



Rocket Express

March 21, 2017

The Rockwood Area School District Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 2/21/17 and the regular meeting on 2/21/17 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:

Kelly Hearn
Allison Johnson
Alexia Knopsnyder
Keaton Engle
Haley Phillippi
Mary Heiple

Public Comment:

Karen Devine, Regional Representative from PSBA, updated the Board on the various services offered to us through our membership in the organization.

New Business:

The Board approved the Somerset County Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The Board approved the Somerset County Technology Center Adult Budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The Board approved the Appalachia IU 08 General Fund Budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The Board approved the renewal contract with Metz Culinary Management for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The Board approved homebound instruction for a 12th grade student.

The Board approved a dual enrollment/college in high school physics course through St. Francis University at the rate of \$62.00 per credit. (No cost to the district. Paid by student.)

The Board approved the business office to advertise for the following bids for the 2017-2018 school year:

Coal, Propane, Custodial Supplies

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

209.2 Diabetes Management

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

246 School Wellness
808 Food Services

Committee Reports:

The Board voted in favor to add Teresa Hearn to the district substitute instructional aide list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved a medical leave of absence for Alana Letizia for approximately 60 days beginning August 28, 2017.

The Board approved James Wagner as a bona-fide unpaid volunteer coach for junior high track.

The Board voted in favor to employ Kelly Atchison as the bona-fide volunteer junior high girls' basketball coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Robert Hay as the bona-fide volunteer girls' junior varsity basketball coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Julie Johnson as the bona-fide volunteer junior varsity volleyball coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Jason Atchison as a bona-fide volunteer unpaid volleyball coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the retirement of Cathy Phillippi effective the last teacher day of the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board accepted the retirement of Deb Phillippi effective the last teacher day of the 2016-2017 school year.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference request:

1. Pa. Association of Federal Program Coordinator's Annual Conference – Seven Springs – 5/8/17 through 5/10/17 – Jon Hale – highly recommended.

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Elementary Gifted Trip – Washington, D.C. – 5/16/17 – Jessica Knepper and 2 students
2. Maple Syrup Demo, Somerset County Settler’s History – Laurel Hill State Park – 3/31/17 - Ben Baker, Elyse Cordaro, Kristen Mumau, and 63 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Soccer Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 4/28/17, 6:00 A.M.-7:50 A.M. – Pizza and hoagie delivery and pick-up.
2. Rockwood Girls’ Softball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 4/7/17, 6:15 A.M.-7:15 A.M. – Pizza and hoagie delivery and pick-up.
3. Rockwood Youth Football Organization – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 4/7/17, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Youth football open gym.
4. Rockwood Youth Football Organization – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 3/14/17, 3/23/17, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.; 4/1/17, 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. – Youth football sign-ups.
5. Rockwood Youth Football Organization – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 4/15/17, 6:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M. – Fundraising delivery.
6. Rockwood Community Chorale – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 4/24/17, 5/1/17, 5/15/17, 5/22/17, 5/30/17, 7:00 P.M.-9:30 P.M.; 6/1/17, 6:15 P.M.-9:30 P.M. – Practice and bacalaureate service.
7. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 3/19/17, 6:30 P.M.- 9:00 P.M. – Coaches meeting
8. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school auditorium – 3/26/17, 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. – Parent meeting.
9. Kingwood Little League – Rockwood elementary gymnasium, athletic fields – Any times that are available – baseball practice.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mark Bower praised the individuals involved with the musical. He will be sending a thank-you note from the Board.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the Pittsburgh CLO presented the musical “STEEL” to the students, and it was greatly accepted. The cost of the program was \$700.00 and was paid for by donations coordinated by Betty Lou Svonavec. She raised \$1,525.00 in donations, and the funds will be used to have the Pittsburgh CLO present the Roberto Clemente Story to our students next year.

The Board watched the Catalyst Connection video.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Bill and Cindy Lambert have agreed to donate the cost of removing and setting up the rocket during the restoration process.

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