



# **Rocket Express**

## **October 21, 2014**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 9/16/14 and the regular meeting on 9/16/14 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:

- Nolan Croushore
- Rebecca Johnson
- Beverly Escontrias
- Haley Beahr
- Karina Putman
- Jamie Knopsnyder

### **Public Comment:**

Several individuals from the public expressed their support for Teryll Gribble for a coaching position within the district.

### **Old Business:**

The board approved the second and final 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.

The final transportation rates and routes for the 2014-2015 school year were approved by the board.

### **New Business:**

The board approved the contract with the KSL Group for e-rate services for the 2015-2016 funding year.

The board voted in favor to accept the Creating a Healthy School Environment grant from Highmark.

The board approved the French Exchange Program for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board voted in favor to remove 6 filmstrip projectors and 2 overhead projectors from the district inventory.

The board approved the submission of the annual financial report by the 10/31/14 deadline and to present the report for final approval in November.

The board approved homebound instruction for a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student.

The board approved the contract with Interim Healthcare for substitute school nursing responsibilities and authorized the administration to research the possible use of LPN's and paramedics for substitute services.

The board approved the annual senior trip to New York City from 5/23/15 through 5/24/15.

The student congress schedule for the 2014-2015 school year was approved.

The quiz team schedule for the 2014-2015 school year was approved.

The board approved the first reading of the revised 300 series of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.

The senior high speech schedule for the 2014-2015 school year was approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

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

Rebecca Mull	Social Studies
Max Marker	Type 06

The board voted in favor of restoring Erica Henry to the instructional aide substitute list.

The board voted in favor of accepting the resignations of Sydney Rigo and Ashlee Lepley as bona-fide volunteer cheerleading coaches.

The board voted in favor of accepting the resignation of Robert Barnes as the head bona-fide volunteer rifle coach and to approve him as an unpaid bona-fide assistant coach.

The board voted in favor of accepting the resignation of Brooke Latuch as an elementary teacher.

The board voted in favor of employing Kelly Herman as school psychologist.

The board voted in favor of employing Greta Carroll as French teacher.

The board voted in favor of employing Melissa Gregory as an elementary teacher.

The board voted in favor of accepting the resignation of Adam Rullo as elementary special education teacher and to advertise for the position.

The board voted in favor of employing Greg King as the bona-fide volunteer rifle coach.

The board voted in favor of employing Holly Carlson as the bona-fide volunteer junior high girls' basketball coach.

### **Conference Requests:**

The following conference requests were approved by the Board:

1. Annual PSLA Conference – Hershey, Pa. – 4/30/15 through 5/2/15 – Christy Hay
2. Threat Assessment and Prevention of Targeted School Violence – Richland, Pa. – 10/23/14 – Travis Robison
3. Autism Spectrum – Ebensburg, Pa. – 10/22/14 – Cassie Ohler
4. SAP Networking – Somerset, Pa. – 11/14/14 – Amanda Custer, Jay Best, Tammy Minnick, Sue Slope, Becky McKinley, Beth Miller
5. Somerset County Counselors Meetings – Somerset, Pa. – 10/17/14, 11/21/14, 12/19/14, 1/16/15, 2/20/15, 3/20/15, 4/17/15, 5/15/15 – Patti Jo Opfar
6. PHEAA Workshop – Johnstown, Pa. – 11/14/14 – Patti Jo Opfar
7. SAP Training – Latrobe, Pa. – 11/17/14 through 11/19/14 – Patti Jo Opfar
8. PCTM State Conference – Harrisburg, Pa. – 11/6/14 though 11/7/14 – Sarah Pletcher, Jessica Knepper, Alana Letizia, Elyse Branam, April Kretchman
9. Making the Grade in Math – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 10/27/14 – Jessica Knepper

### **Field Trip Requests:**

The following field trip requests were approved by the Board, with a tentative approval given to item 30 until further information is received from administration on the educational value of the trip:

