



# **Rocket Express**

## **February 21, 2017**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 22, 2017.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 1/17/17 and the regular meeting on 1/17/17 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:

Olivia Kemp  
Laura Buxton  
Erin Pyle  
Samantha Murphy  
Lillian Pletcher  
Yu Hirasawa

### **Public Comment:**

Connie Pletcher addressed the Board and thanked them for their support of the Good News program over the years. There are approximately 38 participants in the program at the current time.

### **Old Business:**

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

007	Policy Manual Access
251	Homeless Students
336	Personal Necessity Leave
810.2	Transportation – Video/Audio Recording
827	Conflict of Interest

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

255	Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care
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### **New Business:**

The Board approved hosting the 2017 ATOMS Scholars Program from 6/19/17 through 6/23/17.

The Board approved the revisions to the 2017-2018 course selection guide.

The Board approved the proposed 2017-2018 school district calendar with the addition of an Act 80 day on 11/3/17.

The Board approved the proposal for the start of an elementary volleyball program.

The Board approved homebound instruction for a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student.

The Board approved the annual donation to the Somerset County Reading Teachers' Association in the amount of \$100.00 for the annual Scrabble tournament.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board approved Beth Mapes and Christy Hay as bona-fide unpaid volunteers for the district musical.

The Board approved a medical leave of absence for Sandy King beginning on 2/23/17.

The Board accepted the resignation of JB Harrold as the bona-fide volunteer boys' junior high soccer coach and approved to advertise for the position.

The Board voted in favor to add the following individual to the district substitute list pending completion of all paperwork:

  Melissa Seifert  Type 06

The Board approved Valerie Friedline as a bona-fide unpaid volunteer coach for softball pending completion of all paperwork.

### **Conference Requests:**

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. LETRS #3 Training – Ebensburg, Pa. – 4/19/17 – Sue Slope, Tammy Minnick
2. LETRS Training – Ebensburg, Pa. – 2/23/17 – Melissa Gindlesperger
3. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Meeting – Somerset, Pa. – 3/8/17 – Misty Thompson, Leanna Weimer, Misty Demchak

### **Field Trip Requests:**

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Healthy Community Series/Drug Awareness Program – Johnstown, Pa. – 4/19/17 – Alana Letizia and 5 students
2. Senator for A Day – Penn State Fayette Campus – 3/9/17 – James Wagner and 4 students

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

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 2/27/17, 1:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M. – Little Caesar’s pizza delivery.
2. Elementary Volleyball – Rockwood high school gymnasium – March through June with dates to be worked out with the district – elementary volleyball.
3. Rockwood Junior Legion Baseball – Rockwood elementary gymnasium, athletic fields – 2/21/17 through 7/31/17 with dates to be worked out with the district – Baseball practice and games.
4. New Centerville Youth Baseball League – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 4/17/17, 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Coaches meeting and clearance completion.
5. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary cafeteria, library – 6/14/17, 6/28/17, 7/12/17, 7/26/17, 8/9/17, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. – summer reading program.

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

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. Elementary Student Council – Valentine lollipop sale – 2/7/17 through 2/9/17 – raise funds for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade spring dance fund.
2. ~~Engineering and Technology Club – Hot dog eating contest – 2/23/17 – raise funds for field trips and project materials.~~ Cancelled.

### **Superintendent’s Report:**

Mark Bower congratulated the boys’ basketball team for making it to the District V playoffs.

Mark Bower congratulated Austin Lee and Clayton Lee for their District V wrestling championships.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Bruderhof gave a \$500.00 donation to the district backpack program.

Mark Bower distributed the updated needs assessment and asked Board members for their input for the next meeting.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he gave the youth wrestling program permission to use the wrestling room on 2/21/17 and 2/23/17 to prepare for post season tournaments.

### **General Board Member Discussion:**

The Board discussed the possibility of moving the April Board meeting to another date due to the potential of the day falling on a day that there will be no school. The Board decided to let the date the same.

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