



# **Rocket Express**

## **September 15, 2020**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 8/18/2020 and the regular meeting on 8/18/2020 were approved.

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

The Board approved the financial and treasurer reports and bills as presented.

### **Public Comment:**

Stephanie Smith addressed the Board asking that her child, currently enrolled in cyber school, be allowed to participate in the district instrumental music program in the elementary school. The cyber school advised Mrs. Smith to instruct the District to send an invoice to the cyber school to determine the cost of participating in this program. Mark Bower and Brian Coughenour will gather more information on this process. Mark Bower requested Mrs. Smith contact the cyber school, asking that the cyber school contact Mark Bower directly to discuss the issue at hand.

The Board voted in favor to authorize the administration to gather and present more information at the next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

The Board discussed possible action on revisions to the Rockwood Area School District Health and Safety Reopening Plan. No changes were made to the plan.

The Board approved the following revision to the Rockwood Area School District Athletic Health and Safety Plan:

- The Board initiated discussion and authorized 50% capacity at all athletic events, which includes spectators, coaches, officials, etc.

The PSBA slate of candidates for the 2020 election was approved by the Board.

The Board discussed possible revisions to the COVID-19 student handbook. No changes were presented for approval.

### **New Business:**

The Board approved the boiler system maintenance agreement renewal with Combustion Services & Equipment.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board voted in favor to add John Murphy and Dan Weaver to the substitute teacher list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to add Richard Clay to the substitute custodian list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved a medical leave of absence for Nicole Hetrick from August 27, 2020 through November 5, 2020.

The Board accepted the resignation of Gina Huss as the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading teacher and varsity cheerleading coach.

The Board approved Angie Weaver and Martha Mitchell as bona-fide unpaid volunteer coaches for soccer pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Jeremy Romesberg as a HS Reading/English teacher, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Ashley Fritch as a long-term substitute teacher for English.

The Board accepted the resignation of Becky McKinley as the elementary reading/ELA curriculum coordinator and approved Jessica Miller as her replacement.

The Board approved Jay Best as a mentor teacher for Jeremy Romesberg.

The Board accepted the resignation of Kelly Herrman as School Psychologist and to advertise for the position.

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

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. CEF of Fayette-Somerset – Rockwood elementary music and art rooms – January 14, 2021 through April 29, 2021, every Thursday on regular dismissal days; 2:30 P.M.- 4:45 P.M. – After school Good News Club.
2. Gifted – Elementary parking lot – 10/12/2020, 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Grumbling Gypsy food truck.

3. Choral Boosters – Rockwood high school chorus room – 9/15/20, 10/20/20, 11/17/20, 12/15/20, 1/19/21, 2/16/21, 3/16/21, 4/20/21, 5/18/21: 6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M. – Monthly meetings.
4. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary playground, athletic fields – 9/29/20 through 10/2/20, 8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. – Health-A-Thon.

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

Mark Bower thanked the Board, faculty, staff, parents and students for their cooperation and support on the District reopening. Positive feedback from the community has been received.

Mark Bower provided updates regarding the procedure for student drop off and pick up. Some minor adjustments were made.

Mark Bower informed the Board that we currently have an enrollment of 676 students in K-12, with 13 students being educated remotely and approximately 14 students enrolled in cyber school programs.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the Summer Seamless Program has been extended through the end of December 2020, or until funds are no longer available. This program enables every student to receive a free breakfast and free lunch daily.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the NFHS is using a live broadcast program, Pixellot, in several of the surrounding school districts. This system automatically livestreams events for public view through a subscription service. The system costs approximately \$2,500.00 to install, and the District receives a portion of the proceeds from the sales of subscriptions and ads for the use of the system.

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