



# **Rocket Express**

## **March 19, 2019**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 2/19/19 and the regular meeting on 2/19/19 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:

- Aaron Show
- Jonathan Felesky
- Sophie Kinney
- Tyler Harrold
- Jeremy Singo
- Noah Gerhard

### **New Business:**

The Board approved the three-year agreement with Health eTools (HET) Electronic Management Record (EMR) system.

The Board approved the Somerset County Technology Center Adult Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Board approved the Somerset County Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Board approved the summer shop proposal (promote STEM with hands-on activities) submitted by Joe Kush.

The Board approved the outside counsel proposal from Peacock Keller.

The Board approved Metz Culinary Management Inc. as the food service management company for a period of five years with a required renewal approval each year.

The Board denied The Last Straw initiative from Metz Culinary Management.

The Board approved the quote from Standfirm Excavating to spread the dirt on the baseball and softball fields.

The Board approved the SAFE2SAY SOMETHING procedures for the Rockwood Area School District.

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

625 Procurement Cards

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

103 Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment – School and Classroom Practices  
103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities  
104 Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment – Employment Practices  
222 Tobacco/Nicotine  
323 Tobacco/Nicotine  
707 Use of School Facilities  
904 Public Attendance at School Events  
247 Hazing  
249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

The Board authorized the business office to advertise for the following bids for the 2019-2020 school year:

Propane

Custodial Supplies

The Board accepted the quote from All American Athletics, Inc. to recoat the gymnasium floors.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board voted in favor to add Stephanie Thorpe to the district substitute instructional aide list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Sarah Hay as a full-time elementary teacher.

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

Amanda Lytle

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The Board approved Sarah Hay as the bona-fide junior high track coach.

The Board approved Ben Baker as the bona-fide assistant track coach.

The Board approved Russ Pletcher as a bona-fide volunteer coach for baseball pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of John Emert as the bona-fide volunteer varsity boys' basketball coach and voted to advertise for the position and all other vacant positions for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved Jason Atchison as the bona-fide volunteer varsity volleyball coach.

The Board approved additional summer hours for Pat Weston to complete the yearbook, not to exceed 20 hours.

### **Field Trip Requests:**

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Mount Aloysius College Visit – Cresson, Pa. – 4/9/19 – PJ Opfar and number of students to be determined
2. Johnstown Flood Museum, Mountain Playhouse – Johnstown, Jennerstown, Pa. – 9/26/19 – Russ Daubert, 3 other teachers based on grade level and content area and 72 students

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

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood high school, elementary cafeterias – 3/5/19, 3/14/19, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.; 3/23/19, 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. – Youth football sign-ups.
2. Rockets U14 Soccer Team – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 3/11/19, 3/13/19, 3/18/19, 3/20/19, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.; 3/16/19, 3/23/19, 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. – Indoor soccer practice.
3. Pa West U12 Soccer – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 2/28/19, 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M. – Indoor soccer practice.
4. AYSO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 3/1/19, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Collect orders for fundraisers.
5. TJ Dance – Rockwood high school chorus room, auditorium – 9/11/19, 9/13/19, 4:00 P.M.-?; 9/14/19, 12:00 P.M.-? – Dance recital.
6. Kingwood Youth Baseball – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 4/6/19, 4/13/19, 4/20/19, 4/27/19, 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. – Open gym, practice.
7. Rockwood Youth Softball – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 4/6/19, 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M. – Pitcher’s clinic.

### **Club & Class Activity Request:**

The Board approved the following club & class activity request:

1. Manufacturing Class – Sale of products made in class – May 2019 – Raise funds for future purchases

### **Superintendent’s Report:**

Mark Bower expressed his thanks to the students and advisors of the musical for an outstanding performance. A proposal and recommendations for next year’s musical will be presented to the Board at the April meeting.

Mark Bower presented a list of 27 businesses and companies that have already signed up to participate in the Resource Fair.

### **General Board Member Discussion:**

The Board discussed the purchase of benches for the dugouts constructed by the softball boosters. The softball boosters would like the Board to consider the purchase of the benches or help the boosters out in some way. The Board voted in favor to purchase the benches for the softball dugouts out of one-time expenditures.

The Board voted in favor to remove the old phones from the district inventory.

The Board held a lengthy discussion on the current student rotational pattern at the technology center. Board members had a concern with the current system. Mark Bower and Clair Saylor will discuss the matter with representatives from the technology center.

Misty Demchak informed the Board that the use of the Chromebooks in the high school is working out very well.

The Board approved the terms of a tentative transportation contract with Rockwood Transportation, Inc. with final details and final approval to occur at a later meeting.

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