



Rocket Express

October 20, 2015

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2015

The minutes of the committee meeting on 9/15/15 and the regular meeting on 9/15/15 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:

- Zoey DeLaney
- Alexia Knopsnyder
- Samuel Marko
- Leah Bluebaugh
- Allison Foreman
- Nicholas Calvi

Old Business:

The Board approved the final transportation rates and routes for the 2015-2016 school year.

New Business:

The Board approved donations to the two fire departments and one ambulance service that provide services to our district.

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

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

116	Tutoring
127	Assessment System
137	Home Education Programs
138	English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education Program
212	Reporting Student Progress

Committee Reports:

The Board voted in favor to rescind the previous motion to accept the resignation of Jim Miller as the bona-fide volunteer boys' varsity basketball coach and to employ Jim Miller as the bona-fide volunteer boys' varsity basketball coach.

The Board voted in favor to employ David Miller as the bona-fide volunteer junior varsity basketball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to add Bill Mize to the district substitute custodial list, pending completion of all paperwork.

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

The consideration to approve Julie Slavik as a bona-fide unpaid volunteer assistant coach for girls' basketball, pending completion of all paperwork, died for the lack of a motion.

The Board voted in favor to approve Lori Breckenridge as a bona-fide unpaid volunteer assistant coach for varsity and junior varsity cross country and track for the Rockwood Area School District.

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

- Jennifer Greenlee Health & Physical Education
- Christine Neilan Type 06

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. Power Library Training – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 10/1/15 – Christy Hay
2. Autistic and Emotional Disturbances – Richland, Pa. – 10/21/15 – Ashley Moyer
3. Incredible 5 Point Scale – Richland, Pa. – 2/9/16 – Ashley Moyer
4. Autistic and Emotional Support Networking – Richland, Pa. – 4/21/16 – Ashley Moyer
5. Exploring Technology Support for Students – Ebensburg, Pa. – 4/1/16 – Ashley Moyer
6. Somerset County Counselor's Meetings – Somerset, Pa. – third Friday of every month – Patti Jo Opfar
7. PHEAA Workshop – Johnstown, Pa. – 11/11/15 – Patti Jo Opfar
8. Somerset County SAP Networking Day – Somerset, Pa. – 11/6/15 – Amanda Custer, Patti Jo Opfar, Jay Best, Lee Hetrick, and Becky McKinley

The Board voted in favor to authorize Joe Kush to attend a welding clinic and seminar at the Somerset County Technology Center.

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trips:

1. 8th Grade Career Fair – Seven Springs Resort – 10/29/15 – Patti Jo Opfar and 48 students

2. 2016 Local SADD/TATU – Somerset, Pa. – 3/31/16 – Alana Letizia and 5 students
3. Clara Barton Forum – Johnstown, Pa. – 11/4/15 – Jennifer Greenlee *or* Kristen Kuzemchak and 4 students
4. Johnstown Flood National Memorial, Johnstown Inclined Plane, Grandview Cemetery – Johnstown, Pa. – 4/29/16 – Russ Daubert, Jay Best, *or* Jim Wagner and 63 students
5. Somerset County Courthouse Tour – Somerset, Pa. – 1/28/16 and 1/29/16 – James Wagner, substitute to be determined, and 67 students
6. UPJ Model UN Conference – Johnstown, Pa. – 11/20/15 – James Wagner and 30 students
7. Byham Theater – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 4/21/16 – Doug Spiri, Mary Jo Picklo, and 80 students
8. Fallingwater – Mill Run, Pa. – 4/4/16 – Jay Best, Joe Kush, 2 substitutes to be determined, and 65 students
9. Somerset Exchange Club Luncheon – Somerset, Pa. – 12/9/15 – Patti Jo Opfar and 2 students
10. Holocaust Memorial Museum – Washington, D.C. – March 2016 – Jay Best, Jill Morgan, 2 substitutes to be determined and 65 students
11. High School Ski Club – Seven Springs Resort – 1/7/16, 1/21/16, 2/4/16, 2/18/16, 3/3/16 – Kurt Woolslayer, Travis Robison, and 35 students
12. Ski Club/NHS Special Olympics – Seven Springs Resort – 2/8/16, 2/9/16 – Kurt Woolslayer and 30 students
13. College Fair – Somerset, Pa. – Spring 2016 – Patti Jo Opfar, Jill Morgan, and 67 students
14. 8th Grade SCTC Tour – Somerset, Pa. – Spring 2016 – Patti Jo Opfar, Mary Jo Picklo, and 48 students
15. Fall Reading Competition – Bellwood Antis High School – 11/17/15 – Nicole Hetrick and 25 students
16. Daily American Spring Workshop – Somerset, Pa. – 5/12/16 – Nicole Hetrick and 2 students
17. WVU Reed School of Media and Journalism – Morgantown, W.V. – 4/19/16 – Nicole Hetrick and 15 students
18. PNC Park – Pittsburgh, Pa. – May 2016 – Greta Carroll and 44 students
19. Gateway Clipper – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/25/16 – Greta Carroll and 44 students
20. Gateway Clipper – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/24/16 – Andrea Minor and 44 students
21. Elementary Ski Club – Seven Springs Resort – 1/7/16, 1/21/16, 2/4/16, 2/18/16, 3/3/16 – Elyse Cordaro and 30 students
22. Spring Reading Competition – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/5/16 – Nicole Hetrick and 15 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Young Farmers – Rockwood high school LMC room – 11/5/15, 11/12/15, 11/19/15 - Thursday evenings, 1/7/16 through 3/24/16, 7:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M. – Young farmer meetings.
2. CEF of Fayette-Somerset Counties – Rockwood elementary classrooms (2) – 1/14/16 through 4/28/16, 3:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M. – After school good news club.
3. Bricks for Kidz – Rockwood elementary classrooms (2) – 1/19/16, 1/26/16, 2/2/16, 2/9/16, 2/16/16, 2/23/16, 3/29/16, 4/5/16, 4/12/16, 4/19/16, 4/26/16, 5/3/16, 3:15 P.M.-5:15 P.M. – Kindergarten through 6th grade after school enrichment classes.
4. Rockwood Marching Band Boosters – Rockwood high school band room – 4th Tuesday of each month, 9/22/15 through end of school year, 6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M. – Booster meetings.

5. Rockwood Elementary Title I – Rockwood high school auditorium, Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 10/23/15, 5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Trunk or Treat event for parent learning sessions and student activities.
6. Rockwood Youth Wrestling Boosters – Rockwood high school cafeteria, kitchen, gymnasium, concession stand – 2/5/16, 6:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M., 2/6/16, 6:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M. – Wrestling tournament.
7. Rockwood Youth Wrestling Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium, concession stand – 1/15/16, 6:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M., 1/16/16, 6:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – Wrestling tournament.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. FFA – Jerky/Meat Sticks sale – November 2015 through April 2016 – raise funds for dues, banquet, etc.
2. Creative Writing Club – Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser – 10/21/15 through 11/12/15 – Raise funds for club activities.
3. Class of 2020 – Volleyball tournament – 4/2/16 – raise funds for prom, soph-senior, senior trip.
4. 6th Grade – Christmas store – 11/24/15 through 11/25/15 – raise funds for Washington, D.C. trip.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower extended his congratulations to the golf team on their District V championship. He also informed the Board that the girls' varsity soccer team is ranked first in District V and the boys' varsity soccer team is in the middle of the pack. Both teams will make the playoffs.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the 8th graders will be attending a career fair next Tuesday at Seven Springs.

Mark Bower thanked Caitlyn Schmuck for her volunteer work done at the front entrance.

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