



Rocket Express

November 21, 2017

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 10/17/17 and the regular meeting on 10/17/17 were approved.

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

The Board voted in favor to place the prayer and the salute to the flag on all future agendas.

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

Board Recognition:

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

- Finnleigh Gould
- Olivia Kemp
- Vileska Gelpi
- Alyson Snyder
- Rebecca Johnson
- Lillian Pletcher

The Board presented Dan Rullo with a plaque for his dedication and years of service to the district as solicitor.

Mark Bower presented a certificate to Mark Phillippi for eight years of service and a certificate to Richard Stoner for 12 years of service.

Old Business:

The Board approved the final version of the annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

New Business:

The Board voted in favor to hold the annual reorganization meeting on 12/5/17 at 7:00 P.M. with new Board member orientation to begin at 6:00 P.M.

The Board approved the dates for the Spanish trip to Pueblo, Mexico from 4/27/18 through 5/6/18.

The Board approved the resolution regarding PSBA vs. Simon Campbell.

The Board approved Janine Doman as a bona-fide volunteer for the French trip pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted to table the approval of Ryan Schrock as a substitute van driver until more information and paperwork is provided.

The Board approved the following bona-fide volunteers for the district musical pending completion of all paperwork:

Elyse Cordaro
Christy Hay
Angie Weaver
Beth Mapes
Gina Huss

The Board approved the Act 1 resolution electing not to increase the tax rate above the index for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved Greg King as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer rifle coach.

The Board accepted the resignation of Jane Sauder as the bona-fide volunteer junior high volleyball coach.

The Board approved Jason Atchison and Jenny Beckner as unpaid bona-fide volunteer coaches for girls' junior high basketball pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved tenure status for the following individuals:

Shanna Wilson Faith Hemminger Patti Jo Opfar

The Board approved the business manager contract for the period 7/1/18 through 6/30/23.

The Board approved the Act 93 agreement for the period 7/1/18 through 6/30/23.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. ELA PSSA Blueprint and Text Development Analysis – Somerset, Pa. – 12/6/17 – Becky McKinley, Kristen Mumau
2. ELA PSSA Test Seminar – Somerset, Pa. – 12/13/17 – Jill Morgan, Greta Carroll, Gina Huss, Jane Sauder
3. K-12 Career Development – Richland, Pa. – 12/11/17 – P.J. Opfar, Brandi Shaulis

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Basketball Boosters – Rockwood high school gym lobby – 11/15/17 and other dates to be determined, 6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M. – Booster meetings.

2. Rockwood Youth Cheerleading – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 11/7/17 through 11/9/17, 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M. – Practice for all-star football/cheer game.
3. Rockwood alumni basketball – Rockwood high school gymnasium – Sunday evenings, November through March, 6:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Pick-up basketball for alumni.
4. Rockwood/Berlin Football Boosters – Rockwood high school gym lobby – 11/8/17, 7:00 P.M.-? – Football booster meeting.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. Engineering & Technology Club – wooden Christmas ornament sale – 11/21/17 through 12/20/17 – raise funds for club activities.
2. Class of 2021 – Little Caesar’s pizza kit sale – 1/26/18 through 2/9/18 – raise funds for class activities.
3. Class of 2020 – Gardner’s Easter candy sale – 3/1/18 through 3/16/18 – raise funds for soph-senior, prom, senior trip, graduation.
4. Senior Trip 2018 – Marianna’s pizza & hoagie sale – 1/8/18 through 1/19/18 - raise funds for senior trip and Broadway show.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that the Safe Schools Grant written by April Kretchman has been approved. Items included in the grant are locks for all of the inside doors and film for the door windows to make them shatterproof.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district did not receive the DCED grant for the tennis court and informed them that it will be a tough sale in the future. The concern is putting money into a grant application that will be very hard to receive. The Board will have to make a decision in the future on the court.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the Borough of Rockwood’s request for land adjacent to the existing water tower. They will be in contact with the district when they receive more information on the project.

Mark Bower informed the Board that nine FFA students will be receiving their Keystone degree at the farm show this year.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he has received great feedback from the community for the elementary and secondary Veteran’s Day assemblies.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Berlin will be holding a wrestling match on 12/13/17 in our high school gymnasium.

Mark Bower thanked Jason Coho and Ron Saler for their years of dedicated service as Board members.

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