



Rocket Express

January 19, 2016

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

The minutes of the reorganization meeting on 12/8/15 were approved.

The agenda, agenda items and an additional field trip request were approved.

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

Board Recognition:

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

- Carter Atchison
- Erin Pyle
- Makayla Morocco
- Jade Hetz
- Sydney Beam
- Emily Barchey

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

- Adam King
- Madalynn Farkosh
- Amber Cane
- Joshua Knepper
- Eli May
- Rebecca Lytle

Mark Bower presented certificates of appreciation to each Board member as part of School Director Recognition Month.

Old Business:

The Board voted in favor to authorize the administration to make plans for the staff appreciation dinner and to include the invitation of bus drivers, cafeteria employees, and paraprofessionals.

New Business:

The Board approved the changes to the course selection guide for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board voted in favor to add the following individuals to the substitute transportation driver list, pending completion of all paperwork:

Doug Baker

Rob Harrold

The Board approved the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

The Board approved the PSBA Principles for Governance and Leadership.

The Board voted in favor to accept the donation from the Somerset Sportsmen's League, in the amount of \$500.00, for the aquaponics program.

The Board voted in favor to accept the recommendation by the administration to approve the contract with Open Systems for the Vodavi telephone and Rauland intercom systems.

The Board approved a junior varsity softball schedule and authorized the softball boosters to proceed with their proposed projects under the following terms:

- The district will purchase a new fence out of the athletic budget.
- A conceptual drawing of the dugouts is to be presented to the Board prior to final approval of the project.
- The Board agrees to allow the boosters to run an electrical line across the track as long as appropriate wiring is used, the wiring is placed in conduit, and the track is returned to its original state after the project.

The Board approved the following bona-fide unpaid volunteers for the district musical:

Elyse Cordaro	Faith Hemminger	Melissa Putman
Eileen Buchanan	Christy Hay	Marsha Ream

Committee Reports:

The Board voted in favor to accept the resignation of Ben Baker as the bona-fide volunteer junior high boys and assistant varsity boys track coach and approve him as a bona-fide unpaid volunteer coach and to advertise for the position.

The Board voted in favor to accept the resignation of Jennifer Greenlee as the bona-fide volunteer cheerleading coach and advertise for the position.

The Board voted in favor to accept the resignation of Elyse Cordaro as the bona-fide volunteer junior high girls track coach and advertise for the position.

The Board voted in favor to employ Nick Buterbaugh as the bona-fide volunteer varsity golf coach.

The Board voted in favor to employ John Emert as the bona-fide volunteer assistant varsity baseball coach.

The Board approved a leave of absence for Jessica Knepper from 2/2/16 through 3/11/16.

The Board approved a leave of absence for Mary Jane Sauder beginning in March, for a period of approximately five weeks.

The Board approved Amber Kelly as a substitute instructional aide, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Kristi Kusch as a bona-fide unpaid volunteer for girls' basketball, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to immediately remove Ralph Nace as a van driver and to remove his name from the Board approved transportation driver list.

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Pat Stefano-Senator for a Day – Penn State, Fayette Campus – 3/10/16 – James Wagner and 5 students
2. KNEX Field Trip – Johnstown, PA – 3/17/16 – Joe Kush and 8 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of facility requests:

1. Boys Junior High Soccer/PA West Soccer – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 1/24/16, 1/31/16, 2/7/16, 2/14/16, 2/21/16, 2/28/16, 3/6/16, 3/13/16, 3/20/16; 4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. – soccer practice and open gym.
2. 5th and 6th Grade Boys Basketball – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – Saturdays, January through March; 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. – basketball practice.
3. Somerset County Band – Rockwood high school auditorium, cafeteria, band room, chorus room – 11/23/16 through 11/30/16, 12/1/16 all day – Somerset County band festival.
4. Melon Mashers U12 Soccer Team – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 1/3/16, 1/10/16, 1/17/16, 1/24/16; 4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. – soccer practice.
5. McKayla Morocco (9th grade student) – Rockwood high school auditorium – January through March; 4:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M. when available – practice for dance competition.
6. Rockwood Ministerial Association – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 5/15/16; 5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Mountain Anthem Singers performance.
7. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school cafeteria, computer lab – 1/14/16, 1/19/16, 1/21/16, 1/26/16; 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – soccer registration.
8. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 1/24/16, 2/21/16, 3/20/16, 4/17/16, 5/15/16, 6/26/16, 7/17/16, 8/24/16; 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Board meetings.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower updated the Board on the senior project presentations that were done on Monday. He reported that 47 of the 55 seniors presented their project. He gave credit to Sharon Clapper, the staff, and various community members and business leaders that were present that made the presentation a worthwhile event for the students.

Mark Bower informed the Board of training for new Board members. The training will be held in Richland on 2/2/16 if anyone is interested in attending.

Mark Bower reviewed the 2 hour delay procedures that the districts follow in inclement weather situations.

Mark Bower distributed the needs assessment for the 2016-2017 school year and encouraged the Board for their input.

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