



# **Rocket Express**

## **September 18, 2018**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 8/21/18 and the regular meeting on 8/21/18 were approved.

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

The Board approved the financial and treasurer reports and bills.

### **Board Recognition:**

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

Sarah May  
Allison Harrold  
Autumn Murphy  
Zoey Delaney  
Viktorya Floyd  
Rebecca Johnson

### **Old Business:**

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

006 Meetings  
108 Adoption of Textbooks  
246 School Wellness  
311 Reduction of Staff  
338 Sabbatical Leave  
704 Maintenance  
806 Child Abuse  
808 Food Services  
810 Transportation  
818 Contracted Services Personnel

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

810.3 School Vehicle Drivers

The Board authorized the administration to use one-time expenditure funds for the following projects:

- Purchase quality infield material for the baseball and softball fields at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00.
- Upgrade the phone system and purchase a critical response system at an estimated cost of \$90,000.00 in conjunction with a guaranteed safe schools grant in the amount of \$25,000.00.

**New Business:**

The Board approved a blended curriculum for a student to complete their senior year.

The Board approved the junior high speech schedule of events for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the band schedule of events for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the chorus schedule of events for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the FBLA schedule of events for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the proposal from the basketball boosters for the purchase of the Krossover system; with the district and the boosters splitting the cost each year.

The Board voted in favor to host the ATOMS program from 6/10/19 through 6/14/19.

The Board approved Allison Foreman as a bona-fide volunteer student council advisor pending completion of all paperwork.

**Committee Reports:**

The Board approved Katie Miller as a long-term substitute for secondary math.

The Board approved a medical leave for Roni Langley from approximately 12/17/18 through 3/1/19.

The Board approved Jaime Gross as elementary student council advisor to replace Beth Mapes.

The Board accepted the resignation of Mike Hetz as the bona-fide volunteer junior high track coach.

The Board accepted the resignation of Jenna Wintersteen as the reading competition coach.

The Board voted in favor to employ Kimberly Oliver as an elementary paraprofessional.

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

Brandon Leonard	Out of State – Sub Teacher
Karina Putman	Type 06 – Sub School Nurse

The Board voted in favor to add Suzanne Turack to the district substitute list pending completion of all paperwork.

## **Conference Requests:**

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. ASPP Conference – State College, Pa. – 10/24/18 – Kelly Herrman
2. School Based Access Training – Pittsburgh, Pa. 10/3/18 – Amanda Custer, Gail May
3. CHS Calculus Training – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 9/27/18 – Greg King
4. PHEAA Workshop – Johnstown, Pa. – date to be determined – PJ Opfar
5. Whole Child/Mental & Social Well Being – Johnstown, Pa. – 10/17/18 – PJ Opfar
6. Women/Business Conference – Seven Springs – 10/5/18 – Misty Demchak, PJ Opfar
7. Catalyst Connection Manufacturing Video Training – Johnstown, Pa. – 10/9/18 – Joe Kush

## **Field Trip Requests:**

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Summer Smiles Honey Farm – Jennerstown, Pa. – 5/1/19 – Josh Bowlin, Kelsey Pletcher, and 45 students
2. Pittsburgh Zoo – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/20/19 – Sue Slope, Jaime Gross, and 45 students
3. Deer Valley YMCA – Fort Hill, Pa. – 5/1/19 – Carter Bower, Sarah Foy, and 40 students
4. Mountain Playhouse and Summer Smiles Honey Farm – Jennerstown, Pa. – 5/8/19 – Melissa Gindlesperger, Valerie Friedline, Beth Mapes, Ashley Kopp, and 54 students
5. Somerset Historical Center – Somerset, Pa. – 5/22/19 – Jenna Sembower, Mindy Sarver, Shanna Wilson, Jenna Wintersteen, and 46 students
6. Carnegie Science Center – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/8/19 – Jessica Knepper, Becky McKinley, and 42 students
7. Washington D.C Trip – 5/14/19 – Ben Baker, Kristen Mumau, Elyse Cordaro, and 58 students
8. Laurel Hill State Park – 3/23/19 – Valerie Friedline, Kristen Mumau, Ben Baker, and 58 students
9. Benedum Center – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 12/7/18 – Doug Spiri and 72 students
10. End of Year Picnic – Rockwood Grove – June 2019 – Ben Baker, Elyse Cordaro, Kristen Mumau, and 58 students
11. Fall Reading Competition – Bellwood Antis High School – 11/15/18 – Christy Hay, Mindy Sarver, and 2 teams
12. Spring Reading Competition – Forest Hills Junior-Senior High School – 4/3/19 – Christy Hay, Mindy Sarver, and 2 teams
13. PSSA Fun Day – Altoona Curve Game, Laurel Hill State Park – date to be determined – 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade
14. Fall High School Highlights Workshop – Somerset, Pa. – 9/26/18 – Nicole Hetrick and 2 students
15. UPJ Model UN – Johnstown, Pa. – date to be determined – James Wagner and 30 students
16. Bike Trip Grades 7 through 9 – Rockwood, Pa. – 10/16/18 through 10/23/18 – Kristen Kuzemchak, Nick Buterbaugh, and 110 students
17. SADD Red Ribbon Rally – Somerset, Pa. – 10/12/18 – Sarah Pletcher and 5 students
18. Leiss Tool & Die STEM Tour – Somerset, Pa. – date to be determined in October – Joe Kush and 6 students

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

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Choral Boosters – Rockwood high school chorus room – 9/18/18, 10/16/18, 11/13/18, 12/18/18, 1/15/19, 2/19/19, 3/19/19, 4/16/19, 5/21/19; 6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M. – Monthly meetings.
2. Rockwood Pee Wee Wrestling – site to be determined – November 2018 through 3/23/19; 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Wrestling practice.
3. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Store – Rockwood elementary gymnasium, classrooms, chorus room – 11/19/18 through 11/21/18; 7:45 A.M.-3:30 P.M. – Annual Christmas store.
4. ATOMS Program/IU 08 – Rockwood high school classrooms, cafeteria, library – 6/10/19 through 6/14/19; 8:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M. – ATOMS program

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

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. Friends of the Library – Scholastic Book Fair – 10/1/18 through 10/5/18 – Raise funds for library books.
2. Class of 2022 – Krispy Kreme donut sale – Beginning of November 2018 – Raise funds for Class of 2022.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

Mark Bower informed the Board that the dinner at the technology center will be held on 9/27/18 at 6:00 P.M. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Mark Bower updated the Board on school board member training. Any of the current Board members who seek re-election will be required to take a 2-hour training.

Mark Bower informed the Board that work on the baseball storage/concession stand has started.

Mark Bower informed the Board that TREMCO will give a presentation at the October meeting and present a proposal for the remaining roofs.

The comprehensive plan has been posted for the required 28 days and will be presented for approval at the October meeting.

The Board discussed providing a trainer for junior high basketball. Mark Bower will bring back a proposal in October.

The Board voted in favor to increase the substitute rate to \$100.00 per day effective 9/19/18. If the district is aware that a substitute will be used in the same position for a period of more than 10 days, the rate will be \$150.00 per day. In the event that a substitute is called in for a position and the district is unaware that it may last for a period of more than 10 days in that same position, the substitute will be paid \$150.00 per day retroactively to the day that he/she started in that position.

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