



Rocket Express

April 19, 2022

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 3/15/2022 and the regular meeting on 3/15/2022 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:

Allie J. Jones
Coralee G. Struckoff
Adeline V. Barkman
Benjamin E. Romesburg
Grant O. Mathias
Logan W. Johnson

New Business:

The Board approved the Appalachia IU 08 General Fund Operating Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Sherry Benford distributed and collected the ballots for the election of the Appalachia IU 08 Board of Directors.

The Board approved the agreement with New Directions, Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services, Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$125.00 per day per student.

The Board approved the agreement with Camco Physical and Occupational Therapy, LLC for the period 8/1/2022 through 7/1/2024 at a rate of \$59.00 per hour.

The Board approved the site based extended school year program for 12 days from 6/21/22 through 7/21/22, for a total of 44 hours, paid at per diem rate.

The Board approved the site based speech and language extended school year program for four days, from 6/21/22 through 7/19/22, for a total of eight hours, paid at per diem rate.

The Board approved part-time homebound instruction for a 10th grade student.

The Board approved the removal of old vision and hearing screeners from the district inventory.

The Board approved a lock-in event for the Class of 2022, with the date of the event to be determined.

The Board voted in favor to operate summer extended tutoring, open library hours, and other instructional opportunities for the 2021-2022 school year with the use of ESSER funds.

The Board approved the District to participate in the Mobile Ag. Science Lab for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board approved the submission of an application for the District's athletic programs to compete in the Inter-County Conference (ICC) league.

Committee Reports:

The Board accepted the retirement of Amanda Custer as Certified School Nurse effective the last teacher day of the 2021-2022 school year.

The Board accepted the retirement of Becky McKinley as Elementary Teacher effective the last teacher day of the 2021-2022 school year and voted in favor to advertise for the position.

The Board accepted the resignation of Faith Hemminger as the District Musical's choreographer/vocal coach and approved her as an assistant vocal coach effective the 2022-2023 school year, according to the activity advisor salary scale.

The Board accepted the resignation of Elyse Cordaro as the District Musical's assistant vocal coach and approved her as a choreographer/vocal coach effective the 2022-2023 school year, according to the activity advisor salary scale.

The Board approved the following individuals as unpaid position volunteers pending completion of all paperwork:

Courtney Griffith	Amber Johnson	Chad Lloyd
Kala Lloyd	Lindsey Shaffer	Jessica Walker
Carrie Pletcher	Anitta Trimpey	Valerie Kleinert
Sally Kaylor	Dawn Strait	Sarah Combs
Bethene Foreman	Alexandria Truszka	Lacey Ohler
David Bird	Brittany Booth	Michelle Breegle
Sara Richards	Teresa Hay	Renae Somerville
Remona Putman	Michelle Wilson	

The Board voted in favor to add Sidney Stutzman, a prospective teacher substitute, to the district substitute teacher list for the 2021-2022 school year, pending completion of all paperwork, and approved the Superintendent to issue a Locally Issued Emergency Day-To-Day Substitute Permit.

The Board voted in favor to employ Jenny Beckner as an Accounts Payable Administrative Assistant according to the support staff salary scale, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the job description and responsibilities for the Accounts Payable Administrative Assistant.

The Board voted in favor to employ Nicholas Buterbaugh as a K-12 Assistant Principal/Athletic Director beginning the 2022-2023 school year under the Act 93 and Related Compensation Plan, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the job description and responsibilities for the K-12 Assistant Principal/Athletic Director.

The Board voted in favor to employ Alexis Chittum as a secondary art teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement salary scale, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Nathan Formica as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer track coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and the District Elementary Principal, Jonathan Hale, for tuition reimbursement to participate in a Pennsylvania approved Superintendent Letter of Eligibility program.

The Board voted in favor to employ Zach Gaskin as a bona-fide volunteer varsity boys' soccer coach according to the coaches' salary scale, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Amber Caddy as Speech Coach effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

The Board approved the job description and responsibilities for the School Social Worker.

