



Rocket Express

October 18, 2016

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 9/20/16 and the regular meeting on 9/20/16 were approved.

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

The financial and treasurer reports, bills, and budgetary transfers were approved.

Board Recognition:

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

- Autumn Murphy
- Gabriel Latuch
- Haley Lehman
- Devin Glover
- Jade Hetz
- Tanner Bower

Old Business:

The Board approved the final transportation rates and routes for the 2016-2017 school year.

New Business:

The Board approved the career related activities conducted by Sharon Clapper within the district and through industry tours.

The Board approved the activities related to the Community Based Instruction Program.

The Board approved submission of the annual financial report by the October 30th deadline and to present the report for final approval at the November meeting.

The Board approved the annual donations to the two local fire departments and the local ambulance service.

The Board voted in favor to authorize a Turkeyfoot student to ride the wrestling bus to Berlin from Rockwood at no cost to the district.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved Autumn Kelly as a bona-fide volunteer varsity girls' basketball coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved a medical leave of absence for Beth Miller from October 12, 2016, for approximately six weeks.

The Board approved Kelly Atchison as the bona-fide junior varsity girls' basketball coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Jeanne Gusbar as the school dental hygienist.

The Board voted in favor to employ Lindsey Oglie as the school dental hygienist pending completion of all paperwork.

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

Kelly Zibura
Martika Hetrick

School Nurse (Type 06)
Early Childhood Education

Conference Requests:

The following conference requests were approved by the Board:

1. County Counselor's Meetings – sites to be determined – 3rd Friday of every month, September through May – Patti Jo Opfar
2. KSRA Conference – Seven Springs – 10/22/16 through 10/25/16 – Jessica Knepper
3. SAP Workshop – Latrobe, Pa. – 11/2/16 – Misty Demchak, Patti Jo Opfar, Jay Best, Sue Slope, Tammy Minnick, Amanda Custer
4. KSRA Conference – Seven Springs – 10/22/16 and 10/23/16 – Beth Mapes
5. IU 08 Gifted Network Meeting – Richland, Pa. – 12/13/16 – Sarah Pletcher, Christy Hay, Misty Demchak
6. IU 08 Gifted Network Meeting – Altoona, Pa. – 2/9/17 – Sarah Pletcher
7. AS/ES Networking – Johnstown, Pa. – 1/25/17 – Cassie Ohler, Ashley Moyer
8. AS/ES Networking – Johnstown, Pa. – 3/14/17 – Cassie Ohler, Ashley Moyer

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Special Olympics – Seven Springs – 1/30/17 and 1/31/17 – April Kretchman and 18 students
2. Christmas Caroling – Meyersdale, Pa. – 12/20/16 – Andrea Minor, Greta Carroll, and 30 students
3. Drug Free Communities Coalition Meeting – Somerset, Pa. – 5/18/17 – Alana Letizia and 5 students
4. SADD Conference – Somerset, Pa. – 3/30/17 – Alana Letizia and 5 students
5. Exchange Club Luncheon – Somerset, Pa. – 12/14/16 – Patti Jo Opfar and 2 students

6. College Fair – Somerset, Pa. – date to be determined – Patti Jo Opfar and 30 students
7. 9th Grade Experience – Somerset, Pa. – 11/17/16 – Patti Jo Opfar and 15 students
8. 8th Grade SCTC Tour – Somerset, Pa. – date to be determined – Patti Jo Opfar and 61 students
9. Mountain Playhouse – Jennerstown, Pa. – 4/4/17 – Mary Jo Picklo, a teacher to be determined, and 61 students
10. Somerset County Courthouse Tour – Somerset, Pa. – 2/2/17 and 2/3/17 – James Wagner, Jay Best, Russ Daubert, and 50 students
11. Johnstown Flood National Memorial, Inclined Plane, Grandview Cemetery – Johnstown, Sidman, Pa. – 4/28/17 – Russ Daubert, Jay Best or James Wagner, and 65 students
12. Andy Warhol Museum – Pittsburgh, Pa. – date to be determined – Pat Weston, Nicole Hetrick, and 20 students
13. Fallingwater – Mill Run, Pa. – 3/29/17 – Jay Best, Joe Kush, and two additional teachers, and an undetermined number of students
14. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum – Washington, D.C. – 3/20/17 – Jay Best, James Wagner, Jill Morgan, Mary Jo Picklo, and 45 students
15. Fall Reading Competition – Bellwood, Pa. – 11/15/16 – Nicole Hetrick and 25 students
16. Daily American High School Highlights Banquet – Somerset, Pa. – 5/12/17 – Nicole Hetrick and 2 students
17. Spring literary festival – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/25/17 – Nicole Hetrick and 15 students
18. WVU Journalism Workshop/Awards Banquet – Morgantown, WV – 4/5/17 – Nicole Hetrick and 20 students
19. Newseum Journalism Trip – Washington, D.C. – 11/14/16 – Nicole Hetrick and 20 students
20. High School Ski Club – Seven Springs – 1/12/17, 1/19/17, 1/26/17, 2/2/17, 2/9/17 – Kurt Woolslayer and 25 students
21. Special Olympics of Pa. – Seven Springs – 1/30/17 and 1/31/17 – Kurt Woolslayer and 20 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Class of 2018 – Rockwood high school, elementary gymnasiums – 3/24/17, 4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.; 3/25/17, 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – Adult co-ed volleyball tournament.
2. Rockwood Adult Farmer Program – Rockwood high school LMC room – 11/3/16, 11/10/16, 11/17/16, Thursday evenings January through March; 7:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M. – Adult farmer meetings.
3. Elementary Student Council – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – Sunday evenings, October 30th through end of year; 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Pickleball fundraiser.
4. CEF of Fayette-Somerset – Rockwood elementary classrooms – Thursday's 1/27/17 through 4/27/17; 2:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M. – After school Good News Club.
5. Class of 2019 – Rockwood high school gymnasium – December, 2016, 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Bubble Soccer Tournament.
6. Keystone State Reading Association – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 11/10/16, 5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. – KSRA meeting
7. Veteran's Day Assembly – Rockwood high school auditorium, elementary cafeteria – 11/10/16, 8:15 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. – Assembly.
8. Rockwood Youth Wrestling – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – Monday and Wednesday evenings starting 10/31/16, 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. – Practice and conditioning.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. Class of 2022 – Tumbler sale – 10/3/16 through 10/31/16 – Raise funds for class activities.
2. Class of 2018 – Adult co-ed volleyball tournament – 3/25/17 – raise funds to reduce the cost of prom tickets.
3. Elementary Student Council – Pickleball open gym – Sundays evenings until the end of school – raise funds for elementary student council.
4. Class of 2019 – Bubble soccer tournament – date to be determined in December – raise funds for class activities.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that he will be introducing Aubrey Brancato at Penn State on Thursday to receive an award from Congressman Glenn Thompson for earning approximately \$8,000.00 in scholarship funds through the Raise.Me Program.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Jay Best will be receiving the “Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Person of the Year” award on Thursday evening.

The Board was informed that the district received their SPP scores for the year and both the elementary and secondary schools have increased.

Mark Bower congratulated the golf team for their WestPac and District V championships.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the Bill Lamp Memorial committee will be purchasing warm-ups for the boys' basketball team this season. They are also donating approximately \$10,000.00 to the athletic fund to be used for a purpose to be determined at a later date.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district has received a donation of several hundred notebooks from CVS Pharmacy.

General Board Member Discussion:

The Board discussed the distribution of Board briefs in the future. Board members will now have the opportunity to receive them electronically. Several members requested that the district continue to mail a copy to them.

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