



Rocket Express

November 19, 2019

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 10/15/19 and the regular meeting on 10/15/19 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:

Audrey Marko
Aaron Show
Bena Croushore
Kaitlyn Pletcher
Leah Hunt
Nolan Croushore

Old Business:

The Board approved the second and final 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 Non-school Organizations/Clubs/Groups/Individuals

The Board approved the second and final reading of the following new policy of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

702.1 Crowdfunding

The Board voted in favor to accept the final approval of the annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

New Business:

The Board established the date for the annual reorganization meeting as Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 7:00 P.M.

The Board voted in favor to adopt the Act 1 resolution electing not to increase the tax rate above the index for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

The Board voted in favor to update the graduation requirements for the classes of 2020 and 2021 based upon PDE's new graduation requirements.

The Board approved homebound instruction/blended online program for a 12th grade student.

The Board approved the district Christmas instrument drive from 11/20/19 through 12/18/19.

The Board approved the Rockwood SAT School Day proposal.

The Board voted in favor to accept the PARSS STEM Grant in the amount of \$600.00.

The Board approved the annual donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Somerset County Reading Teachers' Association for the annual scrabble tournament.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved Carissa Shipley as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer coach for the youth basketball program, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the proposal for a statistician for the rifle program.

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

Alyssa Smith

Type 06

The Board approved the list of district volunteers, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the additional list of position volunteers, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the resignation of Michelle Yoder as a special education paraprofessional.

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

Maria LaRotonda Type 06

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference request:

1. PVASS/CDT Training – Altoona, Pa. – 11/21/19 – Misty Thompson, Greta Carroll, Gina Huss, April Kretchman

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. UPJ Medical Humanities Conference – Johnstown, PA. – 4/1/20 – Sarah Pletcher and 12 students
2. Special Olympics – Seven Springs Resort – 2/10/20 – Kurt Woolslayer and 25 students
3. High School Ski Club – Seven Springs Resort – 1/9/20, 1/16/20, 1/23/20, 1/30/20, 2/6/20, 2/13/20, 2/20/20, 2/27/20, 3/5/20 – Kurt Woolslayer, Nick Buterbaugh, Carlee Glessner, and 40 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Choral boosters – Rockwood high school cafeteria, chorus room, kitchen – 3/20/20; 3:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Spaghetti dinner fundraiser.
2. Rockwood Youth Wrestling – Rockwood high school mat room – 11/18/19 through 3/24/20 every Monday and Thursday; 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – wrestling practice.
3. Rockwood Basketball Boosters – Rockwood high school gym lobby – 10/24/19 and dates to be determined; 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Monthly booster meetings.
4. Rockwood golf Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 12/13/19; 7:00 A.M.-7:45 A.M. – Pizza and hoagie pick-up.
5. School Prayer Walk – Rockwood high school and elementary buildings – 3/16/20, 6:30 P.M. – walk through halls and pray for students, staff and teachers.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. Rockwood High School Student Council – Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser
3/20/20 through 4/15/20 – Raise funds for student council programs.
2. 6th Grade – Christmas Store – 11/26/19 through 11/27/19 – Raise funds for DC trip.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower updated the Board on the construction of an area on the tennis court for the storage of salt and anti-skid. The concrete barriers will cost approximately \$3,200.00; and to cover the facility would cost an additional \$7,000.00. The Board will discuss this item during budget meetings.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the dishwasher motor has been repaired at a cost of \$241.00. This is only a Band-Aid solution and upgrading the cafeteria will be discussed as part of the needs assessment.

Mark Bower updated the Board on cost estimates that he has received for the possible upgrade of our athletic facilities. The design and various required approvals would cost approximately \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00, and the preparation of the bid documents and the oversight of the project would be an additional \$65,000.00. Once again, this item will be discussed at budget meetings and as part of the needs assessment.

Mark Bower discussed the training requirements for newly elected Board members and those that have been recently re-elected. He gave them several options, ranging from going out of the district to classes or taking the on-line course.

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