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January 19, 2021

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

The minutes of the special meeting on 1/7/2021 were approved.

The agenda and agenda items were approved.

The Board approved the financial and treasurer reports, bills, and budgetary transfers as presented.

Board Recognition:

Mark Bower distributed PSBA certificates of appreciation to board members in honor of School Board Member Recognition month. He thanked the board members for their relentless dedication and service to the district.

Old Business:

The Board discussed possible action on revisions to the Rockwood Area School District Health and Safety Reopening Plan. The Board voted in favor of not making any changes to the plan at this time.

Mark Bower reviewed the reopening plans for elementary students and targeted high school students to return to in-person instruction on January 25, 2021, and for secondary students to return to in-person instruction on February 8, 2021. He advised that the Attestation will be resubmitted.

The Board discussed possible action on revisions to the Rockwood Area School District Athletic Health and Safety Plan. The Board voted in favor of not making any changes to the plan at this time.

New Business:

The Board voted in favor to approve and submit the Independent Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

The Board voted in favor to accept the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation Learning by Doing Grant, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

The Board authorized the Administration to plan the Staff Appreciation Dinner for the 2020-2021 school year, and in the event the dinner cannot take place, to present qualified invitees with a gift certificate as an alternative to holding the in-person event.

Committee Reports:

The Board accepted the resignation of Savannah Cavanaugh as the bona-fide volunteer junior high volleyball coach and to advertise for the position.

The Board approved an FMLA medical leave for the following employee (referenced by employee identification number) for any days on which the employee had or may have had the inability to report to work for medical reasons and upon full usage of the employee's district allotted sick time.

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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. Highlands Volleyball Club – Rockwood high school gymnasium, elementary gymnasium – 1/10/2021 and other dates to be determined (will coordinate with Athletic Director); 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. – Volleyball practices
2. Rockwood Volleyball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium, lobby, hallways, concession stand, wrestling room, etc. – 4/10/2021; 3:00 P.M. - ?, 4/11/2021; All Day – Host AAU Tournament as a fundraiser

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower recognized all staff, cafeteria staff, transportation drivers, and parents for their continued support and efforts.

Mark Bower provided information regarding COVID relief funds. The District is projected to receive \$513,777.00. The District will review options as to where the funds will be allocated.

Mark Bower reviewed the proposed 2021-2022 school calendar. It will be put on the February agenda for consideration and approval.

Mark Bower discussed PSSA and Keystone testing. The State has not yet waived the standardized tests.

Mark Bower discussed the use of FID (flexible instruction) days and how the District will handle upcoming snow days. The consensus agreed that, in the event of a snow day, the District will not use an FID day. A snow day will be used and the day will be made up at a later time.

Mark Bower provided information regarding the vaccination for COVID-19. The District staff have been surveyed to see who is interested in receiving the vaccine. The District is facilitating the communication about the vaccine and assisting with the registration process; however, the District is not supplying the vaccination.

Jon Hale reviewed the plan for the elementary school students to return to in-person instruction beginning January 25, 2021.

Misty Demchak informed the Board of the plan for targeted secondary students who will return to in-person instruction beginning January 25, 2021, as well as the plan for the remainder of secondary students who will return to in-person instruction on February 8, 2021.

Jordan Svonavec reviewed the fund balance and budget from last year and compared it to this year's; showing an over expenditure in Cyber School and projecting a large deficit in that budget category.

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