



Rocket Express

August 21, 2018

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 21, 2018.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 6/19/18 and the regular meeting on 6/19/18 were approved.

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

The Board approved the financial and treasurer reports and bills.

Public Comment:

Doug Benford and other baseball coaches and boosters addressed the Board on a proposal for a new storage shed/concession stand with the funds included as one-time expenditures in the 2018-2019 general fund budget. If the Board allows them to use the \$6,000.00 allocated in the budget, all wiring, plumbing and other items will be the responsibility of the boosters through the use of their funds or by donations. The Board voted in favor to authorize the boosters to go forward with their proposal for a new storage shed/concession stand.

Old Business:

The Board voted in favor to reaffirm and approve the PSBA Principles of Governance and Leadership.

New Business:

The Board approved the enrollment of a full-time student in our on-line course through Odyssey Ware.

The Board approved the maintenance service agreement with FIT Optimized Solutions for our automatic temperature controls/pneumatics at a cost of \$7,250.00. (Same rate as last year)

The Board approved the high school social studies textbook replacement (Understanding Pennsylvania).

The Board voted in favor to remove the elementary social studies textbooks from the district inventory.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding for Preschool Services with Learning Lamp for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

The Board approved the letter of agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Ignite Education Solutions for Title I services at Champion Christian School.

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

The Board approved the bus driver and substitute bus driver list for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the agreement to provide community resource consultation with Clapper Educational Consulting for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board authorized Brian Coughenour to cast votes for the 2019 PSBA election of officers upon the recommendations from the Board.

The Board voted in favor to rescind the following policy of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

810.1 School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers

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

- 006 Meetings
- 246 School Wellness
- 311 Reduction of Staff
- 338 Sabbatical Leave
- 704 Maintenance
- 806 Child Abuse
- 808 Food Services
- 810 Transportation
- 818 Contracted Services Personnel

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

810.3 School Vehicle Drivers

The Board approved the contract with Bull's Eye Security, Inc. for the 2018-2019 school year. (Same rate as last year.)

The Board voted in favor to accept the Career Readiness Mini Grant in the amount of \$4,900.00.

Committee Reports:

The Board accepted the resignation of Chad Lytle as the bona-fide volunteer junior high golf coach.

The Board accepted the resignation of Amber Kelly as the bona-fide volunteer junior high boy's assistant soccer coach.

The Board approved Amber Kelly as a bona-fide volunteer coach for junior high girls' soccer pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Elyse Cordaro as a bona-fide volunteer coach for girls' varsity soccer.

The Board voted in favor to employ Barry Sechler as the bona-fide volunteer junior high golf coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Kathleen Miller as a bona-fide volunteer girls' assistant junior high soccer coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Sarah Foy as a bona-fide volunteer girl's junior high soccer coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Paige Smith as a bona-fide volunteer coach for junior high volleyball pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Amber Walker as the student council advisor for the 1st semester of the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved Sarah Pletcher as the SADD advisor for the 1st semester of the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board voted in favor to waive tuition for a student of a district employee.

The Board approved the substitute teacher, custodial, and instructional assistant list for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved Christy Hay as the Act 48 chairperson for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved Christy Hay as the Induction chairperson for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the following curriculum coordinators for the 2018-2019 school year:

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

The Board approved the following mentor teachers for the 2018-2019 school year:

Jill Morgan for Whitney Sandin
Josh Bowlin for Kelsey Pletcher
Sue Slope for Sarah Foy
Mindy Sarver for Valerie Friedline

The Board approved Andrew Latuch as a bona-fide volunteer coach for soccer pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved a sabbatical leave for restoration of health for Alania Letizia from 8/23/18 through 1/18/19.

The Board approved Whitney Sandin as a bona-fide volunteer for girls' soccer pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Drew Meyers as a bona-fide volunteer coach for boys' soccer pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the job description and evaluation document for the school security receptionist/copy clerk paraprofessional.

The Board voted in favor to accept the resignation of Rhonda Burket as a paraprofessional effective immediately.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. HSLC Databases – Greensburg, PA. – 9/26/18 – Christy Hay
2. Somerset County Counselor's meetings – Sites to be determined – 3rd Friday of every month – Patti Jo Opfar and Brandi Shaulis

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Artificial Insemination Classes – Berlin, PA. – 2 days in October or November – Leanna Weimer and 12 students
2. Field trips as part of the community resource program through Clapper Educational Consulting and all other educational opportunities that may arise.

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Hart & Soul Dance Studio – Rockwood high school auditorium – 5/17/19, 4:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.; 5/18/19, 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. – Dance recital.
2. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary library – 9/10/18, 10/9/18, 11/13/18, 1/14/19, 2/11/19, 3/11/19, 4/8/19, 5/13/19, 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. – PTO meetings.
3. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary cafeteria, gymnasium, classrooms – 9/14/18, 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. – Fall family reading night.
4. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary chorus room – 9/27/18, 1:30 P.M.-? 9/28/18, 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M. – Book fair set-up.
5. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary cafeteria, chorus room, gymnasium, classrooms – 9/28/18, 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.; 10/1/18 through 10/5/18, 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. – Fall family fun night and book fair.
6. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 10/12/18, 8:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M. – Health-A-Thon.
7. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 10/12/18, 4:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. – Homecoming.
8. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary chorus room – 2/21/19, 1:30 P.M.-? 2/22/19, 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M. – Book fair set-up.

9. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 2/15/19 or 2/21/19, 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. – Little Caesars pick-up.
10. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary cafeteria, chorus room, gymnasium, classrooms – 2/22/19, 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.; 2/25/19 through 3/1/19, 8:30 A.M.- 3:00 P.M. – Spring family fun night and book fair.
11. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary cafeteria, gymnasium, classrooms – 4/5/19, 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. – Spring family reading night.
12. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary library – 5/24/19, 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. – Bargain book fair.
13. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary athletic fields – 5/28/19, 12:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. – K-3 track & field day.
14. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary cafeteria, library, classrooms – 6/19/19, 7/3/19, 7/17/19, 7/31/19, 8/14/19, 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. – Summer reading.
15. Rockwood Student Council – Rockwood high school cafeteria, kitchen, athletic fields, gymnasium – 10/12/18, 3:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. – Homecoming activities.
16. Rockwood Young Farmers – Rockwood high school library – 11/1/18, 11/8/18, 11/15/18, 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.; Thursday evenings 1/3/19 through 3/14/19, 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. – Young farmer meetings.
17. Cross Fire – Rockwood high school classrooms & library – every Wednesday throughout the school year – 7:45 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. – Student fellowship.

Club & Class Activity Request:

The Board approved the following club & class activity request:

1. FFA – Beef stick sale – 8/23/18 through 6/1/19 – Raise funds for FFA events and jackets.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that the comprehensive plan is nearly complete and will be brought to the Board in October.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the various laws and changes to the laws that have occurred over the summer.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district will have two foreign exchange students attending during the 2018-2019 school year.

Mark Bower informed the Board that donations are coming in and we are approaching our goal of \$10,000.00 for the GAP Trail Relay.

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