessica Knepper Elementary Math
- Ben Baker Elementary Science
- Shanna Wilson Elementary Social Studies
- Jenna Wintersteen Elementary Special Education
- Jay Best High School Social Studies
- Greg King High School Math
- Jill Morgan High School ELA
- Amber Walker High School Fine Arts/Practical Arts
- Linda Henry High School Science
- Stacey Baker High School Special Education

The Board approved Christy Hay as the Act 48 chairperson and Induction chairperson for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the substitute teacher list, substitute custodial list and substitute instructional assistant list, with the inclusion of Danielle Suder and Jack Bluebaugh on the substitute teacher list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Susan Tressler as a special education instructional assistant.

The Board approved a leave of absence for Mindy Sarver from 8/24/17 through 1/3/18.

#### **Field Trip Request:**

The Board approved the following field trip request:

1. High School Highlights Training – Somerset, PA – 9/15/17 – Nicole Hetrick and two students.

#### **Use of School Facility Request:**

The Board approved the following use of school facility request:

1. Hart & Soul Dance Studio – Rockwood high school auditorium, band room – 5/18/18, 4:00-9:00pm; 5/19/18, 11:00am-5:00pm - recital

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

Mark Bower informed the Board that the building tour will take place at the September meeting since four Board members were absent.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the elementary gymnasium project. The sound boards are in place and a new wireless scoreboard has been ordered. The project is still under budget.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the red section has been cleaned up. Rooms will now be assigned for specific purposes.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the rocket has been restored and a dedication ceremony will take place at a later date.

Mark Bower informed the Board of several drainage issues that have been taken care of over the summer.

Mark Bower informed the Board of the various work that has been done on the tennis courts.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the annual athletic trainer fee has gone up by \$500.00 but the trainer will now be covering junior high soccer games.

Mark Bower commended Jon Hale on the recent federal programs audit. The district received a clean audit and the auditors commended Mr. Hale on a very thorough report.

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

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