



# **Rocket Express**

## **April 18, 2017**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 3/21/17 and the regular meeting on 3/21/17 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:

- Kaitlyn Pletcher
- Adam King
- Sophia Yachere
- Noah Gerhard
- Renee Svonavec
- Madelyn Mitchell

### **Public Comment:**

Joe Kush and several students demonstrated the prosthetic hand that they developed using the 3-D printer in the technology education department. The Board also saw the special report that was aired on WJAC regarding this project.

Martha Mitchell and the two foreign exchange students addressed the Board and thanked them for their support of the program. The students shared their gratitude for the staff and the opportunities that were provided while attending Rockwood.

### **Old Business:**

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

209.2                      Diabetes Management

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

246                      School Wellness  
808                      Food Services

**New Business:**

The Board approved the summer driver education program for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$50.00 per student.

The Board approved the district-operated site based extended school year program for 2017 for a total of 12 half days.

The Board approved additional summer hours for Pat Weston to complete the 2016-2017 yearbook, not to exceed 20 hours.

The Board voted in favor to authorize the administration to notify Appalachia IU 08 of the District's intent to take over speech services for the 2017-2018 school year and to authorize the administration to advertise the position if the current IU 08 speech teacher assigned to the District notifies the IU 08 she is not interested in working full-time for the District.

The Board approved homebound instruction for a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student.

The Board approved payment by the district for the required PIAA courses in coaching principles and first aid for all coaches upon the receipt of a certificate of completion from the coaches.

The Board voted in favor to accept the proposal presented by the administration for the following one-time expenditures for the 2017-2018 fiscal year:

Elementary Gymnasium Restoration	103,000.00
Business Office Financial Software	33,000.00
Genie Lift	15,000.00
Elementary Swing Set	10,000.00
Maintenance Building Gutters	5,000.00
Misc. Expenses	5,000.00

**Committee Reports:**

The Board accepted the retirement of Kim Huet effective the last teacher day of the 2016-2017 school year and to advertise for the position.

The Board voted in favor to increase the hours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade para-professionals for the 2017-2018 fiscal year as determined and recommended by the administration.

The Board voted in favor to employ Kelly Herrman as a five-day school psychologist for the Rockwood Area School District and authorized the administration to terminate the current agreement with Turkeyfoot for shared services.

### **Conference Requests:**

The Board approved the following conference request:

1. Initial Asbestos Training – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 6/12/17 through 6/16/17 – Ed Clay, Chris Hostetler
2. Counselor Network – Altoona, Pa. – 4/20/17 – P.J. Opfar, Kapeka Galazia

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

The Board approved the following use of school facility request:

1. Rockwood American Legion – Rockwood high school auditorium – 5/29/17, 9:00 A.M.- 11:00 A.M. – Memorial Day services in the event of inclement weather.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district received approximately \$10,000.00 from the Bill Lamp Foundation, and the funds will be used as part of the elementary gymnasium project.

The Board voted in favor to accept the donation of a granite bench and flower pot from the Class of 1965.

Mark Bower informed the Board that our health care insurance premiums will increase approximately 7% if the entire consortium approves the increase next week.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district received 240 desks from Windber S.D. and thanked Vernon Shumaker, Ed Clay and Chris Hostetler for all their hard work in getting the desks to the district.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Rob Yench received a free laptop cart from a vendor that we have been dealing with for many years.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Somerset Planning & Engineering will be applying for the DCED Grant again this year for the restoration of the tennis courts.

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