



# **Rocket Express**

## **May 19, 2015**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 4/21/15 and the regular meeting on 4/21/15 were approved.

The agenda and agenda items were approved.

The financial and treasurer reports, bills, and budgetary transfers were approved.

### **Board Recognition:**

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

- Erin Pyle
- Alexander Benford
- Kaylie Miller
- Anni Shaffer
- Caitlen Schmuck
- Megan Thorpe

### **Old Business:**

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

249	Bullying/Cyberbullying
307	Student Teachers/Interns
609	Investment of District Funds

The Board voted in favor of accepting the recommendations of the business office for the following bids for the 2015-2016 school year:

Coal, Propane, Custodial Supplies

The Board voted in favor of accepting the previous recommendation of the administration to deny the request for a stop on Beagle Road and keep the current route the same as in the current year.

The Board approved the Mexican American Exchange Proposal.

The Board approved the proposal from Parlights Inc. for the auditorium project.

## **New Business:**

Shannon Berkey was elected to the office of Treasurer by acclamation.

The Board approved the student accident insurance program through Bolinger Specialty Group for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board voted in favor of appointing Gail May as fund custodian for the 2015-2016 school year as required for bonding coverage.

The Board voted in favor of designating First National Bank and Somerset Trust Company as school district depositories for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board voted in favor of appointing Dr. Ajay P. Singh as the school district physician-consultant for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board voted in favor of designating the Somerset Daily American as the newspaper of general circulation for the Rockwood Area School District.

The Board approved the dental hygienist program for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the school nurse program for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board voted in favor of appointing the firm of Barbera, Clapper, Beener, Rullo, & Melvin as the school district solicitor for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board accepted the resignation of Louise Kreger as tax collector for Upper Turkeyfoot Township effective 4/9/15.

The Board voted in favor of appointing Carissa Shipley as tax collector for Upper Turkeyfoot Township effective 4/9/15.

The Board voted in favor of appointing Angie Mitchell as deputy tax collector for Upper Turkeyfoot Township effective 4/9/15.

The Board approved the photography contract with SANDAV Studio for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the contract with BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc. for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the maintenance service agreement with FIT Optimized Solutions for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the contract with Bull's Eye Security, Inc. for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

The Board voted in favor of allocating \$5,000.00 in the 2015-2016 budget to the Rocket Fuel Backpack Food Program.

The Board approved the preliminary general fund budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year with total expenditures of \$11,902,215.00 and a millage rate of 21.89 mills.

The Board voted in favor of accepting the property tax reduction allocation for the 2015-2016 fiscal year in the amount of \$232,719.81.

The Board approved the language arts textbook adoption for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board voted in favor of establishing a Rockwood fund through the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies.

The Board approved the option on Humbert School Road that requires the bus to travel across the intersection of 653 in the morning and evening, provided that the students involved ride the bus on a regular basis or the route will revert back to the current status.

The Board approved homebound instruction for a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student.

The Board voted in favor of accepting donations from Rockwood Casualty Insurance Co., Guy Carpenter Corp. and their employees for the purpose of establishing the John P. Yediny Business Learning Lab.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board approved a leave of absence for Kristen Kuzemchak for approximately nine weeks beginning on 9/1/15.

The Board voted in favor of adding Maria Pessolano to the district substitute list, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor of adding Linda Pritts to the district substitute instructional aide list, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor of allocating 430 substitute custodial hours from the 2014-2015 general fund budget for additional help for various maintenance projects and to set the rate of pay for the employees at their current hourly rate.

The Board voted in favor to table the employment of Roger King as the bona-fide volunteer varsity volleyball coach for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

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

1. High Ridge 4-H Club – Rockwood high school cafeteria – First Tuesday of every month, during the school year, 7:00 – 8:30 PM – meetings.
2. Elementary Talent Show – Rockwood high school auditorium – 5/21/15, 3:30 -5:30 PM, 5/26/15, 1:45 PM - ?, 5/27/15, 6:00 PM - ? – Elementary talent show.

The Board voted in favor of authorizing MRS Physical Therapy to use the gymnasium at various times throughout the summer at no cost to the district.

**Club & Class Activity Requests:**

The following club & class activity request was approved by the Board:

1. Prom Committee/Class of 2017 – fun color run – 9/13/15 – raise funds for prom.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mark Bower shared a letter from Rita Halverson expressing her respect on the behavior of our students at her recent visit to the district.

Mark Phillippi also expressed his respect of the students on their visit to CTC.

The Board voted in favor of relocating the bell from the Kingwood School to its original location at the community center, but the bell will remain the property of the district if the facility is not used in the future.

Mark Bower recognized Gracyen Breckenridge for her first place finish in District 5 in the 3200 meter race and wished her well at the state competition in Shippensburg this weekend. He also commended the entire track team for their showing throughout the year.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he has been approached by several parents on the possibility of starting a cross-country team at Rockwood. He expressed his concern on the effect that this may have on the other sports. A district needs five members to compete as a team but individuals can still compete if a team is not achieved.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the senior trip to New York will take place this weekend.

Mark Bower invited the Board to the awards assembly on 6/2/15.

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