



Rocket Express

March 16, 2021

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 2/16/21 and the regular meeting on 2/16/21 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:

Taylor M. Demchak
Emma G. Santillo
Sara M. Judy
Jadyn E. Purbaugh
Karlie A. Modrak
Paige A. Weimer

Old Business:

The Board discussed possible action on revisions to the Rockwood Area School District Health and Safety Reopening Plan with the Administration's recommendation to increase occupancy according to the States most currently updated capacity restrictions. The Board took action to allow 75% occupancy at all events to begin immediately.

The Board discussed possible action on revisions to the Rockwood Area School District Athletic Health and Safety Plan. (No changes were made to the plan).

New Business:

The Board approved homebound instruction for an 8th grade student.

The Board approved the Appalachia IU 08 General Fund Operating Budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Sherry Benford distributed and collected the ballots for the election of the Appalachia IU 08 Board of Directors.

The Board approved the administration to notify the Appalachia IU 08 that the Rockwood Area School District will take over social work services.

The Board authorized the Business Office to advertise for the following bids for the 2021-2022 school year:

Coal/Propane	Custodial Supplies
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The Board approved the Somerset County Technology Center Adult Budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The Board approved the Somerset County Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The Board voted in favor to adopt the Rockwood Area School District Resolution Updating Policies and Procedures for Elected Tax Collectors.

The Board approved the Rockwood Area School District Taxpayers Bill of Rights.

The Board approved the first reading of the following new policies to the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

137.1	Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
252	Dating Violence

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

150	Title I – Comparability of Services
810.3	School Vehicle Drivers
218.3	Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault
103	Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
113.1	Discipline of Students with Disabilities
113.2	Behavior Support
113.4	Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
122	Extracurricular Activities
123	Interscholastic Athletics
123.2	Sudden Cardiac Arrest

The Board voted in favor to omit ticket sales for the District musical for the 2020-2021 school year and to distribute the allotted tickets to participants according to the occupancy outlined in the Health and Safety Reopening Plan.

The Board approved the renewal agreement with Metz Culinary Management for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Amber Walker Shawn Walker

The Board voted in favor to include all students, enrolled in a Keystone trigger course during the 2019-2020 school year, as proficient.

The Board voted in favor to adjust the math credits for graduation purposes.

The Board approved the quote from All American Athletics for the recoating of the high school and elementary gymnasiums in the amount of \$6,900.00 through COSTARS contract #014-212.

The Board discussed possible action regarding the engineering and design services for bathroom and locker room renovations. The Board authorized the administration to enter into an agreement with Somerset Planning & Engineering Services, LLC.

The Board approved the Summer Seamless Program.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved the retirement of Nicole Lee Hetrick as English teacher effective 3/25/2021.

The Board voted in favor to employ Ashley Fritch as a long-term substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board discussed the consideration to employ a Driver's Education Instructor. No action was taken on the agenda item.

The Board approved the retirement of Lorraine Bradley as a Learning Support paraprofessional, effective the last student day of the 2020-2021 school year and to advertise for the position.

The Board approved the retirement of Linda Henry as a Science/Biology teacher, effective the last teacher day of the 2020-2021 school year and to advertise for the position.

The Board approved Garrett Weaver as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer for the District musical pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Shawn Walker as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer for the 2021 senior class trip pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Carlee Glessner as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer track coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Autumn Kelly as the bona-fide volunteer assistant varsity girls' basketball coach and to advertise for the position.

The Board voted in favor to add Amanda Ambrocik to the district substitute teacher list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Autumn Fraley as the bona-fide volunteer junior high volleyball coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to accept the request of a Collective Bargaining member to extend the deadline for notifying the District in writing of intentions to retire.

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. Somerset County Chorus 2021 – Rockwood high school classrooms, auditorium, cafeteria, band room, chorus room – 11/22/21, 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.; 11/23/21, 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M. – Host Somerset County Chorus in 2021.
2. Somerset County Band – Rockwood high school auditorium, cafeteria, band room, chorus room – 12/1/21, 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.; 12/2/21, 8:00 A.M. – 9:30 P.M. – Host Somerset County Band Festival.
3. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 3/13/21, 4/10/21, 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.; 3/23/21, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Rockwood youth football sign-ups.
4. Rockwood Cub Scout Pack 5538 – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 3/22/21, 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Sign-ups for Rockwood cub scouts.
5. Rockets U15 Soccer Team – PA West – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 3/8/21, 3/10/21, 3/15/21, 3/17/21, 3/22/21, 3/24/21, 3/29/21, 3/31/21, 4/5/21, 4/7/21, 4/12/21, 4/14/21, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Indoor soccer practice.
6. Rockwood Basketball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium lobby, concession stand – 3/4/21, 4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. – Dinner for jv/varsity girls' basketball play-off game.
7. Rockwood Youth Girls' Softball League – Rockwood elementary gymnasium, athletic fields – Sundays beginning 3/21/21 through 5/23/21, 2:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. – Youth softball open gyms.
8. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood high school weight room, mat room, athletic fields – Weekdays beginning 3/15/21 through 8/13/21 when available, 3:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M. during school; 3:30 P.M. – 7:15 P.M. during summer months – Lifting and conditioning program for Rockwood Youth Football.
9. Tableland Services, Inc. – Rockwood elementary outside services room – 3/25/21, 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. – Preschool Registration.
10. Somerset County Library – Rockwood high school classrooms – 4/26/21 through 5/1/21, 3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. – STEM workshop series for grades 6th through 8th.

11. Appalachia Intermedia Unit 8 – Rockwood high school classrooms and other areas to be determined – 6/14/21 – 6/18/21, 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. – Host ATOMS Program.
12. Laurel Arts Dance Center – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room, restrooms – 5/21/21, Time TBD; 5/28/21, 4:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.; 5/29/21, 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.; 5/30/21 (TBD – if available. Final schedule TBD) – Rehearsal and Dance Recital.

Club & Class Activity Request:

The Board approved the following club and class activity request:

1. Class of 2022 – “59” Minute Popcorn Sale – Dates of Sale TBD – Raise funds for graduation and senior class trip.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mark Bower updated the Board regarding the COVID vaccination clinic, coordinated by the State and Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8, for District faculty, staff, and contracted staff.

Mark Bower discussed the needs assessment and one-time expenditures, along with ESSER funds. He provided information and discussed possible expenditures that could fall under each category and broke down ways the District could use funds under the ESSER II and III Grants. He also explained that ESSER funds cannot be used for cyber school expenditures.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the District musical will be held on March 26th and 27th. Mrs. Demchak stated that student participants are having fun, doing a great job, and are looking forward to the performances.

Misty Demchak informed the Board that the Prom is scheduled to be held on April 24th.

Misty Demchak updated the Board on the FFA and Technology & Engineering Department’s fish habitat project.

Misty Demchak informed the Board that FFA and FBLA are teaming up to do a benefit for the Somerset County Humane Society. They are doing a food and toy drive and making DIY dog toys.

Jon Hale advised that the elementary tutoring program is off to a good start.

Mark Bower provided a brief outline of the Somerset County Library STEM workshop series for grades 6th through 8th.

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