



Rocket Express

April 15, 2014

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 3/18/14, and the regular meeting on 3/18/14, were approved.

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

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

Public Comment:

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

Makayla Morocco
Cameron Emerick
Haley Beahr
Autumn Kelly
Tylee McDevitt
Lisa Lichty

Fran Brancato addressed the Board and thanked them for their support in employing a fitness trainer for the district. He informed the Board that there were eight students in the weight room today as compared to only one student yesterday. The future of the football program was discussed. Mr. Brancato asked the Board to hold an all sports assembly at some time in the future to allow the coaches from the various sports to talk to the students and spark interest in the various programs. The administration agreed to hold an assembly after a decision is made by Turkeyfoot regarding the cooperative sports agreement. This will probably occur in late April or early May. The district is having a difficult time scheduling games for the junior high and junior varsity football teams, and the Board made it very clear that they will not support traveling several hours to play teams on a schedule. The availability of local teams will not occur until mid to late August, depending on the number of players that local schools have for their programs.

Dillon Miller, Nicole Dumbaugh, and Laurel Lalone, representing the FBLA, gave a power point presentation on the fundraiser they held to support Camp PARC. The fundraiser will continue to occur every year. The Board was also informed that the three individuals placed third in the state contest and have qualified for the national competition in Tennessee at the end of June.

Old Business:

The second and final reading of the Rockwood Area School District Seatbelt Policy for District Owned Vehicles, as recommended by the Workplace Safety Committee and Eastern Alliance Insurance Company, was approved.

The second and final reading of the Rockwood Area School District Cell Phone Policy for District Owned Vehicles, as recommended by the Workplace Safety Committee and Eastern Alliance Insurance Company, was approved.

Policies 313, 412, 413, and 512 (Evaluation of Employees) were deleted from the Rockwood Area School District policy manual (Policies were replaced by previously approved policy 313).

New Business:

The board approved the cooperative sports agreement with Turkeyfoot for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years.

The Somerset County Technology Center General Fund Budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year was approved.

The Somerset County Technology Center Adult Budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year was approved.

The driver education program for the 2013-2014 school year, at a cost of \$50.00 per student, was approved.

The Rockwood Area School District special education plan was approved.

The contract with CAMCO for physical and occupational services for the 2014-2015 school year was approved.

The tentative graduation list for the class of 2014 was approved.

The board tabled the approval of the proposal from the Somerset County SAP Coordination Team in the amount of \$200.00 until the May meeting.

The board approved the proposal from PSBA to revise the Rockwood Area School District policy manual to include sections 300, 400, and 500 into one 300 section.

Homebound instruction for a ninth grade student was approved.

The board approved the Rockwood Boosters/Lost Drama Club (advisors will provide clearances).

The board tabled the approval of the quote from S&S Flooring in the amount of \$6,100.00 for the resurfacing of the stage floor until a later meeting.

Education/Personnel:

The board accepted the resignation of Fran Brancato as a full time football coach.

Chelsey Saler was approved as a long term substitute teacher for chemistry to replace Misty Thompson during her leave of absence.

Lauren Eisele was approved as a long term substitute for Jenna Wintersteen during her leave of absence.

The board accepted the resignation of Jackie Phillippi as an instructional aide effective 4/24/14.

The board accepted the resignation of Nicole Johnson as a substitute instructional aide effective 4/22/14.

The following **Conference requests** were approved:

1. Autism Spectrum Disorder – Pittsburgh, PA – 4/17/14 – Cassie Weimer and Melissa Putman –
2. SAP Coordination Meeting – Somerset, PA – 5/7/14 – Catherine Fischer
3. Exploring Technology Supports for Students with High Functioning Autism – Altoona, PA – 4/29/14 – Cassie Weimer

The following **Field Trip requests** were approved:

1. SCTC 8th grade tour – Somerset, PA – date to be determined – Catherine Fischer and 55 students.

2. Somerset County Humane Society – Somerset, PA – 5/23/14 – Jessica Knepper and 12 students.
3. FBLA National Competition – Memphis, Nashville, Tennessee – 6/27/14 through 7/3/14 – Amber Walker and 3 students.

The following **Use of School Facility requests** were approved:

1. Rockwood Boosters/ Lost Arts Drama Club – Rockwood high school auditorium – Mondays and Fridays, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, August 2104 through May 2015 – practice acting skills.
2. Rockwood Baseball – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 5/2/14, 6:00 – 7:30 AM – pizza and hoagie delivery.
3. Rockwood American Legion – Rockwood high school auditorium – 5/26/14, 9:000 – 11:00 AM – Memorial Day service (in case of inclement weather).
4. Rockwood Community Chorus – Rockwood high school chorus room, auditorium – 5/5/14, 5/12/14, 5/19/14, 5/27/14, 6/2/14, 7:00 – 9:00 PM; 6/8/14, 6:00 – 9:00 PM – rehearsal for baccalaureate and baccalaureate service.
5. Spinnettes – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 7/5/14, 7:30 AM – 1:30; 7/12/14, 4:00 PM-8:00 PM – baton twirling recital.

The following **Club & Class Activity request** was approved:

1. Gifted Class – collection of items for the Humane Society – month of May 2014 – annual service project.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower asked the Board to return the reservation forms for the staff appreciation dinner as soon as possible.

Mark Bower congratulated the members of the FBLA team that will be competing at the national level on a job well done.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the acoustical panels will be delivered in the near future and installation will begin.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the college fair was well attended.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the Gardening Club of Somerset, along with assistance from our life skills class, will be planting a vegetable garden at the entrance of the school.

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