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August 20, 2019

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 6/25/19 and the regular meeting on 6/25/19 were approved.

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

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

New Business:

The FFA schedule of events for the 2019-2020 school year was approved.

The Board approved the letter of agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Ignite Education Solutions for instructional services at the Somerset Christian School as required by Title I.

The Board approved the letter of agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Ignite Education Solutions for instructional services at the St. Peter School as required by Title I.

The Board approved the addendum to the contract between Pressley Ridge Johnstown and the Rockwood Area School District for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the agreement to provide community resource consultation and all related career activities between Clapper Educational Consulting and the Rockwood Area School District for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the tentative bus and van driver list and substitute bus and van driver list for the 2019-2020 school year pending completion of all paperwork and with the stipulation that no driver will be used unless all paperwork is verified with the district business office.

The Board voted in favor to accept the grant in the amount of \$180.00 from the Pa. Council of Trout Unlimited.

The Board approved the contract between Bedford-Somerset Developmental and Behavioral Health Services and the Rockwood Area School District for counseling services for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the quote from King Construction for the demolition and replacement of three stairways at the main entrance and sidewalk repair.

The Board approved the SAP Letter of Agreement with the Somerset Single County Authority for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the agreement with Behavioral Health Services of Somerset and Bedford Counties, Inc. for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board voted in favor to remove an old organ from the music room from the district inventory.

The Board approved six paraprofessionals to participate in The Para Educator Suite through Appalachia IU 08.

Annual discussion regarding lead testing in the facility. Mark Bower discussed the annual lead testing requirements for the facility. He explained to the Board that a new law requires the district to discuss the lead issues at a public meeting once a year if the district chooses not to test for lead that particular year. The district tested during the 2018-2019 school year, and the lead levels were well below the standards. Therefore, the Board and administration has opted not to test this year since no major renovations or projects took place that could affect the lead levels in the building.

The Board approved the agreement with North Star School District for autism support classroom services.

The Board approved the student cooperative agreements with Berlin Brothersvalley School District.

The Board accepted the quote from Custom Iron Works Welding & Fab, Inc. for the sandblasting, powder coating, and installation of five existing handrails.

The Board authorized Brian Coughenour to cast the votes for the Rockwood Area School District for the PSBA election of officers.

The Board approved the Cooperative Agreement between St. Francis University and the Rockwood Area School District for the College in High School Program for the 2019-2020 school year.

Committee Reports:

The Board accepted the resignation of Ashley Kopp as a learning support teacher.

The Board accepted the resignation of Amanda O'Neill as an instrumental music teacher and to establish a special meeting date to employ her replacement.

The Board accepted the resignation of John Emert as the bona-fide volunteer assistant varsity baseball coach.

The Board approved Christy Hay as the Act 48 chairperson for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved Christy Hay as the induction chairperson for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the following curriculum coordinators for the 2019-2020 school year:

Elementary ELA	Becky McKinley
Elementary Math	Jessica Knepper
Elementary Science	Ben Baker
Elementary Social Studies	Shanna Wilson
Elementary Special Education	Jenna Wintersteen
Secondary Science	Linda Henry
Secondary Math	Greg King
Secondary Social Studies	Jay Best
Secondary Special Education	Stacey Baker
Secondary ELA	Jill Morgan
Secondary Fine Arts/Practical Arts	Amber Walker

The Board approved the coaching salaries for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the starting coaching salaries for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board accepted the resignation of James Lytle as custodian effective 8/21/19 and authorized the advertisement of the position.

The Board approved Nick Buterbaugh as a mentor teacher for the new physical education teacher.

The Board approved Jenna Wintersteen as a mentor teacher for the new special education teacher.

The Board approved the district substitute teacher, nurse, instructional aide, and custodial lists for the 2019-2020 school year pending completion of all paperwork by the individuals on the list.

The Board voted in favor to employ Chelsey Weimer as a special education teacher pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Carlee Glessner as a physical education teacher pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Michele Yoder as a paraprofessional for special education pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Shari Weimer as a paraprofessional for 3rd grade for a one-year position pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Gail May as the bona-fide volunteer assistant coach for junior high soccer.

The Board voted in favor to employ Carlee Glessner as the bona-fide volunteer junior high boys' soccer coach.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference request:

1. Catalyst Connection Video Contest Yearly Training – Johnstown, Pa. – October 2019 – Joe Kush

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Catalyst Connection Video Contest – Somerset County – October 2019 – Joe Kush and 8 students
2. PSADA Conference – Richland, Pa. – 10/22/19 – Sandy King and 2 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Spinnetts – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 7/5/19, 4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.; 7/6/19, 4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Baton twirling recital.
2. Rockwood Girls Youth Softball – Rockwood baseball field – 7/15/19 through 10/26/19, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Softball practice.
3. Girls Scouts – Rockwood elementary classroom – 9/3/19, 9/17/19, 10/1/19, 10/15/19, 10/29/19, 11/5/19, 11/19/19, 12/10/19, 12/17/19, 1/7/20, 1/21/20, 2/4/20, 2/18/20, 3/3/20, 3/17/20, 3/30/20, 4/21/20, 4/28/20, 5/5/20, 5/19/20; 3:08 P.M.-5:15 P.M. – Meetings.
4. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary library – 9/9/19, 10/15/19, 11/12/19, 1/13/20, 2/10/20, 3/9/20, 4/6/20, 5/11/20; 5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M. – Monthly PTO meetings.
5. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood high school, elementary gymnasiums, athletic fields – 9/26/19, 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.; 9/27/19, 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. – Health-A-Thon.
6. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary chorus room – 10/24/19 through 11/1/19, 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. – Fall book fair.
7. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary classrooms, cafeteria, chorus room – 10/25/19, 4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Fall family fun night.
8. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 11/7/19, 1:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. – Joe Corbi's pick-up.
9. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 2/20/20, 1:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. – Little Caesar's pick-up.

10. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary classrooms, cafeteria, chorus room, gymnasium – 2/21/20, 4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Spring family fun night.
11. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary chorus room – 2/20/20 through 2/28/20, 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. – Spring book fair.
12. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary library – 5/22/20, 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. – Bargain book fair.
13. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood athletic fields – 5/27/20, 8:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.; 5/29/20, 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. – Track & field days.
14. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary classrooms, cafeteria, library – 6/17/20, 7/1/20, 7/15/20, 7/29/20, 8/12/20, 8:30 A.M.-11:00 A.M. – Summer reading program.
15. Hart and Soul Dance Studio – Rockwood high school auditorium, band room, chorus room – 5/15/20, 4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.; 5/16/20, 11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. – Dance recital.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower updated the Board on the roofing project. The membrane has been installed on most of the areas, and the flashing will be completed in early September.

The Board discussed the disposition of the river rock that is being removed from the existing roof. The Board agreed to charge \$25.00 for a pick-up load on a first come basis.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the music room floor has been completed. The district will be purchasing several acoustic panels to be placed in the room from remaining one-time expenditure funds.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district has purchased two industrial size de-humidifiers from the one-time expenditure funds. If satisfied, the district will be purchasing several more units from the funds budgeted for the current fiscal year.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he is receiving quotes for a dump truck from Tri-Star. Woy Brothers is also interested and is in the process of getting Costar approval.

Mark Bower presented the 2018-2019 PIAA District V Sportsmanship Award that the district received for the junior high sports program.

Mark Bower discussed the flexible instructional days, on snow days, that are being considered by some districts. The Board and administration are both concerned about the quality of instruction that would be received by the students on those days if implemented.

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