



# **Rocket Express**

## **January 7, 2021**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held a special meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2021.

The minutes of the reorganization meeting on 12/8/20 were approved.

The Board approved the agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items.

### **Old Business:**

The Board discussed possible action on revisions to the Rockwood Area School District Health and Safety Reopening Plan and voted in favor to approve option #6 (as outlined below) of the Instructional Model Options to return to partial in-person instruction effective January 25, 2021, with the possibility of then moving to option #2 (as outlined below) effective February 8, 2021, dependent upon the current transmission of COVID 19 cases in the district and the region. Both options require students and staff to comply with the updated order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health requiring universal face coverings, including necessary exceptions and associated guidance as follows:

- Written parent notification of exemption if an individual is unable to wear a face covering. The individual would be required to wear a face shield as an alternative.
- Medical documentation from a physician of exemption if an individual is unable to wear the alternative face shield.

The Board authorized the Administration to resubmit the Attestation based upon the above face covering guidelines and for the Administration to develop a plan to continue food and material distribution.

- # 6 Elementary and Targeted Transition to In-Person Instruction (beginning 1/25/21)
  - K-6 return to in-person instruction
  - 7-12 remain in remote learning
  - Targeted high school students
    - SCTC students
    - Students without home internet access
    - Students with disabilities
    - Etc.

- # 2 Return to 100% in-person instruction (beginning 2/8/21)

The Board discussed possible action on revisions to the Rockwood Area School District Athletic Health and Safety Plan and approved revisions to the plan to allow student participants two spectators at indoor events and to not require athletes to wear a face covering during participation due to safety concerns.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board approved special paid sick leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) for the following employees (referenced by employee identification number) who qualify for such leave for their own medical condition, or if the employee was ordered to quarantine by the Department of Health as a close contact. Such leave is considered special sick leave, which qualifies for Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System (PSERS) creditable service time.

- # 9
- # 97
- # 123
- # 139

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

Mark Bower thanked the Board for their time and commitment on making decisions and for holding extra meetings to discuss options that would benefit the District as a whole.

Mark Bower informed the Board that there are two vacant seats on the IU Board. If any member is interested in serving on the Board, they should contact him for additional information.

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