



Rocket Express

April 19, 2016

The Rockwood Area School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 3/15/16 and the regular meeting on 3/15/16 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:

- Maggie Hay
- Elizabeth Griffith
- Troy Emert
- Molly Miller
- Haley Beahr
- William Kincaid

Public Comment:

Andy Latuch, representing the soccer boosters, addressed the Board on possible soccer field upgrades. The boosters have lime and fertilizer that was donated and would like to apply the products on the field. In addition, the boosters would like the district to pay the cost of renting an aerator at a cost of \$80.00 per day, for one day. The boosters will perform all the work on the field upgrades.

Dan Weaver, representing the soccer boosters, addressed the Board on several safety concerns they have regarding the soccer program in general. The goals need to be brought into safety standards, the bleachers need repair, and the field could use watering, especially near the end of the season because it becomes very hard and rough. He also asked the Board to look at the cycle currently used by the district for uniform replacement, since 5 years is a lot of time for a soccer uniform to last. He would like the Board to consider warm-ups for the players and the possible purchase of junior high uniforms. The boosters will also get together with Mrs. Demchak to come up with options to improve school spirit among the student body and community.

Old Business:

The Board approved the second and final reading of revised policy 913 (Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.

The Board approved the revised cooperative agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and the Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District.

New Business:

The Board approved the attendance of a student and two chaperones to the National FBLA competition in Atlanta, Georgia from 6/27/16 through 7/3/16.

The Board approved the summer driver education program at a cost of \$50.00 per participant.

Brian Coughenour distributed the ballots for the election of the Appalachia IU 08 Board of Directors and collected the ballots upon the completion of the vote.

The Board approved the Appalachia IU 08 General Fund Budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

The Board approved the Somerset County Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

The Board approved the Somerset County Technology Center Adult Budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

The Board approved the renewal agreement with Metz Culinary Management for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

The Board approved the contract with CAMCO for physical and occupational therapy services for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

The Board voted in favor to authorize Appalachia IU 08 to host the Somerset County Unified In-Service program at the Rockwood Area School District on 10/10/16.

The Board approved the list of Board Authorized Groups that do not require a certificate of insurance to use the district facilities and are covered under our general liability policy.

The Board voted in favor to authorize Jay Best and Andrea Minor to present at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank on our backpack program.

The Board approved continuing participation in the Title II B Math Science Partnership Grant, including all future activities involved with the grant.

The Board voted in favor to accept the Grants for Growing grant from Tractor Supply in the amount of \$2,350.00, written by Leanna Weimer.

The Board voted in favor to authorize the administration to advertise for bids for a possible paving/sidewalk project with specifications written by Somerset Planning & Engineering.

The Board voted in favor to accept the National Rifle Association Grant in the amount of \$3,076.81.

The Board approved the operation of a summer program using Odysseyware at a cost to the students of \$350.00 for a full year course and \$175.00 for credit recovery or a semester course.

The Board approved Homebound instruction for a 12th grade student.

The Board approved the ESL Consortium agreement with Appalachia IU 08 for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years.

The Board approved the soccer booster's proposal for field improvements and the rental of an aerator at the District's expense.

Committee Reports:

The Board voted in favor to add Angela Millin to the district substitute instructional aide list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Roger Phillippi as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer for softball pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Leah Clay as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer for softball pending completion of all paperwork.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference request:

1. PA Association of Federal Programs Coordinators Annual Conference – Seven Springs Resort – 5/1/16 through 5/4/16 – Jon Hale

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip request:

1. Somerset County Scholastic Quiz Competition – Meyersdale, PA - 4/28/16 – Sarah Pletcher and 10 students.

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Bricks 4 Kidz – Rockwood elementary classroom/library – 7/18/16 through 7/22/16, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – summer Lego camp.
2. Rockwood Soccer Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 4/29/16; 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM – pizza & hoagie delivery.
3. Rockwood Soccer – Rockwood high school, elementary gymnasiums, athletic fields – 8/8/16 through 8/15/16; 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM – 2016 soccer camp.
4. Rockwood AYSO 415 – Rockwood high school auditorium – 4/3/16; 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM – parent meeting.
5. Rockwood American Legion – Rockwood high school auditorium – 5/30/16; 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM – Memorial Day services in the event of inclement weather.
6. Class of 2020 – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 4/21/17; 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM – donkey basketball game.
7. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood high school gymnasium, athletic fields – 5/6/16; 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM – informative registration night for football.
8. Rockwood Community Chorale – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 5/2/16, 5/9/16, 5/16/16, 5/23/16, 5/31/16, 6/2/16; 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM – Baccalaureate practice.

9. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood athletic fields – 9/10/16, 9/17/16, 10/2/16; 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM – Football games

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity request:

1. Class of 2020 – Donkey basketball game – 4/21/17 – raise funds for prom, soph-sr, graduation, senior trip.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that a bill has been presented for the release of the PlanCon money that is owed to school districts.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Brian and he will be working on a budget presentation for next month. Some of the issues that will be addressed and discussed are substitute teacher rates, athletic coaches' salaries, and the elementary supply budget.

Guidance counselor interviews will be held on 5/5/16 and Board members are invited.

The Board voted in favor to donate the seven-man sled to the Berlin Brothersvalley School District.

The Board discussed opening up the weight room for public use. Upon discussion, there was no support or interest from the Board to do so.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district received a bronze award from U.S. News & World Report for test scores.

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