



Rocket Express

October 16, 2018

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 9/18/18 and the regular meeting on 9/18/18 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:

Riley Weimer
Aubrey Slope
Kendra Kalp
Carissa Struckoff
Meghan Lawrence
Keaton Engle

New Business:

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

The Board voted in favor to submit the annual financial report by the October 31st deadline.

The Board approved the Rockwood Area School District comprehensive plan.

The Board approved the final transportation rates and routes for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the proposal from Patti Jo Opfar for ASVAB testing of all 10th grade students.

The Board approved the contract with Pressley Ridge for the 2018-2019 school year in the event placement is needed for students.

The Board approved the agreement with Somerset Hospital for athletic training services for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$3,500.00.

The Board approved the senior trip to New York City on 5/25/19 and 5/26/19.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved Justine Hay as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer coach for girls' varsity basketball pending completion of all paperwork.

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

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Craig Glessner | Type 06 |
| Raymond Rowley | Type 06 |
| Krista Fioravanti | Elementary K-4 |

The Board approved Mindy Sarver as the elementary reading competition advisor.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. Sphero – Altoona, Pa. – 11/8/18 – Ben Baker, Jenna Sembower
2. Makey, Makey – Altoona, Pa. – 1/16/19 – Ben Baker, Jenna Sembower
3. Little Bits – Altoona, Pa. – 2/7/19 – Ben Baker, Jenna Sembower
4. SAP Fall Workshop – Latrobe, Pa. – 11/6/18 – Amanda Custer, Patti Jo Opfar, Jay Best, Brandi Shaulis, Sue Slope, Beth Miller
5. PVAAS Integra 2 Improve – Altoona, Pa. – 11/9/18 – April Kretchman
6. Behavior Basics for Children with Autism – Duncansville, Pa. – 10/18/18 – Cassie Ohler, Ashley Kopp
7. Concrete-Representational-Abstract Instructional Sequence for Mathematics – Richland, Pa. – 10/31/18 - Cassie Ohler, Ashley Kopp
8. Neurodiversity in the Workplace – Ebensburg, Pa. – 2/27/19 – Cassie Ohler, Ashley Kopp
9. October Gifted Network Meeting – Richland, Pa. – 10/24/18 – Sarah Pletcher
10. April Gifted Network Meeting – Altoona, Pa. – 4/9/19 – Sarah Pletcher

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Sports Works & Body Works – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/8/19 – Kristen Kuzemchak, Nick Buterbaugh, and 42 students
2. SADD State Conference – Seven Springs – 11/5/18 – Sarah Pletcher and 4 students
3. French Gateway Clipper – Pittsburgh, Pa. – May 2019 – Greta Carroll and 48 students
4. Pirates Reward Trip – Pittsburgh, Pa. – May 2019 – Andrea Minor, Greta Carroll, and 48 students
5. Spanish Gateway Clipper – Pittsburgh, Pa. – May 2019 – Andrea Minor and 48 students
6. Chorus Music Trip – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/8/19 – Doug Spiri, another teacher to be determined, and 70 students
7. Music in the Parks – Hershey, Pa. – date to be determined – Doug Spiri and 60 students
8. NHS Special Olympics – Seven Springs – 2/11/19 and 2/12/19 – April Kretchman and 20 students

