



Rocket Express

October 15, 2019

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

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

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

The Board approved the financial and treasurer reports, bills, and budgetary transfers as presented.

Board Recognition:

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

Tyler Stahl
Makayla Peck
Abygail Floyd
Kendra Kalp
Carter Atchison
Haley Lehman

New Business:

The Board approved the annual donations to the Rockwood and New Centerville Fire Departments and the Somerset Area Ambulance Association in the amount of \$500.00 each.

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

Bill Maranowski Annie Ream Matt Mlaker

The Board approved the annual donation, in the amount of \$500.00, to the Scullton Rod & Gun Club for the rental of the shooting range.

The Board approved the list of elementary volunteers for various activities throughout the year, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the final transportation rates and routes for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the agreement with UPMC Somerset for athletic training services for the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 school years.

The Board approved the photography agreement with Lifetouch for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years.

The Board voted in favor to table a decision on the contract with Bull's Eye Security, Inc. until after executive session.

The Board voted in favor to accept the matching grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Pirates Charities Fields for Kids Program.

The Board accepted the proposal from the Engineering & Technology Club/FLS Technology Class for the purchase of a vending machine and agreed to split the cost of the machine with the class.

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

004	Membership
150	Title I – Comparability of Services
201	Admission of Students
204	Attendance
208	Withdrawal from School
209	Health Examinations/Screenings
220	Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
333	Professional Development
705	Facilities and Workplace Safety
709	Building Security
805	Emergency Preparedness and Response
805.1	Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
805.2	School Security Personnel
808	Food Services
913	Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

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

702.1	Crowdfunding
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The Board approved the annual senior trip for the Class of 2020 to New York City and an amusement park from 5/23/20 through 5/25/20.

The Board approved the submission of the annual financial report by the 10/31/19 deadline and to present the report for final approval at the November meeting.

Committee Reports:

The Board accepted the resignation of Samantha Stonebrook as the speech/language teacher.

The Board voted in favor to add Kerri Show to the substitute school nurse list (Type 06) pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Amber Caddy as a speech/language teacher.

The Board voted in favor to employ Chasity Davis as an instructional paraprofessional for a one-year period, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to transfer Shari Weimer to the security receptionist position, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Acacia Svonavec as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer coach for the youth basketball program.

The Board approved Kelly Thompson as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer for high school programs, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to add Alisha Bowers to the substitute instructional aide list, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to add Lisa Kimmel to the list of elementary volunteers for various activities throughout the year, pending completion of all paperwork.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. ES/AS Networking Day – Richland, Pa. – 1/29/20 – Cassie Ohler and Chelsey Weimer
2. Minimal Fact Interview Training – Somerset, Pa. – 10/30/19 – PJ Opfar and Brandi Shaulis
3. Somerset County SAP Networking Day – Somerset, Pa. – 10/24/19 – Jon Hale, Jay Best, and Brandi Shaulis
4. SAP Update (Increasing our Awareness of Youth Substance Abuse) – Latrobe, Pa. – 11/5/19 – Amanda Custer, Nicole Hetrick, PJ Opfar, Sue Slope, Jenna Sembower, Beth Miller, and Becky McKinley

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Carnegie Museum of Art – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 4/30/20 – Pat Weston, Jane Holt, and 20 students
2. Johnstown Flood National Memorial, Johnstown Inclined Plane, Grandview Cemetery – Johnstown, South Fork, Pa. – 5/1/20 – Russ Daubert, Jay Best, James Wagner, and 72 students
3. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum – Washington, D.C. – 3/4/20 – Jay Best, James Wagner, two teachers to be determined, and 50 students
4. Pittsburgh Pirates Cookie Dough Incentive Trip – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/15/20 – Andrea Minor, Greta Carroll, and 48 students
5. French Gateway Clipper – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/13/20 – Greta Carroll and 48 students
6. Spanish Gateway Clipper – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/21/20 – Andrea Minor and 48 students
7. Harley Davidson/Starbucks Roasting – York, Pa. – 5/1/20 – Joe Kush and 30 students
8. Spring Reading Competition – Sidman, Pa. – 3/24/20 – Nicole Hetrick, Whitney Sandin, and 25 students
9. Spring Reading Competition – Sidman, Pa. – 4/1/20 – Mindy Sarver, Christy Hay, and 15 students
10. Fall Reading Competition – Bellwood Pa. – 11/21/19 – Mindy Sarver, Christy Hay, and 13 students
11. 5th Grade Goes to the Symphony – Johnstown, Pa. – 4/7/20 – Kari Hostetter and 45 students
12. Elementary Ski Club – Seven Springs – 3 trips to be determined – Jon Hale, Ben Baker, Carter Bower, and 30 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. University of Pittsburgh Men’s Basketball – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 10/5/19, 1:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M. – closed basketball practice.
2. CEF of Fayette-Somerset – Rockwood elementary classrooms – 1/16/20 through 4/30/20, every Thursday, 3:10 P.M.-4:45 P.M. – after-school good news club.
3. Rockwood Young Farmers – Rockwood high school library – 11/7/19, 11/14/19, 11/21/19, 7:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.; Thursday evenings in January through March, 2020, 7:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M. – adult farmer classes.
4. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 10/13/19, 10/15/19, times to be determined – Football equipment turn in.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. RocketVision – Candy Grams sales throughout the year – raise funds to support staff and student activities.

2. NHS – Gardners Christmas Candy – 11/8/19 through 11/22/19 – raise funds for various activities.
3. FBLA – Applelicious Gourmet Chocolate Apples and Pretzel Sale – 1/10/20 through 1/24/20 – raise funds for activities, workshops, and conferences.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower reviewed the Act 1 timeline. He indicated that the Board must decide at the December meeting on adopting a resolution not to exceed the index.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district has ordered an F-350 truck from Tri-Star and delivery may take 8 to 10 weeks.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he contacted Somerset Planning & Engineering to get an estimate of the cost of upgrading the outside athletic facilities for a possible future project.

Work on the roof will continue in the near future, and the company is planning to bring in additional crews to complete the project.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the success of the fall athletic programs. The boys' soccer team will be in the playoffs, and the girls' team has a very good chance of making the playoffs. The golf team won yet another District V title, and the players playing football at Berlin will be in the playoffs.

Mark Bower thanked everyone for the support of the GAP Trail Relay. He believes the event will top the \$10,000.00 goal.

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