



# **Rocket Express**

## **September 16, 2014**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 16, 2014.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 8/19/14 and the regular meeting on 8/19/14 were approved.

The agenda and agenda items were approved.

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

### **Board Recognition:**

The following students of the month were recognized by the Board:

- Macayla Buratty
- Rhett Pletcher
- Jade Hetz
- Allison Foreman
- Emily Barchey
- Jessica Dice

### **Public Comment:**

Jamie Trimpey addressed the Board on the current bus stop at the intersection of 653 and Galico Road. She feels the stop is very unsafe and would like the Board to consider re-routing the bus and provide a stop closer to her house.

### **New Business:**

The board voted in favor of authorizing Richard Saylor to mow/farm the school district property previously donated.

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

The board approved the contract with Pressley Ridge for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board voted in favor to authorize a home school student to participate in electives during school hours.

The board approved the junior high speech schedule for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board approved the FBLA schedule of events for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board approved the chorus schedule for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board approved the band schedule for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board approved the first reading of policy number 351 (Drug and Substance Abuse; Post-offer Pre-Employment and Post-Employment Drug and Alcohol Testing) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.

### **Committee Reports:**

The board approved Falon Gross as a volunteer assistant for the drama club pending completion of all paperwork.

The board approved to increase the stipends of the bona fide volunteer junior high basketball coaches as a result of increasing the length of the season from 7 weeks to 11 weeks.

The board voted in favor of employing Nick Buterbaugh as a bona fide volunteer junior varsity boys' basketball coach.

The board voted in favor of employing Jeanne Gusbar as the dental hygienist.

The board voted in favor of adding the following individuals to the district instructional aide substitute list pending completion of all paperwork:

Amy Jones  
Brianna Knieriem  
Jennifer Latuch  
Ruth Blycheck  
Nancy DenBleyker

The board voted in favor of adding Ruth Blycheck to the district substitute secretary and district substitute custodial lists pending completion of all paperwork.

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

Megan Elder	Social Studies
Misty Deaner	Elementary Education
Chelsey Weimer	Type 06
Bethany Frieri	Elementary Education

The board voted in favor of rescinding the offer of employment to Ashley Stockwell as an instructional assistant.

The board approved Laurel Spano as an unpaid bona fide volunteer assistant coach for girls' junior high soccer pending completion of all paperwork.

The board approved the collective bargaining agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and the Rockwood Education Association from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2021.

The board approved a five day paternity leave for Doug Spiri.

The board accepted the resignation of Farrah Thompson as French teacher.

The board accepted the resignation of Lydia Svetkovich as school psychologist.

The board voted in favor of employing Kathy Mowry as an instructional aide pending completion of all paperwork.

### **Conference Requests:**

The following conference requests were approved by the board:

- School-Based ACCESS Training-Pittsburgh, PA-10/22/14-Amanda Custer (required training for the ACCESS program).
- Annual College in High School Training-Pittsburgh, PA-10/31/14-Greg King (required training to teach college in high school calculus).
- Annual SAP Training-St. Vincent College-11/17/14 through 11/19/14-Patti Jo Opfar (required training to be a member of the SSAP team).
- P.A.E.A Conference-Seven Springs-10/31/14 through 11/2/14-Jane Holt (highly recommended by administration).

### **Field Trip Requests:**

The following field trip requests were approved by the board:

- Model UN Conference-Johnstown, PA-11/21/14-James Wagner and 25 students.
- SADD/TATU-Somerset, PA-10/10/14-Alana Letizia and 5 students.
- FFA County Leadership Conference-Somerset, PA-10/9/14-Leanna Weimer and 7 students.
- County Highlights-Somerset, PA-9/23/14—Lee Hetrick and 3 students.

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

The following use of school facility requests were approved by the board:

- Recreational Volleyball League-Rockwood Elem Gym-Thursday evenings during the school year-7:00pm-10:00pm - Recreational Volleyball.
- Rockwood PTO-Rockwood Elem. Library & Cafeteria - 9/19/14 - 6:00pm-8:00pm - Family Reading Night.
- Rockwood PTO-Rockwood Elem. Gym & Music Room - 10/17/14 - 6:00pm-8:00pm and 10/20/14 through 10/24/14 - 8:30am-3:00pm - Family Fun Night and Book Fair.
- Rockwood PTO-Rockwood Elem. Gym & Music Room - 2/27/15 - 6:00pm-8:00pm and 3/2/15 through 3/6/15 - 8:30am-3:00pm - Family Fun Night and Book Fair.
- Rockwood PTO-Rockwood Elem Library & Cafeteria - 3/27/15 - 6:00pm-8:00pm - Family Reading Night.

### **Club & Class Activity Requests:**

The following club & class activity requests were approved by the board:

- French and Spanish clubs – cookie dough sale – 9/19/14 through 9/26/14

**Superintendent Report:**

Mark Bower informed the Board that Jim Soto only billed the district \$100.00 for the installation of the outdoor PA system when the Board originally approved \$300.00. The Board requested a thank-you letter be sent on behalf of the district.

Mark Bower thanked several individuals on their donations to the Mobile Ag Lab.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the information regarding the property in Jefferson Township has been completed and forwarded to Dan Rullo for review. The information is due in Harrisburg on Friday.

Mark bower discussed a fund raiser that Christy Hay is pursuing for the purchase of furniture and books for the library. Final details will be presented in October.

Mark Bower asked the Board for permission for Emma Hicks to get estimates on upgrading the tennis courts. The Board authorized the student to pursue getting estimates.

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