



# **Rocket Express**

## **September 15, 2015**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 8/18/15 and the regular meeting on 8/18/15 were approved.

The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were approved.

The financial and treasurer reports and bills were approved.

### **Board Recognition:**

The following students of the month were recognized by the Board:

- Faith Golembiowski
- Nolan Croushore
- Alexander Benford
- Andy Hay
- Tanner Bower
- Karina Putman

Jeff Phillips, representing the Monsanto Fund, presented a check in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the Rockwood Area School District, Leanna Weimer and Joe Kush, and the students and local farmers who assisted in securing the funding, as recipients of the Monsanto Fund America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program. The funding will be used to purchase a new CNC machine, which will cut out parts for a 3-D project, as well as raise trout and additional fish species.

### **Public Comment:**

Doug Thompson, representing Rockwood Manufacturing, discussed the possibility of using the district as a test site for a new door lock system the company is developing. They would like to retrofit a door or two in the district to test the locks. There would be no cost to the district. The Board voted in favor to authorize the administration to meet with representatives from Rockwood Manufacturing and allow the district to be a test site for the new product.

### **New Business:**

The Board approved the Bricks 4 Kidz after school enrichment program from 9/29/15 through 11/17/15.

The Board approved the annual senior trip to New York City on 5/28/16 through 5/29/16.



The Board approved the following mentor teachers for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Stacey Baker for Roni Langley
- Kim Huet for Ashley Moyer

The Board approved a leave of absence for Jessica Knepper from 2/2/16 through 3/11/16.

The Board approved Roger King as the bona-fide volunteer coach for junior high, junior varsity, and varsity volleyball.

The Board approved Jennifer Greenlee as the bona-fide varsity cheerleading coach.

The Board approved the following administrative proposal for student congress and speech coaching:

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| • Mary Jo Picklo | Student Congress                 |
| • Mary Jo Picklo | Sr. High Forensics               |
| • Lee Hetrick    | Jr. High Forensics               |
| • Ashley Moyer   | Assistant Jr./Sr. High Forensics |

### **Conference Requests:**

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. Peer Mediated Instruction – Duncansville, Pa. – 9/17/15 – Ashley Moyer, Cassie Ohler
2. Concrete, Representative, and Abstract Math – Duncansville, Pa. – 11/2/15 – Beth Mapes
3. Self Management – Richland, Pa. – 10/13/15 – Ashley Moyer, Cassie Ohler
4. PVAAS Training – Richland, Pa. – 11/9/15 – Jon Hale, Misty Demchak, Elyse Cordaro, Jenna Sembower, Faith Hemminger, Alana Letizia, Mary Jo Picklo, and April Kretchman
5. School Based ACCESS Training and Update – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 11/10/15 – Amanda Custer
6. AS/ES Network – Johnstown, Pa. – 10/21/15, 4/26/16 – Cassie Ohler
7. Preparing Individuals for Employment – Ebensburg, Pa. – 12/16/15 – Cassie Ohler
8. Incredible 5 Point Scale – Duncansville, Pa. – 2/6/16 – Cassie Ohler
9. Annual College in High School Meeting – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 10/9/15 – Greg King
10. Exploring Technology Support for Students with High Functioning Autism – Ebensburg, Pa. – 4/1/16 – Cassie Ohler

### **Field Trip Requests:**

The Board approved the following field trips:

1. Nemaquin Animal Park – Farmington, Pa. – 5/26/16 – Josh Bowlin, Tammy Minnick, and 45 students
2. Kindergarten Graduation – Hayloft, Rockwood, Pa. – last student day – Josh Bowlin, Tammy Minnick, and 45 students
3. Pittsburgh Zoo – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/16/16 – Cathy Phillippi, Sue Slope, and 44 students
4. National Aviary – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/6/16 – Carter Bower, Jamie Gross, and 41 students
5. Paul Bunyan Sugar Camp – Rockwood, Pa. – 4/29/16 – Denise Miller, Melissa Gindlesperger, Deb Phillippi, and 61 students

6. Mountain Playhouse, Incline Plane – Jennerstown, Johnstown, Pa. – 5/10/16 – Denise Miller, Melissa Gindlesperger, Deb Phillippi, and 61 students
7. Walking Tour – Rockwood, Pa. – 5/1/16 – Faith Hemminger, Mindy Sarver, Jenna Sembower, and 64 students
8. Somerset Historical Center – Somerset, Pa. – date to be determined in May – Faith Hemminger, Mindy Sarver, Jenna Sembower, and 64 students
9. Carnegie Science Center – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/11/16 – Jessica Knepper, Becky McKinley, Shanna Topka, and 66 students
10. Washington D.C. Trip – 5/17/16 – Ben Baker, Elyse Cordaro, Kristen Mumau, and 56 students
11. Benedum Center (Nutcracker) – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 12/4/15 – Doug Spiri and 64 students
12. Somerset County Scrabble Tournament – Somerset, Pa. – 5/6/16 – Janet Dotson, Beth Miller, and several teams
13. Elementary Fall Reading Competition – Bellwood Antis High School – 11/19/15 – Jenna Wintersteen and 2 teams
14. High School Fall Reading Competition – Bellwood Antis High School – 11/17/15 - Lee Hetrick and 25 students
15. Flight 93 Memorial – Shanksville, Pa. – 5/13/16 – Jessica Knepper and 10 students
16. Rails to Trails Bike Trip – Rockwood, Pa. – 9/25/15 through 10/2/15 – Nick Buterbaugh, Jennifer Greenlee, and 90 students
17. SADD Red Ribbon Rally – Somerset, Pa. – 10/9/15 – Alana Letizia and 5 students
18. SADD State Conference – Seven Springs – 11/3/15 – Alana Letizia and 5 students
19. Laurel Notes & Highland Quotes – Laurel Hill State Park – 9/25/15 and 9/26/15 – Lee Hetrick and 15 students

### **Use of School Facility Requests:**

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary classrooms, cafeteria, chorus room, gymnasium 9/18/15, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – family reading night.
2. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary chorus room, gymnasium – 10-16/15, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.; 10/16/15 through 10/23/15, during school hours – family fun night and book fair.
3. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary chorus room, gymnasium – 2/26/16, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.; 2/26/16 through 3/4/16, during school hours – family fun night and book fair.
4. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary classrooms, cafeteria, chorus room, gymnasium 4/1/16, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – family fun night.
5. Bricks 4 Kidz – Rockwood elementary classrooms – 9/29/15, 10/6/15, 10/13/15, 10/20/15, 10/27/15, 11/3/15, 11/10/15, 11/17/15; 3:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M. – Grades K-6 after school enrichment classes.
6. PA Game Commission – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 10/14/15, 10/15/15; 3:45 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. – hunter/trapper education class.

### **Club & Class Activity Requests:**

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. NHS – Gardner’s Candy Sale – 11/16/15 through 12/4/15 – raise funds for transportation and supplies for volunteer activities.

2. Class of 2016 – Rockwood Rockets Tumbler – September through December – raise funds for class activities.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mark Bower distributed letters of appreciation for Board members to sign for all of the donors that gave to the John P. Yediny Business Learning Lab.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the industry tour that he took. He stated that employers in the area are looking for local qualified students to have the skills and become employees upon graduation. The companies are encouraging students to take tours with their facilities.

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