



# **Rocket Express**

## **January 21, 2020**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

The minutes of the reorganization meeting on 12/4/2019 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:

Adeline Barkman  
Christian Schrock  
Chloe Bowers  
Brooke Wagner  
Lara Windhaus  
Viktorya Floyd  
Lauryn Jones  
Harlie Sanner  
Kaitlyn King  
Carissa Struckoff  
Meghan Lawrence

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

### **New Business:**

The Board voted in favor to authorize the administration to begin the process for the dissolving of the Rockwood Area Education Foundation.

The Board approved hosting the ATOMS Recharged Program from June 22, 2020, through June 26, 2020.

The Board approved an online education curriculum for a district student with a medical condition.

The Board approved the LETRS Module 6 Comprehension Training at the Rockwood Elementary School on January 20, 2020.

The Board approved the Independent Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

The Board approved the photography contract with Sandav Studio for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.

The Board approved the Junior High Fun Night proposal for February 28, 2020.

The Board approved the additional list of position volunteers pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the first reading of the following amended policy of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

233 Suspension and Expulsion

### **Committee Reports:**

The Board voted in favor to employ Fran Brancato as the bona-fide volunteer assistant varsity track coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Elizabeth Foreman as a substitute instructional assistant pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Russell Daubert as social studies teacher and authorized the Business Office to advertise for the position.

The Board approved Katelynn Cameron as a substitute teacher for social studies pending completion of all paperwork.

### **Conference Requests:**

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. Practical Strategies to Address the Challenges of Today's School Nurse – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 3/27/2020 – Amanda Custer
2. Reconceptualizing Speech Language Service Delivery – Ebensburg, Pa. – 3/6/2020 – Amber Caddy
3. A Closer Look at TDA: 3 Day Series 2020 – Duncansville, Richland, Pa. – 1/28/2020, 2/10/2020, 2/25/2020 – Becky McKinley, Kristen Mumau, Mindy Sarver

### **Field Trip Requests:**

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Pittsburgh Children's Museum – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/18/2020 – Sue Slope, Jamie Gross, and 46 students
2. Senator for a Day – Penn State Fayette Campus – 3/13/2020 – Jim Wagner and 10 students

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

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Alumni Basketball – Rockwood high school gymnasium – Sunday evenings 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M., January 26, 2020 through May 2020 – pickup basketball.
2. Somerset County Chorus 2020 – Rockwood high school Auditorium, classrooms, cafeteria, band room, chorus room, library – 11/23/20 and 11/24/20; 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M., 11/24/20; 4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Hosting Somerset County Chorus Festival.
3. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary chorus room – 3/23/2020 through 3/27/2020, 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.; 3/19/2020 and 3/20/2020, 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. – Spring book fair.
4. Kingwood Youth Baseball – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 12/16/19, 7:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.; 12/17/19 and 12/19/19, 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M. – Youth baseball sign-ups.
5. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary classrooms, cafeteria, chorus room, gymnasium – 3/20/2020, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Spring family fun night.
6. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood high school, elementary gymnasiums, athletic fields, weight room – Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursdays, 2/1/2020 through 7/31/2020 when available – Youth football lifting and conditioning.
7. Kingwood Youth Baseball – Rockwood elementary cafeteria, elementary gymnasium – Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursdays, 2/1/2020 through 5/31/2020 when available – Youth baseball open gyms.
8. Rockwood Baseball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 2/21/2020, 6:30 A.M.-7:30 A.M. – Pizza and hoagie delivery.
9. Rockwood Cheerleading Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 1/24/2020, 6:45 A.M.-7:45 A.M. – Hoagie sale pick-up.
10. Somerset County 2020 Census – Location to be determined – Winter/Spring 2020 – 2020 census.
11. Rockwood Softball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 4/3/2020, 6:30 A.M.-? – Pizza and hoagie pick-up.
12. Rockwood Youth Softball – Rockwood elementary gymnasium lobby – 1/23/2020, 6:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M.; 1/28/2020, 5:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M. – Sign-ups for 2020 season.
13. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school computer lab, auditorium, cafeteria – 1/27/2020, 1/30/2020, 2/3/2020, 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.; 3/21/2020 (auditorium), 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. – Soccer sign-ups and parent meeting.
14. Rockwood Junior High School – Rockwood high school auditorium, cafeteria – 2/28/2020, 5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Junior high fun night.

15. AYFL Youth Football – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 1/31/2020, 7:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. – Meeting

**Club & Class Activity Requests:**

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. Musical Club – Business ads sale – January & February 2020 – Raise funds to offset cost of programs, costumes, and scenery.
2. Friends of the Library – Clothing sale – 2/10/2020 through 3/2/2020 – Raise funds for annual author day and books.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

Mark Bower informed the Board that seven students received their Keystone degree at the recent farm show.

Mark Bower informed the Board that all of the students who presented their senior projects on 1/20/2020 passed. He thanked Sharon Clapper for her efforts in obtaining 34 individuals from various businesses to come in and evaluate the projects and presentations.

The Board discussed the proposed 2020-2021 school calendar. The final calendar will be presented at the February meeting.

The Board instructed the administration to obtain quotes for the spraying and over-seeding of the athletic fields.

Mark Bower informed the Board, he has a request for a cyber-school student to participate in our driver education program. Upon discussion, there was no support from the Board to approve the request.

Mark Bower discussed the following district one-time expenditures:

	2019-2020	
Asbestos Floor Tile and Monitoring		20,000.00
New Floor Covering		50,000.00
	2020-2021	
Serving Equipment and Dishwasher Replacement		170,000.00
Installation Services-Electrical, Plumbing, etc.		20,000.00
High School Cafeteria Tables		50,000.00

The Board voted in favor to authorize the administration to contract with Allegheny Mountain Research for asbestos abatement.

Shannon Berkey submitted her resignation as school director as a result of moving out of the region that she represents.

Brad Fletcher was elected as Treasurer by acclamation.

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