



# **Rocket Express**

## **May 17, 2016**

The Rockwood Area School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 4/19/16 and the regular meeting on 4/19/16 were approved.

The agenda, agenda items, and additional 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:

- Carissa Struckoff
- Haley Lehman
- Tara Savage
- Morgan Johnson
- Alexandra Henry
- Caitlin Schmuck

### **Old Business:**

The Board approved the recommendations of the business office for the following bids for the 2016-2017 school year:

Coal, Propane, Custodial Supplies

The Board approved the proposal from Builder's Hardware for the replacement doors that is currently budgeted as part of the 2015-2016 one-time expenditures.

The MTSS (Multiple Tiers of Support System) team gave a presentation to the Board on the achievements of the program and the use of the grant money.

### **New Business:**

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

The Board approved the student accident insurance program through Bolinger Specialty Group for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board voted in favor to appoint Gail May as the school district fund custodian for the 2016-2017 school year as required for bonding insurance coverage.

The Board voted in favor to designate First National Bank and Somerset Trust Company as school district depositories for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board voted in favor to appoint Dr. Ajay P. Singh as the school district physician-consultant for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board voted in favor to designate the Somerset Daily American as the newspaper of general circulation for the Rockwood Area School District for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the dental hygienist program for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the school nurse program for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board voted in favor to appoint the firm of Barbera, Clapper, Beener, Rullo, & Melvin as the school district solicitor for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

The Board approved the district-operated site based extended school year program for 2016 for a total of 9 days and 18 hours.

The Board determined that the administration will decide on whether to scrap the three welders that are in the district inventory or place them out for sealed quotes.

The Board approved the tentative graduation list for the class of 2016.

The Board voted in favor to accept the offer from Rockwood Borough to purchase property at repository sale.

The Board approved two students to attend the ACM program for a portion of the day their senior year at no cost to the district.

The Board voted in favor to accept the property tax reduction allocation for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$232,724.52 and to authorize the business manager to prepare a resolution approving the individual homestead/farmstead reductions for approval at the 6/21/16 meeting.

The Board voted in favor to adopt a preliminary general fund budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year in the amount of \$12,154,077.00 and a millage rate of 21.89 mills and to advertise the budget for public inspection and final adoption at a meeting on 6/21/16.

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

The Board approved the first reading of the following new policies of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual and waived the second reading requirement:

626.1	Travel Reimbursement-Federal Programs
823	Naloxone
827	Conflict of Interest

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

626	Federal Fiscal Compliance
808	Food Services

The Board voted in favor to accept the base bid and option 1 from Stoy Excavating, in the amount of \$693,783.10, for the paving project and authorized the administration to sign off on all paperwork related to the project.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board voted in favor to add Charlotte Carrabotta to the district substitute teacher list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Kapeka Galazia as an elementary guidance counselor.

The Board voted in favor to allocate approximately 500 substitute custodial hours from the 2015-2016 general fund budget for various maintenance projects and to set the rate of pay at the greater of the minimum wage or the current hourly rate of the employee.

The Board approved the amendments to the employee evaluations for the administrative assistant to the superintendent, the business administrative assistant, and the assistant business manager.

The Board voted in favor to employ Chad Lytle as the bona-fide volunteer junior high/junior varsity golf coach.

### **Field Trip Requests:**

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Drug Free Communities May Meeting – Somerset, PA. – 5/19/16 – Alana Letizia and 5 students.
2. Rockwood Community Grove – Rockwood, PA – 6/2/16 – Ben Baker, Elyse Cordaro, Kristen Mumau and 54 students.

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

Mark Bower informed the Board that the Berlin School District was very appreciative for the donation of the seven man sled to the program.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the staff was very appreciative for the appreciation dinner.

Mark Bower discussed the author visit and Western Day that was recently held in the elementary school. The students had a great time with singing and activities that took place.

Mark Bower informed the Board that on Thursday, May 19, Sharon Clapper will have a panel of recent graduates meeting with the senior class in preparation for college and future careers. Business leaders and county commissioners will be in the district for a presentation by the students in Mr. Kush's class. Students will also participate in a "What's My Line" event where business leaders will discuss their job responsibilities and students will then "guess" what the business leader's occupation is.

Mark Bower informed the Board on the success of the FFA program. The students are placing in many county competitions and Rockwood took first and second place in the envirothon contest.

The Board was informed that Rockwood has 12 athletes competing in the district track & field competition at Northern Bedford on 5/19/16.

Mark Bower showed an EIDEX presentation on the district PSSA and SAT test scores and where we stand compared to other districts of similar size and demographics.

The Board authorized the administration to plan the staff appreciation dinner for the 2016-2017 school year.

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