



# **Rocket Express**

## **May 15, 2018**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

The minutes of the budget meeting on 4/11/18, the committee meeting on 4/17/18, and the regular meeting on 4/17/18 were approved.

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

The Board approved the financial and treasurer reports, bills, and budgetary transfers.

### **Board Recognition:**

The following students of the month were recognized by the Board:

Jonathan Felesky  
Kaylee Struckoff  
Catherine Houghton  
Ross Pletcher  
Natalie King  
Graycen Breckenridge

### **Public Comment:**

The French students gave a presentation to the Board on their recent trip to France.

### **Old Business:**

The Board accepted the recommendations of the business office on the following bids for the 2018-2019 school year and are opting for the two year bid on coal:

Coal, Propane, Custodial Supplies

### **New Business:**

Shannon Berkey was elected as Treasurer by acclamation.

The Board did not appoint a voting delegate to the PSBA Delegate Assembly Meeting on 10/19/18.

The Board accepted the property tax reduction allocation for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$233,590.31 and authorized the business manager to prepare a resolution approving the individual homestead/farmstead reductions for approval at the 6/19/18 meeting.

The Board appointed Gail May as the fund custodian for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board designated First National Bank and Somerset Trust as the school district depositories for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board designated the Somerset Daily American as the newspaper of general circulation for the Rockwood Area School District.

The Board approved the tentative graduation list for the Class of 2018.

The Board approved the mandated dental program for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the school nurse program for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board appointed Michael Barbara as the school district solicitor for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board voted in favor to allocate approximately 500 substitute custodial hours from the 2017-2018 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 adopted a preliminary general fund budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the amount of \$11,531,382.00 and a millage rate of 21.89 mills and voted to advertise this budget for public inspection and final adoption at a meeting on 6/19/18.

The Board approved the extended school year program from 6/12/18 through 7/12/18 at three hours per day for 12 days.

The Board approved the contract with Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services, Inc. for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years in the event of needing student placement.

The Board adopted the district wide social studies textbook order at a cost not to exceed \$65,000.00.

The Board approved the dual enrollment agreement with Indiana University of Pennsylvania at no cost to the district.

The Administration presented a one-to-one technology initiative for all students in grades 7-12 for the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. The board expressed their support of the initiative.

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

- 105 Curriculum
- 138 Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners
- 239 Foreign Exchange Students
- 906 Public Complaint Procedures
- 918 Title I Parent and Family Engagement

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

- 840 Criminal History Record Information (CHRI)

The Board discussed the current structure of the track program. The team currently competes in six meets and one invitational throughout the season. There is talk, at the WestPac level, to combine meets; meaning that the team would only have three meets throughout the year. The administration will pursue securing more meets and invitational opportunities next year. The administration will also discuss with the athletes the one home meet that we have each year to see if they want to continue this practice.

The Board discussed the current status of the tennis program. The Board voted in favor to close the tennis court for use and to eliminate the tennis program for the 2018-2019 school year.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board voted in favor to add David Greene to the substitute custodial list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved additional summer hours for Pat Weston to complete the Rockwood Rocket Yearbook, not to exceed 20 hours.

The Board approved the payment to Stacey Baker for the extended school year program at a per diem rate for 36 hours.

The Board accepted the resignation of Becky McKinley as the bona-fide assistant volunteer junior high track coach and advertise for the position.

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

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Pa. Game Commission – Rockwood high school library – 10/23/18, 10/24/18; 3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. – Hunters safety course.
2. Rockwood American Legion – Rockwood high school auditorium – 5/28/18, 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. – Memorial Day services in the event of inclement weather.
3. Tableland/Learning Lamp – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 5/31/18, 8:30 A.M.-10:00 A.M. – Preschool graduation.
4. New Centerville Spinnetts – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 8/2/18, 5:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.; 8/3/18, 4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.; 8/4/18, 3:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Baton twirling practice, dress rehearsal, and recital.
5. Rockwood Musical – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 11/4/18, 11/5/18, 11/6/18, 11/18/18 through 3/7/19, 3:20 P.M.-6:00 P.M.; 3/8/19, 3/9/19, 5:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M. – Auditions, rehearsals, and performance of a musical.
6. Rockwood Youth Football/Cheerleading – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 7/16/18 through 7/18/18, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. – summer cheer camp.

### **Club & Class Activity Request:**

The Board approved the following club & class activity request:

1. Manufacturing Class – Sale of products from manufacturing class – 4<sup>th</sup> week of May – Raise funds for club activities and future projects.

## **Superintendent's Report:**

Mark Bower reminded the Board of the Staff Appreciation Dinner on Thursday night.

Mark Bower informed the Board of the various activities that will be occurring over the next several weeks. As a result, there will be no Board briefs this week or during the week of graduation.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district is pursuing other options for a physician-consultant and a recommendation will be made at the June meeting.

Richard Stoner volunteered to be the Board representative on the district guidance plan committee.

The Board discussed the proposed seal coating of the parking lots for the upcoming school year. The district will seal the cracks, fix the entry way onto 653, and seal coat the entire front lot. The back lot will be done next year.

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