



Rocket Express

January 15, 2019

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 11/20/18, the regular meeting on 11/20/18, and the reorganization meeting on 12/4/18 were approved.

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

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

Board Recognition:

The following students of the month for December and January were recognized by the Board:

- Alexa Lintz
- Alyssa Hunt
- Kelly Hearn
- Maggie Hay
- Haley Lehman
- Jamie Jones
- Hunter Whipkey
- Bena Croushore
- Madison Putman
- Carter Atchison
- Ross Pletcher
- Natalie King

As part of school director recognition month, Board members were presented a certificate of appreciation and a small gift for the dedication and leadership they provide to our community and students.

Old Business:

The Board approved the final independent audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

New Business:

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

The Board voted in favor to accept the earned income tax credit grant in the amount of \$7,200.00 from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies and funded by Wheeler Brothers to reduce dual enrollment tuition for students for the next three semesters.

The Board accepted the donation of a golf simulator from Larry Sanner.

The Board approved the School District Affiliation Agreement with California University of Pa. for the student teaching program.

The Board approved the Google training proposal for administrative assistants/office staff at a cost not to exceed \$600.00.

The Board approved the French class trip to Canada in June of 2019 with a co-op arrangement with Turkeyfoot.

The Board approved enrollment of a student into Open Campus CPDLF (Central Pa. Digital Learning Foundation).

The Board approved the changes to the course selection guide for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the conflict of interest waiver for Barbara Law to continue to represent the Rockwood Area School District in an independent school district matter.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved April Kretchman as a mentor teacher for Katie Miller for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved Kelsey Pletcher as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer for softball.

The Board voted in favor to add Tammy Minnick to the district substitute teaching list.

The Board approved an extended FMLA leave of absence for Kristi Brant until 1/21/19.

The Board approved Amber Walker as the student council advisor for the second semester of the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board accepted the resignation of James Harrold as the bona-fide junior high soccer coach and approved him as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer for boys' senior high soccer.

The Board approved a 10% service credit to the base coaching salary for coaches who return to service with at least three years of previous coaching experience in the Rockwood Area School District.

The Board accepted the resignation of Julie Johnson as the bona-fide girls' varsity volleyball coach.

The Board voted in favor to employ Greg King as the bona-fide volunteer junior varsity rifle coach.

The Board voted in favor to add the following individuals to the district substitute van driver list:

Sue Tressler

James Harrold

The Board authorized Mark Bower and Brian Coughenour to approve drivers in emergency situations with evidence of proper paperwork and to present those drivers for final approval at the next scheduled meeting.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. LETRS Training – Richland, PA or Rockwood, PA – 1/21/19 – 10 to 12 teachers
2. CDT Training - Harrisburg, PA – 3/11/19 – April Kretchman

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Senator for a Day – Penn State University Fayette Campus – 3/7/19 – James Wagner and 10 students
2. ACM Cumberland Campus Tour – Cumberland, MD – 4/10/19 – P.J. Opfar and number of students to be announced

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Volleyball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 7/18/19 through 7/20/19, 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM – Summer volleyball camp.
2. High School Concert Choir (Choral Boosters) – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 3/15/19, 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM – Spaghetti dinner fundraiser.
3. Kingwood Youth Baseball League – Rockwood elementary gymnasium, cafeteria – Saturday mornings 2/16/19 through March, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM – Little League open practices.
4. Kingwood Youth Baseball League – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 1/26/19, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM; 1/29/19, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM – Little League sign-ups.
5. Alumni Basketball – Rockwood high school gymnasium – Sundays, January through April, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM – Alumni basketball open gym.
6. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 1/24/19, 1/29/19, 1/31/19; 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – Registration
7. Youth Softball League – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 1/19/19, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM; 1/26/19, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM; 1/31/19, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Softball sign-ups.
8. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood high school gymnasium lobby – 4th Sunday of each month starting 1/20/19; 6:30 PM – ? – Youth football meetings.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity request:

1. Class of 2021 – Little Caesars Pizza Sale – 1/18/19 through 2/1/19 – Raise funds for class activities.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower invited the Board to the Bill Lamp Memorial Gym dedication that will take place on 1/16/19 at 4:15 PM.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the Engineering and Technology class is providing prototype bits for Center Rock Inc. using the equipment at our facility. A sample bit was shown to the Board.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the Appalachia IU 08 Board of Directors has two openings for members in our region. No Board member was interested.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district had water samples taken for lead as required by law. The results indicated that the district was under the state standard in all area that the samples were taken.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Sharon Clapper has once again gathered a large panel of business people to review graduation projects on Monday.

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