The Board approved the job description and responsibilities for the School Psychologist/Special Education Supervisor/Assessment Coordinator.

The Board approved Benjamin King as an unpaid position volunteer pending completion of all paperwork:

The Board voted in favor to advertise for a physical education teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year.

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip request:

1. Gifted Students – Washington D.C. – 5/18/22 – Teacher TBD and 6 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Cheerleading Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 8/11/22, 8/12/22, and 8/13/22, 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. – Cheer Camp.
2. Rockwood Borough Council – Parking lot behind maintenance building – 6/18/22, 3:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. – Overflow parking for community Grovesfest event.
3. Rockwood Youth Cheerleading – Rockwood high school mat room – 8/12/22 and 8/19/22, 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. – Pictures.
4. Prom – Rockwood high school auditorium – 4/30/22, 3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. – Backup location for Grand March.
5. Rockwood Track & Field Booster Club – Rockwood high school library – 4/11/22, 4:45 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. – Booster Meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that spring sports schedules have been halted due to inclement weather.

Mark Bower advised the Board that the Prom will be held at the Heritage. The use of the venue was donated by Betty Lou Svonavec. She also donates the use of the Hayloft to the District for Kindergarten Graduation and the Staff Appreciation Dinner. The District is very appreciative of her generosity and support.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the Mobile Ag. Science Lab was at the District. The faculty, staff, and students had a great experience. Students participated in various interactive experiments and lessons.

Mark Bower informed the Board that superintendents from sending schools, SCTC administration, and JOC are exploring other instructional delivery models and alternative schedules to include the possibility of a full day model.

Mark Bower discussed removing the trees located at the elementary entrance. A recommendation was made through a State Police assessment to remove the trees for safety purposes.

Mark Bower informed the Board that a representative of CriLon Corp. was on site to look at the District's parking lots. Their recommendation for maintaining the parking lots was to seal and treat the cracks instead of milling out the area.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the status of the exterior concrete work that needs to be completed, as well as chimney repairs. The contractor who originally planned to complete the chimney work is unable to do so now. The Board recommended the Administration contact other masonry companies. In addition, due to the amount of time that has passed, new quotes will have to be obtained for the concrete work areas.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the bid deadline for the restroom and locker room alteration project was extended for two weeks.

Mark Bower provided an update on school districts moving from the WestPAC to other athletic conferences.

Mark Bower advised the Board that a representative from PAX Academic Exchange visited the District and met with the exchange students. They are extremely appreciative of the District's support of the Foreign Exchange Program.

Jon Hale informed the Board about the recent author visit. Author Day is greatly supported by students and staff members. The author had an enjoyable visit and appreciated the positive response received. Elementary students also had a visit from the "Crankies", a story told by scroll art form. The students enjoyed the events.

Jon Hale advised the Board that the PTO held an Easter egg hunt for elementary students. The event went very well.

Jon Hale informed the Board that the elementary staff and students are preparing for PSSA testing and are looking forward to the end of the year activities.

Misty Demchak advised the Board that the Grand March for Prom will be held at the Heritage.

Misty Demchak informed the Board that Mrs. Leanna Weimer's students will be making fish hatcheries again this year and several students will be participating in FFA Ag. Day.

Misty Demchak advised the Board that the NHS, FHS, and SHS Induction Ceremony, as well as the band and chorus concerts are coming up.

Misty Demchak informed the Board that the FBLA competition went very well.

Misty Demchak advised the Board that the class of 2022 is looking forward to the upcoming lock-in event. A tentative agenda, with many fun-filled activities, has been prepared. Several students will also be participating in the Senior Trip. The four-day trip will take place over Memorial Day weekend. Mrs. Amber Walker has done a fantastic job making arrangements.

Misty Demchak informed the Board that the high school staff and students are preparing for PSSA testing, Keystone exams, and finals.

Jordan Svonavec reviewed preliminary budget information for the 2022-2023 school year.

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