



Rocket Express

August 18, 2020

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 6/23/2020, the regular meeting on 6/23/2020, and the special meeting on 7/21/2020 were approved.

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

The Board approved the financial and treasurer reports and bills as presented.

Public Comment:

Augusta Hay, representing Woodmen of the World, presented a donation in the amount of \$750.00 to the district for the purchase of PPE and other cleaning supplies as the district deems needed.

An individual addressed the Board, asking that her child currently enrolled in cyber-school, be allowed to participate in the district instrumental music program in the elementary school. Mark Bower explained to the individual that the district allows cyber school students to participate in extra-curricular activities, but not co-curricular activities. The cyber school is responsible for providing this service to the student, and Rockwood has never allowed a cyber-school student to participate in co-curricular activities. The cyber school should give the district a proposal for consideration.

An individual had a question on the district's plan for cleaning the schools. Mark Bower informed the individual that the district has purchased fogging machines that use a chemical that does not need to be wiped down after the fogging occurs. The teachers and custodial staff will also be periodically wiping down desks and other high traffic areas throughout the day.

Old Business:

The Board voted in favor to hold a discussion regarding the Rockwood Area School District Health and Safety Reopening Plan. Mark Bower provided a document to the Board and reviewed in detail *possible options* for the reopening.

The Board approved the following option for *possible* reopening plan changes:

- In-person instruction for grades K-8 on M, T, TH, F (remote W)
- In-person instruction for grades 9-12 on W (remote M, T, TH, F)

Upon discussion, no action was taken on the Rockwood Area School District Health and Safety reopening plan, as the face covering order was already in place.

The Board approved the revisions to the Rockwood Area School District Athletic Health and Safety Plan.

The Board approved making changes to the student and faculty handbooks and authorized the administration to make the necessary changes as needed and to present those changes at a later Board meeting for approval.

New Business:

The Board approved the tentative transportation rates and routes for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the bus and van driver list for the 2020-2021 school year pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Intermediate Unit 1 for ESSA Title I supplemental education services for students attending nonpublic schools.

The Board approved the agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Ignite Education Solutions for Title I services at Somerset Christian School.

The Board approved the agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Ignite Education Solutions for Title I services at St. Peter School.

The Board approved the agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Ignite Education Solutions to provide long term, contracted, and substitute staff on an as needed basis for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Ignite Education Solutions for personal care aides for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding/Transitional Agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and the Learning Lamp/Ignite for the 2020-2021 school year as required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding/Transitional Agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Community Action Partnership/Tableland for the 2020-2021 school year as required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The Board approved the addendum to the contract between the Rockwood Area School District and Pressley Ridge, Johnstown for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board voted in favor to authorize Brian Coughenour to cast the votes on behalf of the Rockwood Area School District for the PSBA Legislative Platform.

The Board approved the COVID-19 Emergency Resolution and the Section 520.1 Emergency Instructional Time Plan and authorized the Superintendent to submit these documents to the Department of Education.

The Board approved the Rockwood Area School District Student Assistance Program/Catalyst Action Team SAP/CAT for Trauma.

The Board approved the memorandum of understanding with Bedford-Somerset Developmental and Behavioral Health Services for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board decided not to change the discount and penalty periods for real estate tax collections for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the letter of agreement between the Children's Behavioral Health, Partial Hospitalization Program and the Rockwood Area School District for the 2020-2021 school year.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved the substitute teacher, nurse, instructional aide, and custodian lists for the 2020-2021 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Annie Ream as a substitute teacher (Type 06) and substitute instructional aide, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Patrick Wheatley as a bona-fide volunteer coach for girls' basketball, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Courtney Hartman as a bona-fide volunteer coach for volleyball, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved a medical leave for Melissa Gindlesperger from 9/14/2020 through 1/4/2021.

The Board approved Christy Hay as the Act 48 chairperson for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved Christy Hay as the induction chairperson for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the following curriculum coordinators for the 2020-2021 school year:

Becky McKinley	Elementary ELA
Jessica Knepper	Elementary Math

Ben Baker	Elementary Science
Shanna Wilson	Elementary Social Studies
Jenna Wintersteen	Elementary Special Education
Greg King	Secondary Math
Linda Henry	Secondary Science
Jill Morgan	Secondary ELA
Jay Best	Secondary Social Studies
Amber Walker	Secondary Fine Arts/Practical Arts
Stacey Baker	Secondary Special Education

The Board voted in favor to employ Jordan Svonavec as business manager, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Jennifer Harrold as a bona-fide volunteer for boys' soccer, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to re-classify Sherry Benford from administrative secretary to administrative services/Board secretary with duties to become effective 8/28/2021.

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Adult Farmer Program – Rockwood high school library – 11/5/2020, 11/12/2020, 11/19/2020, 1/7/2021, 1/14/2021, 1/21/2021, 1/28/2021, 2/4/2021, 2/11/2021, 2/18/2021, 2/25/2021, 3/4/2021, 3/11/2021, 3/18/2021; 7:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M. – Adult farmer classes.
2. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood athletic fields – 8/22/2020, 10:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M. – Youth football game.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower expressed his thankfulness for everyone's support and patience during these times.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the cafeteria/kitchen renovation project.

The Board approved the memorandum of understanding between the Rockwood Area School District and the Rockwood Education Association.

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