



Rocket Express

February 16, 2021

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021

The minutes of the committee meeting on 1/19/2021 and the regular meeting on 1/19/2021 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:

- Nathan D. Show
- Nicholas A. Strait
- Aaron T. Show
- Charlotte A. Ream
- Elliot A. Pletcher
- Tyler J. Harrold

- Coralee G. Struckoff
- Ruth A. Mathias
- Chloe R. Streczywilk
- Katelyn O. Long
- Kaitlyn N. Pletcher
- Faith A. Purbaugh

Old Business:

The Board discussed possible action on revisions to the Rockwood Area School District Health and Safety Reopening Plan. Somerset County has returned to the "Moderate" level of COVID transmission. This takes the District out from under the Attestation Order. The Board voted in favor of not making any changes to the plan at this time.

The Board discussed possible action on revisions to the Rockwood Area School District Athletic Health and Safety Plan. The Board approved the following revision:

- If the cheerleading team does not participate during a home event, one additional ticket can be offered to each participating individual during that event; beginning with students who are seniors. No changes were made to the guidelines regarding face coverings during events or playoffs.

The Board discussed possible action regarding the use of snow days and approved the following snow day procedure for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

1. In the event snow days are needed in the coming weeks, the first two snow days will operate as traditional snow days, if both the elementary school and the junior-senior high school are engaged in in-person instruction at the time of the snow days. These two snow days will be made up at Easter vacation. Students and staff will not report to school or work on these days. Students and staff will not be engaged in remote learning on these days.
2. In the event snow days are needed in the coming weeks, and either the elementary school or junior-senior high school are engaged in remote learning, all students will transition to remote learning if snow days are announced on any given day. All students will be expected to participate as they have over the last few months when the District was engaged in remote learning. Staff members will be expected to report to school on these days, unless an announcement is sent that allows staff to work remotely.
3. Any additional snow days beyond the two remaining snow days available at Easter will be conducted as remote learning days, and will follow the expectations in #2.

New Business:

The Board approved the proposed school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Board approved the summer driver education program for the 2020-2021 school year and authorized the Business Office to advertise for the position of Driver's Education Instructor.

The Board approved the revisions to the Rockwood Area School District course selection guide.

The Board approved the Agreement between the Rockwood Area High School and NFHS Network School Broadcast Program ("Pixellot System") for five years, with no cost to the District, subject to all terms and conditions within the Agreement.

The Board approved the cooperative football agreement between Berlin Brothersvalley School District, Rockwood Area School District, and Shanksville-Stonycreek School District for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years with the option to extend the agreement after the expiration of this term.

The Board approved the annual senior trip for the Class of 2021 to Cedar Point, Kalahari Water Park, and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame from 5/21/2021 through 5/23/2021.

Committee Reports:

The Board accepted the resignation of Fran Brancato as the bona-fide volunteer assistant varsity track coach.

The Board approved Vincent Corrado as the bona-fide volunteer assistant varsity track coach.

The Board approved Garrett Weaver as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer baseball coach pending completion of all paperwork.

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests, with the stipulation that proper cleaning and disinfecting arrangements will be made following each use of the facility, and with the understanding that the school building is open for use and COVID-19 guidelines are followed:

1. Kingwood "Rockwood" Youth Baseball – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 2/6/21, 2/13/21, 9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.; 2/11/21, 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. – Little league sign-ups.
2. Kingwood "Rockwood" Youth Baseball – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – Mondays and Thursdays 2/22/21 through 5/6/21, 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. (depending on availability) – Little league practices 10U and 12U teams.
3. Kingwood "Rockwood" Youth Baseball – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – Saturdays 2/20/21 through 5/8/21, 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.; Sundays 2/20/21 through 5/8/21, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Little league practices 10U and 12U teams.
4. Rockwood Volleyball – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 4/19/21, 4/21/21, 4/23/21, 4/26/21, 4/28/21, 4/30/21, 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. – Elementary volleyball camp for grades 4th through 6th.
5. Rockwood Post 279 Junior Legion Baseball – Rockwood elementary gymnasium, athletic fields – 2/27/21 through 8/9/21, based on availability (will coordinate with Athletic Director) – Practice and play junior legion baseball games.
6. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 4/23/21, 1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. – Little Caesar's pizza fundraiser delivery and pick up.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower expressed his excitement to have all students back in the building and announced that Somerset County has moved out of "Substantial" and returned to the "Moderate" level of COVID transmission.

Mark Bower announced that the District is looking forward to upcoming spring activities, such as high school playoff games, the school musical and other end of year events.

Mark Bower distributed copies of the Rockwood Area School District Facilities and Program's Needs-Assessment. He reviewed the immediate needs, as well as future/potential needs, and

explained that items are not removed from the Needs-Assessment in order to show the progress the District has made over the years.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the PSP Risk and Vulnerability Assessment will be conducted beginning on the evening of February 17, 2021, through February 19, 2021.

Mark Bower discussed the District hosting the ATOMS Program again this year if circumstances allow.

Upon a roll call vote, the Board approved the first reading and waived the second reading of the following new policy of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

309.1 Telework

The Board voted in favor to approve tuition reimbursement for the District Psychologist, Megan Hetrick.

The Board authorized the administration to obtain the services of an engineer to begin the process of restroom renovations.

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