



Rocket Express

February 20, 2024

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 1/16/2024, the regular meeting on 1/16/2024, and the special meeting on 1/29/2024, 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:

Makia N. Walker
Emory B. Gould
Brooke M. Faidley
Addison M. Barto
Ava J. White
Sara M. Judy

Mark Bower presented newly elected Board members Seth Foreman and Matthew Pritts with PSBA certificates to recognize each of them as official members of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

Public Comment:

Rob Harrold of Rockwood Transportation Inc. introduced himself to the Board and discussed ideas he would like to incorporate as the new head of the company. He expressed his excitement and eagerness to work with the district's faculty, staff, and students. He presented the district with a canvas depicting a Rockwood school bus.

Old Business:

The Board approved the school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

200	Enrollment of Students
202	Eligibility of Nonresident Students
217	Graduation

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

254 Educational Opportunity for Military Children

New Business:

The Board approved the Rockwood Area School District Special Education Plan from 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2027.

On the consideration to allocate \$100.00 per participant for Rockwood Area School District's independent swimmers, the Board voted in favor to amend the motion to allocate \$250.00 per participant for Rockwood Area School District's independent swimmers.

The Board approved the purchase of math textbooks for grades 6-12 during the 2023-2024 school year, at an estimated cost of \$75,000.00.

The Board approved the Resolution authorizing the Rockwood Area School District to participate in the Cooperative Bidding Program coordinated by Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for the purpose of cooperative bidding of paper supplies for the 2024-2025 school year and thereafter.

Committee Reports:

The Board voted in favor to add Hannah Mitchell to the substitute custodian list for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Board voted in favor to add Sabrina Beal to the substitute teacher list (Type 06) for the 2023-2024 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to add Morgan Beckner to the substitute instructional aid list for the 2023-2024 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to increase the number of hours for Carissa Shipley, not to exceed 30 hours per week, to serve as a Student Services Support Specialist, funded by the Rockwood Area Mental Health & Safety/Security Grant, effective immediately through 7/31/2024.

The Board accepted the resignation of Kelly Atchison as the junior varsity volleyball coach effective immediately and approved her as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer volleyball coach and to advertise for the position.

The Board approved Carter Atchison as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer baseball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ David Bird, Jr. as the bona-fide volunteer assistant junior high softball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the district to pay the cost for Kathleen Lambert to take a college class to meet the requirements to teach the College in High School Calculus course.

The Board accepted the resignation of Tammy Meyers as elementary paraprofessional effective March 22, 2024, and to advertise for the position.

The Board approved Noah Wareham as a bona-fide volunteer girls' varsity assistant soccer coach, pending completion of all paperwork. Stipend is waived, as candidate is an active Board member. Funds allocated for this position will be reassigned to a designated program.

The Board approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Rockwood Area School District and the Rockwood Education Association from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029.

The Board accepted the resignation of Elisha Fazenbaker as Elementary School Security Receptionist effective March 1, 2024, and to advertise for the position.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. A Practical Approach to Conducting FBAs and Developing BIPs – RASD online webinar – 3/7/24 – Jessica Fazenbaker, Josie Knopsnyder
2. Pitt College in High School Orientation – RASD online webinar – 5/10/24 – Kathleen Lambert
3. PASA DLM Training – Johnstown, PA – 4/19/24 – Megan Berkebile, Jenna Wintersteen

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Elementary Reading Competition – Sidman, PA – 3/19/24 – Kristen Mumau, Christy Hay and 9 students
2. Remake Learning Days: Rockwood Manufacturing – Rockwood, PA – 5/9/24 – Joe Kush and 20 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 3/8/24; 1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. – Little Caesars fundraiser pickup.
2. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary playground, gymnasium (in the event of inclement weather) – 3/25/24; morning hours – Egg hunt for students in pre-k through 1st grade.
3. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary classroom – 4/11/24, 4/12/24; 8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. – Bargain book fair.
4. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 4/23/24; 1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. – Marianas fundraiser pickup.
5. Laurel Arts Dance – Rockwood high school classrooms, chorus room, auditorium – 5/11/24; 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M., 5/17/24; 4:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M., 5/18/24; 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. – Dance rehearsals and recital.

6. Rockwood Soccer Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium, cafeteria, kitchen, elementary gymnasium – 3/30/24, 4/6/24; 5:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Indoor futsal tournament.
7. Rockwood Youth Baseball League – Rockwood elementary music room – 2/18/24; 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. – Parent meeting.
8. Rockwood Soccer Boosters – Rockwood high school gym lobby – last Sunday of each month through June 2024 – 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. – Booster meetings.

Superintendent’s Report:

Jordan Svonavec informed the Board that the district received proposals from four prospective bidders on qualifications for a Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract. The review process is underway. A committee of Board members was formed to assist in the review process. Jordan plans to arrange meetings with selected prospective bidders to acquire a more thorough review.

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