



Rocket Express

October 17, 2017

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 9/19/17 and the regular meeting on 9/19/17 were approved.

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

The financial and treasurer reports, bills, and budgetary transfers were approved.

Board Recognition:

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

- Ireland Reilly
- Madison Putman
- Emma Ream
- Haley Lehman
- Samuel Marko
- Joseph O'Brien

New Business:

The Board approved the science department in conjunction with the FFA to paint several ecosystems in the science hallways

The Board approved the annual donations to the two local fire departments and the local ambulance service in the amount of \$500.00 each.

The Board voted in favor to submit the annual financial report to PDE by the 10/30/17 deadline and to present the report for final approval at the November meeting.

The Board approved Homebound instruction for a 5th grade student.

The Board approved all of the career activities coordinated by Sharon Clapper and the Success in Somerset County Program including transportation.

The Board approved the FBLA schedule of events for the 2017-2018 school year.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved David Miller as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer assistant for boys' varsity basketball pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Gina Huss as the bona-fide volunteer cheerleading coach.

The Board accepted the resignation of Greg King as the bona-fide volunteer rifle coach.

The Board approved the final superintendent contract.

The Board voted in favor to employ Rich Stoner as the bona-fide volunteer rifle coach.

The Board approved a medical leave of absence for Kurt Woolslayer, starting October 18, 2017, and lasting for a period of two weeks to two months.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. Rate of Improvement Workshop – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 11/3/17 – Jessica Miller, Samantha Raye, Beth Mapes
2. Catalyst Connection Video Contest Training – Johnstown, Pa. – 10/2/17 – Joe Kush
3. SAP Fall Thematic Workshop – St. Vincent College – 11/1/17 – P.J. Opfar, Jay Best, Amanda Custer, Sue Slope, Tammy Minnick, Beth Miller, Brandi Shaulis
4. County Counselor’s Meetings – various locations – 3rd Friday of each month – P.J. Opfar
5. Annual PASA Updates – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 11/20/17 – Dana Weimer
6. Gifted Network IU 08 Meeting – Johnstown, Pa. – 1/25/18 – Sarah Pletcher
7. Gifted Network IU 08 Meeting (Online) – Rockwood, Pa. – 3/15/18 – Sarah Pletcher

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Byham Theater – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 3/15/18 – Doug Spiri, a teacher to be determined, and 70 students
2. Spanish Music Concert – Somerset, Pa. – 11/29/17 – Andrea Minor and 14 students
3. Faranda Farm Pumpkin Chunkin Contest – Hollsopple, Pa. – 11/4/17 – Joe Kush and 8 students
4. Johnstown Flood Museum, Incline Plane – South Fork, Johnstown, Pa. – 4/27/18 – Jay Best, Russ Daubert, and 65 students
5. College Fair – Somerset, Pa. – date to be determined – P.J. Opfar and 50 students
6. 9th Grade SCTC Tour – Somerset, Pa. – date to be determined – P.J. Opfar and 20 students
7. 8th Grade SCTC Tour – Somerset, Pa. – date to be determined – P.J. Opfar, Stacey Baker, and 58 students
8. Exchange Club Luncheon – Somerset, Pa. – 12/13/17 – P.J. Opfar and 2 students
9. Somerset County Courthouse Tour – Somerset, Pa. – dates to be determined – Jay Best, James Wagner, Russ Daubert, and 65 students
10. Fall Reading Competition – Bellwood High School – 11/13/17 – Nicole Hetrick and 25 students
11. Spring Reading Competition – Forest Hills High School – 3/20/18 – Nicole Hetrick and 25 students
12. Rockwood Hiking/Walking Club – Laurel Hill State Park – 12/1/17 – Nicole Hetrick and 20 students
13. Music in the Park – Hershey, Pa. – 4/27/18 – Doug Spiri and 60 students
14. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum – Washington, D.C. – 3/1/18 – Jay Best, 5 additional teachers, and 66 students

15. Special Olympics Ski Club Trip – Seven Springs Resort – 1/29/18, 1/30/18 – Kurt Woolslayer and 20 students
16. Ski Club Trips – Seven Springs Resort – 12/21/17, 1/4/18, 1/11/18, 1/25/18, 2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18, 3/8/18 – Kurt Woolslayer and 30 students
17. Altimate Air Trampoline Park – North Versailles, Pa. – 5/7/18 – Kristen Kuzemchak, Nick Buterbaugh, and 45 students
18. Journalism Class Writing and Documentary Hike – Laurel Hill State Park – 5/7/18 – Nicole Hetrick and 5 students
19. Red Ribbon Week Activity (Decorating Jackson the Elephant) – Somerset, Pa. – 10/17/17 – Jane Holt, Dana Weimer, and 9 students
20. Ford Factory Museum, Proving Grounds – Dearborn, Michigan – 11/21/17, 11/22/17 – Joe Kush and 50 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Youth Wrestling – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – Mondays and Wednesdays 11/20/17 through 4/1/18, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. (when available) – Wrestling practices.
2. High Ridge 4-H Club – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Meetings.
3. Rockwood Youth Football/Appalachian Youth Football League – Rockwood athletic fields – 11/10/17, 5:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.; 11/11/17, 8:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M. – 6th grade all-star game.
4. Rockwood Young Farmers – Rockwood high school library – 11/9/17, 11/16/17, every Thursday night January through March, 7:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M. – Adult farmer meetings.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. Friends of the Library - Tote Bag Sale – Month of November – pay for author visits and buy books.
2. Creative Writing Club - Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale – 11/6/17 through 11/29/17 – funds to be used for literary magazine, monthly poetry and short story competition, scholarship sponsor, Advisor's Choice prizes.
3. Class of 2023 - Sheetz Coupon Books – November 2017 through February 2018 – raise funds for class activities

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower congratulated the golf team on winning the District V championship.

Mark Bower informed the Board that an Eidex presentation on the results of the Keystone exams and PSSAs will occur at a later meeting.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the faculty will be on an industry tour during the next Act 80 day.

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