1. Johnstown Flood National Memorial, Inclined Plane, Grandview Cemetery – Johnstown, Pa. – 4/24/15 – Russ Daubert, Jay Best or Jim Wagner
2. Clara Barton Forum – Johnstown, Pa. – 11/5/14 – Kristen Kuzemchak
3. Try-Math-A-Lot – Johnstown, Pa. – 5/6/15 – April Kretchman
4. PIMBA Championships – Penn Trafford High School – 11/1/14 – Amanda O'Neill
5. Byham Theater Musical – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 4/23/15 – Doug Spiri
6. Special Olympic Winter Events – Hidden Valley Resort – 2/10/15 – Kurt Woolslayer
7. Fall Reading Competition – Bellwood Antis High School – 11/19/14 – Nicole Hetrick
8. Spring Reading Competition – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/14/15 – Nicole Hetrick
9. Journalism Class Trip to Newseum – Washington, D.C. – 11/21/14 – Nicole Hetrick
10. WVU School of Journalism – Morgantown, W.V. – 4/17/15 – Nicole Hetrick
11. Green Bank Science Center – Snowshoe, West Virginia – 12/19/14 through 12/20/14 – Kurt Woolslayer
12. Daily American High School Highlights Luncheon – Somerset, Pa. – 5/12/15 – Nicole Hetrick
13. Somerset County Courthouse Tour – Somerset, Pa. – 2 trips, dates to be determined – Jim Wagner, Jay Best or Russ Daubert
14. Spanish Rock Musical – Somerset, Pa. – 11/25/14 – Andrea Minor
15. Pittsburgh Pirate Game – Pittsburgh, Pa. – date to be determined – Andrea Minor
16. Gateway Clipper – Pittsburgh, Pa. – date to be determined – Andrea Minor
17. Job Shadowing – Somerset, Pa. – 10/29/14 – Misty Demchak
18. Gateway Clipper – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/28/15 – French teacher
19. Student Exchange Club Luncheon – Somerset, Pa. – 12/10/14 – Patti Jo Opfar
20. SCTC 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tour – Somerset, Pa. – 3/19/15 – Patti Jo Opfar
21. College Fair – Somerset, Pa. – date to be determined – Patti Jo Opfar
22. WJAC Gifted Trip – Johnstown, Pa. – date to be determined – Sarah Pletcher
23. NHS Special Olympics volunteers – Seven Springs – 2/9/1 and 2/10/15 – April Kretchman

24. SADD/TATU – Somerset, Pa. – February 2015 – Alana Letizia
25. Holocaust Memorial – Washington, D.C. – March or April 2015 – Jay Best, Jill Morgan, Jim Wagner
26. Camp Allegheny – Cairnbrook, Pa. – 5/28/15 – Josh Bowlin, Tammy Minnick
27. Somerset County Scrabble Tournament – Somerset, Pa. – 5/1/15 – Janet Dotson, Beth Miller
28. Carnegie Science Center – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/6/15 – Becky McKinley, Jessica Knepper, Shanna Topka, Adam Rullo
29. Benedum Center – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 12/5/14 – Doug Spiri, Ben Baker, Elyse Branam, Kristen Mumau
30. Shawnee State Park – Schellsburg, Pa. – 5/7/15 – Carter Bower, Beth Mapes, Jamie Gross
31. Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/22/15 – Cathy Phillippi, Sue Slope
32. Mountain Playhouse, Somerset Hospital – Jennerstown, Somerset, Pa. – 5/13/15 – Denise Miller, Brooke Latuch, Deb Phillippi
33. Kindergarten Graduation – The Hay Loft, Rockwood, Pa. – June 2015 – Josh Bowlin, Tammy Minnick
34. Rockwood Walking Tour – Rockwood, Pa. – May 2015 – Faith Hemminger, Mindy Sarver, Jenna Sembower, Jenna Wintersteen
35. Somerset Historical Society – Somerset, Pa. – May 2015 – Faith Hemminger, Mindy Sarver, Jenna Sembower, Jenna Wintersteen
36. Washington D.C. Trip – 5/19/15 – Ben Baker, Elyse Branam, Kristen Mumau, Adam Rullo
37. Fall Reading Competition – Bellwood Antis High School – 11/20/14 – Jenna Wintersteen, Christy Hay
38. Elementary ski club trips for the 2014-2015 school year.
39. High school ski club trips for the 2014-2015 school year.
40. Martin’s Personal Care Home, Golden Living for Christmas caroling – Rockwood, Meyersdale, Pa. – 12/19/14 – April Kretchman

