



# **Rocket Express**

## **December 6, 2022**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held a reorganization and regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 11/15/2022 and the regular meeting on 11/15/2022 were approved.

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

### **Reorganization:**

Board President, Irvin Kimmel, announced that the meeting has been called for the purpose of reorganization and other general school purposes, and Adam Sembower was appointed as temporary chairperson.

Irvin Kimmel was elected as President by acclamation and presided over the meeting.

Adam Sembower was elected Vice-President by acclamation.

Noah Wareham was appointed as the representative and Adam Sembower as the alternate to the Somerset County Technology Center.

Brad Pletcher was appointed as the PSBA legislative chairperson.

Hailey Miller was appointed as the PSBA employee relations chairperson.

### **New Business:**

The Board voted in favor to establish the third Tuesday of every month as the committee meeting and regular meeting dates for the 2023 calendar year, with no scheduled meeting during the month of July.

The Board authorized the business office to pay necessary bills in December to avoid penalties and to present those bills for approval at the January meeting.

The Board approved the purchase of Health, Microsoft Office, and Accounting textbooks for the 2022-2023 school year, at an estimated combined cost of \$47,513.00.

The Board voted in favor to accept the PARRS Grant in the amount of \$2,200.00, written by Joe Kush for a Summer Welding Program.

The Board approved the Mobile Oilfield Learning Unit (MOLU) traveling exhibit awarded by PARSS.

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

The Board approved the agreement in lieu of expulsion, student #11012022, effective December 6, 2022.

The Board authorized the Business Manager to transition the following funds from First National Bank to Somerset Trust Company:

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| * Activity Fund | * Athletic Fund | * Cafeteria Fund |
| * General Fund  | * Payroll Fund  |                  |

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board voted in favor to add Amanda Mitchell to the substitute instructional aide list for the 2022-2023 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to add Michele Buday-Murray to the substitute teacher list for the 2022-2023 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Carissa Shipley as a high school ski club advisor, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the Employee Compensation Plan for the School Police Officer, Jeffrey Doman.

The Board authorized the Administration to transition 27.5 hours per week paraprofessionals to 30 hours per week paraprofessionals, effective the start of the 2023 calendar year.

The Board approved Vicky Pyle as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer for the district musical, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Autumn Fraley as the junior high volleyball coach, advertise for the position, and approve her as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer volleyball coach.

Upon a roll call vote, the Board approved Samantha Dietz as a long-term substitute Art Teacher 7-12 (fulfilling a student teaching experience), beginning January 17, 2023, pending completion of all paperwork.

### **Conference Requests:**

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. Unpacking the Science of Reading – Phonology and Phonemics – Altoona, PA – 12/14/22 – Susan Slope, Jaime Gross.
2. Science Network 22-23 – Altoona, PA – 2/1/23 – Jenna Tressler

### **Field Trip Requests:**

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. High School Ski Club – Seven Springs Resort – 1/12/23, 1/19/23, 1/26/23, 2/2/23, 2/9/23, 2/16/23, 2/23/23 – Carissa Shipley and 15-20 students.
2. Holocaust Field Trip – Washington, DC – early March 2023 – Nathan Formica, Jim Wagner, Connor Pielmeier and 62 students.

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

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Youth Baseball – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – will coordinate dates and times with Athletic Director – Little league registration, practices for U10 and U12 teams.
2. Rockwood Soccer Club – Rockwood elementary and/or high school gymnasiums – dependent upon availability – 12/4/22, 12/11/22, 12/18/22, 1/8/23, 1/15/23, 1/22/23, 1/29/23, 2/5/23, 2/12/23, 2/19/23, 2/26/23, 3/5/23, 3/12/23, 3/19/23, 3/26/23; 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. – Practices for U14 indoor soccer.
3. Rockwood Youth Softball/Rockwood Soccer Club – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – Monday – Friday; December 2022 through February 2023 – Times to be coordinated with Athletic Director – Youth softball workouts/JH & V skills.

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

The Board approved the following club & class activity request:

1. Rockwood FBLA – Applelicious Gourmet Chocolate Apples sale – 1/2/23 through 1/13/23 – Raise funds to support FBLA activities, workshops, and conferences.

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

Mark Bower updated the Board on the School Safety and Security funding. The guidelines are very specific on how the funds can be utilized. It appears there is statewide frustration on how to use the funds. The biggest obstacles have been determining what mental health and resource programs are adequate. The Administration will consider a summer wellness and mindfulness program, supported by district staff. The PCCD, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, advised the Administration to make changes and adjust the grant application.

Mark Bower shared with the Board that various student holiday activities have been planned, including the band and chorus Christmas concert scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mark Bower wished the Board and their families a Merry Christmas.

Jon Hale informed the Board he has been participating in student progress meetings.

Jon Hale invited the Board to attend the elementary sing-along on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Nick Buterbaugh advised the Board that winter sports have started and highlighted personal achievements earned by student athletes.

Nick Buterbaugh informed the Board that numerous students are staying afterschool to participate in various training and conditioning programs.

Misty Demchak advised the Board that Keystone testing is underway.

Megan Hetrick recognized and expressed her gratitude towards Shanda Pletcher and Cindy Miller for their support with preparing materials for Keystone testing.

Megan Hetrick informed the Board that the Life Skills class will be serving muffins through R&W Café on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Megan Hetrick announced students will participate in the Life Skills Christmas Party on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

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