



# **Rocket Express**

## **December 8, 2015**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its annual reorganization meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 11/17/15 and the regular meeting on 11/17//15 were approved.

The agenda, agenda items, and the additional agenda items were approved.

The financial and treasurer reports were approved.

### **Old Business:**

Mark Phillippi gave the oath of office to newly elected Board members: Shannon Berkey, Irvin Kimmel,Jr. and Noah Wareham.

Mark Phillippi appointed Clair Saylor as temporary chairperson to preside over the meeting.

Mark Phillippi was elected to the office of President by a vote of the Board.

Jason Coho was elected to the office of Vice-President by acclamation.

Clair Saylor was appointed as the representative to the Somerset County Technology Center Joint Operating Committee, and Richard Stoner was appointed as the alternate.

Mark Phillippi was appointed as the PSBA Legislative Chairperson.

Mark Phillippi was appointed as the PSBA Employee Relations Contact.

The Board voted in favor to hold the committee meetings and regular meetings during the 2016 calendar year on the third Tuesday of every month, January through November, at 6:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. respectively.

### **New Business:**

The Board voted in favor to authorize the business office to pay bills in December to avoid penalties and to present those bills for final approval in January.

The Board voted in favor to accept the resignation of Noah Wareham as Board member in region 2.

The Board voted in favor to appoint Ron Saler as the new Board member in region 2. Mark Phillippi gave the oath of office to appointed Board member Ron Saler.

The Board voted in favor to appoint Adam Sembower as the new Board member in region 3. Mark Phillippi gave the oath of office to newly appointed Board member Adam Sembower.

The Board approved an agreement in lieu of expulsion for a Rockwood elementary student.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board approved Brady Yachere as a bona-fide volunteer unpaid assistant basketball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to add the following individuals to the district substitute instructional aide/secretary list, pending completion of all paperwork:

- Brenda Livengood
- Nicole Johnson

The Board voted in favor to employ Jennifer Palmieri as a long term substitute teacher in English, pending completion of all paperwork and background checks, with a starting date of 1/4/16.

The Board voted in favor to authorize the administration to begin the process of the elimination of an English position for the 2016-2017 school year and replace the position with a guidance position.

### **Conference Requests:**

The following conference requests were approved by the Board:

1. IU08 Algebra Collaboration – Meyersdale, PA – 1/15/16 – April Kretchman
2. Collins Writing Math Training – Altoona, PA – 2/10/16 – Mindy Sarver
3. Collins Writing Math Training – Altoona, PA – 2/11/16 – Elyse Cordaro, April Kretchman, Alana Letizia

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

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

1. Class of 2018 – Marianna’s pizza and hoagie sale – 1/18/16 – 1/29/16 – raise funds for class activities.
2. Rockwood FBLA – Marianna’s pizza and hoagie sale – 2/15/16 – 2/26/16 – raise funds for club activities.

### **Superintendent’s Report:**

Mark Bower informed the Board that he has received a request from the pee wee wrestling boosters to move a previously approved tournament from a Saturday to Sunday January 31, 2016 due to the lack of help.

The Board voted in favor to authorize the pee wee wrestling boosters to hold the tournament on Sunday, January 31, 2016.

Mark Bower informed the Board that No Child Left Behind will now be labeled All Students Will Achieve. The purpose is to give the state more control over the program.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the FBLA created a video project that won in the top three honors in the state.

The Board voted in favor to deny the grievance submitted by the REA, subject to further negotiations with the union and its representation.

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