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

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

1. French Honor Society/Boosters – Rockwood high school cafeteria, faculty room, Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 11/21/14, 3:15 – 6:00 PM ; 11/22/14, 6:00 – 10:00 PM – Fall formal dance.
2. Rockwood Student Congress – Rockwood high school classrooms, cafeteria – 11/20/14, 3:30 – 6:00 PM – Host a LHSSL student congress.
3. Rockwood Softball Boosters – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 10/31/14, 6:30 – 9:30PM – Halloween dance.
4. Rockwood Adult Farmer Program – Rockwood high school LMC room – 11/6/14, 11/13/14, 11/20/14, every Thursday from 1/8/15 through 3/19/15, 7:00 – 10:00 PM – Adult farmer meetings.
5. Rockwood Marching Band Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 10/24/14, 6:00 – 7:30 AM – pizza and hoagie delivery.
6. Rockwood Indoor Soccer – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 10/5/14, 4:00- 7:00 PM; 10/11/14, 4:00 – 5:00 PM – Soccer practice.
7. 6<sup>th</sup> grade class – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 11/24/14, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM 11/25/14, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Annual Christmas store.
8. Rockwood Wrestling Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium, cafeteria, kitchen – 2/20/15, 6:00 – 11:00 PM.; 2/21/15, 6:00 AM – 11:00 PM – Open wrestling tournament.
9. Rockwood Youth Wrestling Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium, wrestling room, Ag. Room – 10/27/14 through 4/1/15, 6:00 – 9:00 PM – wrestling practice and booster meetings.
10. Rockwood Youth Wrestling Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium, cafeteria, kitchen – 1/16/15, 6:00 – 11:00 PM; 1/17/15, 6:00 AM – 11:00 PM – First and second year wrestling tournament.

11. Indoor Soccer – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 10/19/14, 4:00-6:00PM –soccer practice.

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

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

1. Class of 2020 – Donkey basketball game – 4/16/15 – raise funds for soph-senior, prom, senior trip, graduation.
2. Friends of the Library – Run a mile for reading – 10/31/14 –raise funds for library furniture and various books.
3. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class – Annual Christmas store – 11/24/14 and 11/25/14 – raise funds for Washington, D.C. trip.
4. National Honor Society – Gardner’s Christmas candy sale – 11/17/14 through 12/5/14 – raise funds for transportation and supplies for volunteer activities.
5. Class of 2017 – Subway card sale – 10/21/14 until cards are sold – raise funds for soph-senior, prom, senior flowers, graduation.
6. TV Production/Engineering & Technology Club – sale of pencils – November 2014 until the end of the school year – raise funds to purchase equipment and supplies.
7. Engineering & Technology Club – Christmas ornament sale – 11/24/14 through 11/25/14 – raise funds for field trip.

### **Superintendent’s Report:**

Mark Bower informed the Board that a representative from PSBA will be at the November meeting to give an update on the association and to present a certificate to Clair Saylor for 16 years of service.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the annual dinner and tour of the technology center will be held on 3/26/15.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Emma Hicks is gathering estimates and quotes for the restoration of the tennis court. She will be presenting her findings at a later meeting.

Mark Bower informed the Board that a meeting was held with Somerset to discuss the co-op agreement with Somerset for football, cross-country, and swimming. Somerset will establish a committee and submit information to Rockwood by December.

The French exchange students will be in the district at the beginning of November. On 11/8/14, the students will be taking a tour to Washington D.C. The next day, they will visit Flight 93, the inclined plane, and attend a Tomahawks game.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the boys’ and girls’ soccer teams are ranked #1 in district 5. They will both host a playoff game on Saturday at home.

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