



Rocket Express

February 20, 2018

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Board President, Irvin Kimmel, and Solicitor, Michael Barbera, announced that the Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held an executive session on February 7, 2018. The executive session was held for the purpose of student disciplinary matters and is allowable under the provisions of the Sunshine Act.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 1/16/18 and the regular meeting on 1/16/18 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:

- Allison Harrold
- Kelly Hearn
- Leah Hunt
- Dakota Rugg
- Noah Gerhard
- Beverly Escontrias

Public Comment:

Michael Barbera informed the public that an executive session for the discussion of personnel was held during the committee meeting for the item included on the agenda for public comment.

Old Business:

The Board approved the second and final reading of the following new policy of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

150 Title I – Comparability of Services

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

103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
104 Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices
302 Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent
311 Reduction of Staff
808 Food Services

New Business:

The Board approved the food service renewal agreement with Metz Culinary Management for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the proposed calendar for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the junior high fun night on February 23, 2018.

The Board voted in favor to hold a special budget meeting on April 11, 2018, at 7:00 P.M.

The Board approved the Somerset County Technology Center Adult Budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The Board approved the Somerset County Technology Center General Fund Budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The Board tabled a request for homebound instruction for a 7th grade student until after executive session was held. The request was not acted upon during the meeting.

Committee Reports:

The Board voted in favor to add the following individual to the district substitute list pending completion of all paperwork:

April Sanner – Type 06

The retirement of Janet Dotson, effective the last teacher day of the 2017-2018 school year, was accepted by the Board.

The Board approved Ben Baker as an unpaid bona-fide assistant coach for track.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. Advanced Practices in Use of ROI – Harrisburg, Pa. – 3/28/18 – Jessica Miller, Kelly Herrman, Beth Mapes
2. Space Balloon Training – Altoona, Pa. – 3/12/18 – Joe Kush
3. PDE Bureau of Special Education Annual Conference – Hershey, Pa. – 2/26/18 through 2/28/18 – Jessica Knepper

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Mountain Playhouse – Jennerstown, Pa. – 5/1/18 or 5/2/18 – Greta Carroll, Gina Huss, teacher to be determined and 60 students
2. ACM Tour – Cumberland, MD – 4/18/18 – PJ Opfar and 20 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Junior Legion Baseball – Rockwood baseball field – 3/1/18 through 7/31/18 when available – baseball practice and games.
2. Class of 2019 – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 3/22/18, 6:00 P.M.-9:30 P.M. – Bubble soccer tournament.
3. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 1/19/18, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Meeting.
4. The Learning Lamp/Tableland Services – Rockwood elementary classroom – 4/5/18, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. – Preschool registration.
5. Girl Scout Troop 40885 – Rockwood elementary library – 3/24/18, 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.; 3/25/18, 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. – Child Care and CPR certification.
6. Kingwood Little League – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – dates and time to be determined when facility is available – Baseball practice.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. Rockwood FBLA – Marianna’s pizza & hoagie sale – 2/20/18 through 2/27/18 – Raise funds for 2017-2018 FBLA activities.
2. Elementary Student Council – Valentine lollipop sale – 2/8/18 through 2/14/18 – Raise funds for Spring dance

Superintendent’s Report:

Mark Bower distributed passes to each Board member for the musical that will be held on March 2 and March 3, 2018.

Mark Bower congratulated the boys’ basketball team for making the district playoffs.

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