



# **Rocket Express**

## **August 23, 2012**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in its regular session on Monday, August 20, 2012. The minutes of the committee meeting on 7/16/12 and the regular meeting on 7/16/12 were approved. The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were also approved.

The financial and treasurer reports and bills were approved as presented.

The revision to policy number 328 (Compensation Plan) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual was approved.

The proposed special education change to the student handbook was approved.

The tentative transportation rates and routes for the 2012-2013 school year were approved.

The board approved Renee Ehrhardt as a driver for Rockwood Transportation for the 2012-2013 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

The board approved the athletic fees for officials for the 2012-2013 school year with the inclusion of the annual adult pass at the rate of \$40.00 and the admission of students free of charge during designated school spirit night.

The athletic schedules for the 2012-2013 school year were approved.

The marching band schedule for the 2012-2013 school year was approved.

The board approved the offer from Peter & Jeannine Lembo to purchase property at private sale in the amount of \$129,000. (District receives no funds from the sale but the property goes back on the tax records.)

Homebound instruction for a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student was approved.

The Rockwood Area School District substitute teacher list for the 2012-2013 school year was approved.

The board approved the amended tentative transportation driver and substitute driver list for the 2012-2013 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

Gerri Griffith was approved as an unpaid assistant cheerleading coach for football, pending completion of all paperwork.

Deneane Miller-Armel was approved as assistant junior varsity cheerleading coach for football.

The board voted to accept the donation to the athletic department for cheerleading purposes from Deneane Miller-Armel in the amount of her coaching salaries.

The coaching salaries for the 2012-2013 school year, with no increase, were approved.

The resignation of Zach Sipe as assistant varsity football coach was accepted.

The resignation of Jeremy Romesberg as junior high football coach was accepted.

Sharon Sterner and Kristen Engle were approved as junior high volleyball coaches.

Joe Brown was approved as junior high football coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The board accepted the retirement of Irene Kovach effective July 30, 2012.

The resignation of Heidi Johnson as elementary teacher, effective immediately, was accepted.

The addition of Irene Kovach to the district substitute list died for the lack of a motion.

Jon Hale was approved as federal program coordinator.

Beth Mapes was employed as an elementary teacher for the 2012-2013 school year pending completion of all paperwork at step 1 on the salary scale.

Jenna Woy was approved as an elementary teacher for the 2012-2013 school year pending completion of all paperwork at step 1 of the salary scale.

The following mentor teachers were approved for the 2012-2013 school year:

Jenna Sembower for Beth Mapes  
Christy Hay for Jenna Woy

The board accepted the resignation of Jack Illar as elementary science curriculum coordinator.

The board accepted the resignation of Jenna Sembower as elementary reading curriculum coordinator.

The board accepted the resignation of Mindy Sarver as elementary reading curriculum coordinator.

The board accepted the resignation of Mary Ellen Hoover as high school fine arts curriculum coordinator.

Christy Hay was approved as Induction Chairperson.

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The following curriculum coordinators for the 2012-2013 were approved:

<b>Elementary Reading</b>	<b>Susan Slope, Becky Mckinley</b>
<b>Elementary Math</b>	<b>Jessica Knepper</b>
<b>Elementary Science</b>	<b>Ben Baker</b>
<b>Elementary Social Studies</b>	<b>Tammy Minnick</b>
<b>Elementary Special Education</b>	<b>Jean Hart</b>
<b>H.S. Math</b>	<b>Greg King</b>
<b>H.S. Science</b>	<b>Tim Vought</b>
<b>H.S. Social Studies</b>	<b>Jay Best</b>
<b>H.S. English</b>	<b>Jill Morgan</b>
<b>H.S. Fine Arts</b>	<b>Amber Walker</b>
<b>H.S. Special Education</b>	<b>Joyce Meese</b>

Lydia Svetkovich was employed as a school psychologist for the 2012-2013 school year pending completion of all paperwork.

The board voted to employ Rachel Struckoff as a personal care aide for the 2012-2013 school year.

The following conference request was approved:

1. Army Tour of Fort Detrick – Hagerstown, MD – 8/20/12 through 8/23/12 – Kurt Woolslayer – no cost to district (paid by US Army).

The following use of school facility requests were approved:

1. Rockwood Soccer Boosters – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – date to be determined – soccer dance.
2. Rockwood Soccer Boosters – Rockwood athletic fields – 9/22/12, 3:30 – 7:00 PM – alumni game.
3. Grace Bible Fellowship – Rockwood high school auditorium, cafeteria – 9/16/12, 9/30/12, 10/28/12, 11/4/12, 11/11/12, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – worship services.
4. Rockwood Football Cheerleading – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 8/10/12, 8:00 – 11:00 AM; 8/11/12 & 8/12/12, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – pizza & hoagie delivery and cheerleading camp.
5. Rockwood Alumni Volleyball – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – Thursday evenings – September through May, 7:30 – 10:00 PM – open gym for alumni volleyball.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower updated the Board on the facilities in preparation for the opening of school. The custodians have done an excellent job in replacing floors and cleaning the facility. Several Smartboards are in need of installation but should be completed by the start of school.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the new federal requirements that will be occurring in the lunch program as a result of the new federal regulations.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Tracy Pollock will be leaving the district as cafeteria manager on 9/17/12. Her replacement will be Ben Leverknight.

The property tax hearing regarding the Pheasant Run properties will be held on Wednesday at 9:30.

Mark Bower updated the Board on various engineering studies taking place within the district.

The board voted to approve a change order in the amount of \$1,000.00 on the existing roof project.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the heating /cooling unit in the administrative office has been repaired by Marc Services.

Mark Bower expressed appreciation to Deb Hutchison and Gail May for their hard work and long hours during the recent IRS audit that took place in the district.

The district will be undergoing a special education audit in the fall of this year.

Mr. Bower informed the Board that the inspector from PSBA will be in the district on Friday to perform the final inspection on the bleachers.

The board voted to donate the old steps from the bleachers to Jeff Snyder.

The Board discussed the coop agreement with Turkeyfoot. Currently, 25% of the participants are from Turkeyfoot and they are still trying to raise funds to pay for the transportation of their students that are participating at Rockwood. Upon discussion, the board voted in favor of providing up to \$2,000.00 from the district to assist in securing transportation for the Turkeyfoot participants.

Elyse Branam was approved as boys junior high soccer coach, providing no major conflicts arise as result of coaching both the boys and girls and with the stipulation that the salary will be divided if another coach or assistant is obtained by the district.

The board authorized the administration to obtain quotes from other companies for the patching of the hallway leading to the red section.

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