9. Andy Warhol Museum – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 11/1/18 – Pat Weston, Nicole Hetrick, and 20 students
10. Johnstown Flood National Memorial, Incline Plane, Grandview Cemetery – Johnstown, Sidman, Pa. – 4/26/19 – Russ Daubert, Jay Best or Jim Wagner, and 72 students
11. NHS Caroling – Meyersdale, Pa. – 12/14/18 – Greta Carroll, Andrea Minor, and 40 students
12. Clara Barton Forum – Johnstown, Pa. – 11/7/18 – Kristen Kuzemchak and 7 students
13. Holocaust Museum – Washington, D.C. – 3/5/19 – Jay Best, James Wagner, a teacher to be determined, and 50 students
14. High School Ski Club – Seven Springs – 1/10/19, 1/17/19, 1/24/19, 1/31/19, 2/7/19, 2/14/19, 2/21/19, 2/28/19, 3/7/19 – Kurt Woolslayer, Nick Buterbaugh, and 30 students
15. SOPA High School Ski Club – Seven Springs – 2/11/19 and 2/12/19 – Kurt Woolslayer and 20 students
16. AGH Open Heart Surgery Observation – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 11/6/18 – Sarah Pletcher and 6 students
17. Carnegie SciTech Days – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 11/9/18 – Sarah Pletcher and 26 students
18. STEM FSU – Frostburg, MD. – 4/29/19 – Joe Kush, Kurt Woolslayer, and 45 students
19. Cummins Engine Factory, Niagara Hydroelectric Power Plant – Niagara, N.Y. – 5/17/19 and 5/18/19 – Joe Kush and 30 students
20. 9th Grade Experience at SCTC – Somerset, Pa. – 12/7/18 – Patti Jo Opfar and number of students to be determined
21. Exchange Club Luncheon – Somerset, Pa. – 12/12/18 – Patti Jo Opfar and 2 students
22. IU 08 Fall Reading Competition – Bellwood Antis High School – 11/13/18 – Nicole Hetrick and 25 students
23. College Fair – Somerset, Pa. – date to be determined – Patti Jo Opfar and number of students to be determined
24. 8th Grade SCTC Tour – Somerset, Pa. – 5/10/19 – Patti Jo Opfar, Gina Huss, Stacey Baker, and 67 students
25. IU 08 Spring Reading Competition – Forest Hills High School – 4/16/19 – Nicole Hetrick and 25 students
26. Newseum Journalism Field Trip – Washington, D.C. – 3/25/19 – Nicole Hetrick and 20 students
27. Walking Club Hike – Laurel Hill State Park – 5/6/19 – Nicole Hetrick and 12 students
28. Somerset County Courthouse Tour – Somerset, Pa. – 2 days to be determined – James Wagner, Jay Best, Russ Daubert, and 54 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

- a. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood high school gym lobby – 9/28/18, 7:00 P.M.-? – Football meeting.
- b. High Ridge 4-H – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 1st Tuesday of each month starting 10/9/18, 7:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Meetings.

- c. Rockwood Youth Cheerleading – Rockwood high school gymnasium (lobby) – 10/18/18, 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. – Uniform turn-in.
- d. CEF of Fayette-Somerset – Rockwood elementary classrooms – 1/10/19 through 4/11/19, every Thursday, 2:30 P.M.-4:45 P.M. – After-school Good News club.
- e. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood elementary school gym lobby – 10/21/18, 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. – Meeting.
- f. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 10/22/18, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Equipment turn-in.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity request:

- a. Class of 2023 – Selling tickets for an informal junior high dance – 4/12/19 – Raise funds for class activities

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower discussed all of the great activities that are occurring within the district and what a pleasure it is to be a part of the district.

Mark Bower informed the Board he has completed and submitted the School Safety and Security Grant by the October 12th deadline. He informed the board the items requested for grant funding were items identified and discussed by the Board over the past several months when reviewing the District's safety and security needs following the "Town Hall Meeting" in March, and crisis and evacuation drill held in August. The items identified for grant funding under Part A of the grant included contracting with Open Systems of Pittsburgh to install a Rauland Critical Communications System overlay of the district's legacy paging and intercom system. The items identified for grant funding under Part B of the grant included purchasing and installing a Rauland Full IP Critical Communications System. The system will replace the District's antiquated legacy intercom/public address system. The funding would also allow for the purchase and installation of campus status lights in all educational spaces and outside of classrooms.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the mold removal project.

Mark Bower commended the individuals who constructed the baseball building.

The Board voted in favor to continue the walking program within the building during the winter months.

Disclaimer: This document is only a summary of the above listed meeting and is not an official copy of the school board meeting minutes.