



# **Rocket Express**

## **June 24, 2014**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 5/20/14 and the regular meeting on 5/20/14 were approved.

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

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

### **Public Comment:**

Andrea Minor, Jay Best, and three students presented a slideshow presentation on their recent trip to Mexico. They thanked the Board for their support and asked them for the same support in the future.

### **Old Business:**

The board approved a final general fund budget for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$12,014,949.00 and a millage rate of 21.89 mills on real estate, a beginning committed fund balance of \$350,000.00, a beginning unassigned fund balance of \$2,452,536.00, a beginning assigned fund balance of \$1,000,000.00, a budgetary reserve of \$500,000.00 and earned income and real estate tax rates of ½%.

The board approved the removal of old textbooks from the district inventory.

### **New Business:**

The following resolution was adopted:

A resolution authorizing the solicitor to prepare a corrected deed from the school district to HC Harned also known as Joe Harned for the additional conveyance of 1.546 acres as identified in the deed of Wilbur Henry to the Rockwood School District dated June 15, 1992 and recorded in record book volume 1163 on page 791. This additional parcel was intended to be included in the court authorized conveyance dated November 4, 2011. It is noted it was not intended to reserve this acreage and this stray deed was omitted in the court ordinance.

The board authorized the administration to notify the solicitor that the district will not be responsible for any fees resulting from the preparation of the corrected deed for the conveyance of the additional 1.546 acres of land.

The board adopted the 2014 homestead/farmstead resolution as required by Act 1.

The annual membership dues to the Pa. Association of Rural and Small Schools (PARSS) were approved.

The board accepted the grant in the amount of \$396.97 from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies for the community garden project.

The board authorized the business office to make budgetary transfers for the 2013-2014 school year in order to avoid line item and categorical over expenditures resulting from audit re-classifications and to present those transfers for final approval at the acceptance of the annual financial report.

Changes to the elementary and secondary student handbooks for the 2014-2015 school year were approved with the following amendment to the electronic device policy:

Students will not be permitted to use their cell phone from 7:30 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. The first level punishment will be a verbal reprimand. All other disciplinary actions will move down one step.

Changes to the elementary and secondary faculty handbooks for the 2014-2015 school year were approved.

The board approved the photography contract with Sandav Studio for the 2014-2015 school year.

The contract with ACRP for the 2014-2015 school year was approved.

The contract with FIT Optimized Solutions for the 2014-2015 school year was approved.

The board approved the contract with Bayada Health Care Inc. for personal care services for the 2014-2015 school year.

**Education/Personnel:**

The board accepted the resignation of Heather Houghton as an instructional aide and approved her inclusion on the district substitute instructional aide list.

The board approved a maternity leave for Jessica Knepper from 8/26/14 through 9/5/14.

The board accepted the resignation of Andrea Minor as National Honor Society advisor.

The board accepted the resignation of Jeff Doman as head tennis coach and approved him as an unpaid assistant coach.

The board accepted the resignation of Jeff Doman as assistant rifle coach.

The board employed Kristi Jacobson as the head tennis coach.

The board employed Lynn Sanner as the junior varsity football coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

Shawn Suter was employed as a full-time custodian, pending completion of all paperwork.

Faith Hemminger was employed as an elementary teacher, pending completion of all paperwork.

Kristen Mumau was employed as an elementary teacher, pending completion of all paperwork.

Shanna Topka was employed as an elementary teacher, pending completion of all paperwork.

April Kretchman was approved as the National Honor society advisor for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board approved the proposal for the separation of forensics and student congress and to employ the following individuals for the 2014-2015 school year:

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| Forensics Coach           | Nicole Lee Hetrick |
| Assistant Forensics Coach | Krissy Kasserman   |
| Student Congress Coach    | Mary Jo Picklo     |

The board approved a 2.5% salary increase plus evaluation results for secretaries, administrative support employees, and custodians with a minimum salary of \$21,500.00 to be applied on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the employees tenth year of employment.

The board approved a 2% salary increase plus evaluation results for the teacher aides and hourly employees.

The board approved a 2% salary increase for Act 93 and contractual employees.

Ed Clay was appointed as the lead custodian for the second shift.

Deb Hutchison was added to the administrative assistant substitute list.

The following **Conference Request** was approved:

1. SLO Training – Johnstown, PA – 9/16/14 or 9/19/14 – Misty Demchak, Cassie Ohler, Kristen Kuzemchak, Misty Thompson, April Kretchman, Farrah Thompson

The following **Use of School Facility Requests** were approved:

1. Rockwood Junior Legion Baseball – Rockwood baseball field – various dates throughout the summer – baseball practice and games.
2. Class of 2016 – Rockwood high school auditorium, band room – 5/1/15, 3:08 – 4:00 PM; 5/2/15, 3:30 – 5:00PM – grand march and prom pictures.
3. Student Council – Rockwood high school athletic fields – 10/3/14, 1:00 – 9:00 PM – homecoming activities.
4. Rockwood softball team/boosters – Rockwood athletic fields – dates to be determined – summer league with other schools.
5. Rockwood FBLA – Rockwood high school classrooms, auditorium, cafeteria, library – 11/6/14, 3:30 – 6:00 PM – Region 17 Leadership Workshop.

The following **Club & Class Activity Request** was approved:

1. Rockwood Student Council – Community Service Project (sale of pink pumpkins) – 9/1/14 through 9/30/14 – support breast cancer awareness and Joyce Murtha Breast Cancer Center.

### **Superintendent Report:**

Mark Bower informed the Board that the painting on the overhangs and inside the building has started.

Mark Bower informed the Board that carpet installation in the library and classrooms has started.

Mark Bower informed the Board that 39 of the 60 acoustical panels in the gymnasium have been installed.

Mark Bower informed the Board of a proposal received from Meyersdale for the installation of a rifle range and possible use by our district. There would be no cost for the first five years and an approximate cost of \$2,000.00 per year thereafter. The Board agreed not to pursue the proposal.

Mark Bower invited Board members to the state audit exit conference on Monday at 1:00 P.M. The district had no written findings and will be receiving an audit commendation.

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