



Rocket Express

January 16, 2018

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 11/21/17, the regular meeting on 11/21/17, and the reorganization meeting on 12/5/17 were approved.

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

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

Board Recognition:

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

Bena Croushore	Grant Mathias
Kendra Kalp	Brooke Wagner
Maggie Hay	Haley Johnson
Jenna Miller	Sophia Yachere
Keaton Engle	Allison King
Renee Svonavec	Luke Foy

Mark Bower recognized Board members and presented each one with a certificate honoring their time and dedication to the field of public education and the improvement of our students.

Public Comment:

Tanya Burk was placed on the agenda to appeal the denial of a bus stop that she requested. She failed to show and the Board upheld the original denial of the request.

Old Business:

The Board voted in favor to grant final approval of the independent audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

New Business:

The Board voted in favor to waive the district tuition charges for a non-resident student.

The Board approved the consulting agreement with the KSL Group for e-rate services for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the audit engagement letter with Kotzan CPA & Associates for independent audit services for a three-year period.

The Board approved the high school course selection guide for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the annual donation to the Somerset County Reading Teacher's Association in the amount of \$100.00 for the annual Scrabble tournament.

The Board approved the mathematics textbook adoption.

The Board approved a Turkeyfoot student to ride the wrestling bus.

The Board approved the donation of scrap metal from 4-Guys for the welding program at an estimated value of \$400.00.

The Board approved hosting the ATOMS program at our facility from 6/11/18 through 6/15/18.

The Board approved the speech and student congress schedules for the 2017-2018 school year.

The following agenda item died for the lack of a motion:

Consideration to add Ryan Schrock to the substitute van driver list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the addition of Diane Bittner to the substitute bus driver and van driver list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board appointed Ashley Baker as the representative from Region 2 to the Rockwood Area Board of School Directors.

The Board approved the recommendations for the Appalachia IU 08 Board of Directors.

The Board voted in favor to rescind the following policies of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual: (merged into policies 103 and 104)

- 248 Unlawful Harassment of Students
- 348 Unlawful Harassment of Employees

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

- 150 Title I – Comparability of Services

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

- 103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
- 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
- 104 Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices
- 302 Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent
- 311 Reduction of Staff
- 808 Food Services
- 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

The Board approved the Arts in Motion Project, funded by a grant from the Pa. Rural Arts Alliance.

The Board approved the following appointments to the district comprehensive planning team:

Parent representatives:	Becky Foy, Becky Wagner, Beth Myers
Business representatives:	Sharon Clapper, Kathy Yachere
Board/Community representatives:	Richard Stoner, Lisa Kimmel

The Board approved Homebound instruction for a student.

Committee Reports:

The Board voted in favor to employ Savannah Cavanaugh as the bona-fide volunteer junior high volleyball coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Mike Hetz as the bona-fide volunteer junior high track coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Susan Branam as the bona-fide volunteer assistant track Coach.

The Board voted in favor to employ Becky McKinley as the bona-fide volunteer junior high track coach.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. Implementing the 339 Index – Altoona, Pa. – 3/19/18 – PJ Opfar and Brandi Shaulis
2. Transition Training – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 1/16/18, 3/7/18 – Stacey Baker and Jenna Wintersteen
3. Winter Thematic Training – St. Vincent College – 2/1/18 – Brandi Shaulis, Becky McKinley, Jon Hale

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Elementary Ski Club – Seven Springs – 1/18/18, 1/25/18, 2/1/18 – Chaperones and 30 students
2. Senator for a Day – Penn State Fayette – 3/8/18 – James Wagner and 10 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Appalachia IU 08 – Rockwood high school classrooms, cafeteria, library – 6/11/18 through 6/15/18, 8:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M. – ATOMS Program.
2. Choral Boosters – Rockwood high school cafeteria, kitchen – 4/20/18, 3:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Spaghetti dinner fundraiser.
3. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school cafeteria, computer lab – 1/22/18, 1/25/18, 1/29/18, 2/1/18, 5:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M. – Registration.

4. Elementary Volleyball – Rockwood high school gymnasium – Spring 2018 when available – Practice.
5. Rockwood Basketball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 2/2/18, 6:00 A.M.-7:15 A.M. – Kovals fundraiser pick-up.
6. Allow the faculty and staff to use the district’s strength and conditioning equipment.
7. Rockwood Football Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 1/19/18, 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. – Sub & pizza fundraiser pickup.
8. Authorization of a junior varsity girls’ basketball tournament on a date at the end of February.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. Class of 2019 – Bubble Soccer Tournament – 3/22/18 – Raise funds for class activities
2. High School Library Book Fair – 2/26/18 - 3/1/18 – Raise funds for books and author visits

Superintendent’s Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district had nine students who received their Keystone Farmers Degree at the PA Farm Show.

Misty Demchak informed the Board that a beekeeping class will be held in the district from January through March. Students passing the class will receive certification.

Mark Bower informed the Board that 50 students completed their graduation projects on Monday January 15, 2018. The projects were evaluated and well received by staff, community members, and business leaders.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the elementary school has been designated as a Title I Distinguished School for high academic achievement.

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