



Rocket Express

August 16, 2016

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 16, 2016

The minutes of the committee meeting on 6/21/16 and the regular meeting on 6/21/16 were approved.

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

The financial and treasurer reports and bills were approved.

Public Comment:

Several football players, playing under the cooperative sports agreement, addressed the Board, thanking them for approving the cooperative agreement and providing transportation to Berlin for games and practices. They feel the experience has been very positive, and they have been treated equally with the Berlin athletes. They asked the Board why transportation would not be provided on Saturday for the scrimmage game. The administration will look into the issue, as they were not aware that transportation would not be provided.

Barb Drake addressed the Board about safety concerns on transportation route #2; especially the crossing of both lanes for pick-up and drop-off of students as a result of the change in the route made for the 2015-2016 school year. Brian Coughenour informed Mrs. Drake that a recommendation on the route will be made as part of the next agenda item.

Old Business:

The Board approved the recommendation by Brian Coughenour, transportation director, to change transportation route #2 for the 2016-2017 school year, which will allow the students on Route 653 to enter and exit the bus on the same side of the road as their residence.

New Business:

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

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Investment of District Funds

The Board approved the contract with Bull's Eye Security, Inc. for security services for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the maintenance services agreement with FIT Optimized Solutions for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the cooperative agreement between the Berlin Brothersvalley School District and the Rockwood Area School District for football and marching band for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.

The Board considered the possibility of approving a donation to the Somerset County Federated Library System, Inc. for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion died for the lack of a second.

The Board approved the tentative transportation rates and routes for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the tentative bus and van drivers for the 2016-2017 school year, pending completion of all paperwork with the addition of the following individuals:

Diana Blانش
Bob Harrold

Jeff Cole
David Dowling

Rob Harrold

The Board approved the agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Tableland Services, Inc. for a Pre-K classroom in the Rockwood Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year; including the transportation of the students on district busses and the memorandum of understanding between the Rockwood Area School District and the Learning Lamp Community Action Partnership for Somerset County on a tentative basis while transportation concerns are addressed by Mark Bower, Brian Coughenour, the district solicitor, the contractor, and the contractor's insurance carrier.

The Board approved the audit engagement letter with Kotzan CPA & Associates for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the contract between the Rockwood Area School District and Clapper Educational Consulting for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the letter of agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Ignite Educational Solutions for Title I services at Champion Christian School for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the letter of agreement between the Rockwood Area School District and Ignite Educational Solutions for Title I services at St. Pete's for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the outside services handbook.

The Board approved the athletic coaches' handbook.

The Board voted in favor to adopt the Rockwood Area School District Sportsmanship Program.

The Board voted in favor to authorize Brian Coughenour to cast the District vote for PSBA officers for the candidates listed on the ballot.

The Board approved the operation of a blended education program on a trial basis for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the request from the Rockwood Youth Connection to plant a tree as a living memory in remembrance of a student.

The Board voted in favor to accept the donation of eight filing cabinets from Rockwood Manufacturing.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved the substitute teacher, substitute custodian, and substitute instructional assistant lists for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board voted in favor to employ Kapeka Galazia as the bona-fide volunteer cheerleading coach for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board voted in favor to accept the resignation of Kim Huet as the elementary special education curriculum coordinator.

The Board approved the following curriculum coordinators for the 2016-2017 school year:

Becky McKinley	Elementary English/Language Arts
Jessica Knepper	Elementary Math
Ben Baker	Elementary Science
Shanna Wilson	Elementary Social Studies
Jenna Wintersteen	Elementary Special Education
Jay Best	High School Social Studies
Greg King	High School Math
Jill Morgan	High School ELA
Amber Walker	High School Fine Arts/Practical Arts
Linda Henry	High School Science
Stacey Baker	High School Special Education

The Board approved Christy Hay as the Act 48 Chairperson and Induction Chairperson for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the following mentor teacher for the 2016-2017 school year:

PJ Opfar for Kapeka Galazia

The Board approved the athletic director annual evaluation form.

The Board voted in favor to employ Mary Jane Sauder as the bona-fide volunteer junior high volleyball coach.

The Board voted in favor to add Carissa Shipley to the district instructional assistant substitute list pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Cheryl Golembioski as an instructional assistant.

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Model UN Conference – Johnstown, PA – 10/26/16 – James Wagner and 30 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 5/30/17; 12:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. – K-3 track and field.
2. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary cafeteria, gymnasium, classrooms – 10/14/16; 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M., 10/17/16 through 10/21/16; 8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. – Book fair and family fun night.
3. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary cafeteria, gymnasium, classrooms – 2/24/17; 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M., 2/27/17 through 3/3/17; 8:30 A.M. through 3:00 P.M. – Book fair and family fund night.
4. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary library – 5/26/17; 8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. – Bargain book fair.
5. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 9/13/16, 10/11/16, 11/8/16, 1/10/17, 2/14/17, 3/14/17, 4/11/17, 5/9/17; 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Monthly meetings.
6. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood high school, elementary gymnasium, athletic fields – 9/30/16; 9:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M. – Health-A-Thon.
7. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary classrooms, cafeteria, gymnasium, library – 9/16/16, 3/31/17; 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Family reading nights.
8. TJ Dance – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 9/14/16, 9/16/16; 3:30 P.M.-?, 9/17/16; 11:00 A.M.-? – Dance recital.
9. Spinnetts – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 9/2/16; 4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M., 9/3/16; 4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Baton twirling recital.
10. Tableland Services, Inc. – Rockwood elementary classroom – 8/9/16; 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. – Registration

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that the paving project has been completed. The final inspection with Somerset Planning will occur on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the stumps by the elementary playground have been removed, and the area has been seeded and drainage has been installed.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the grant for the tennis courts through DCED has been denied and the deadline for submission for this year has passed. The District is planning on applying for another grant next year.

Mark Bower passed out elementary and high school staff and enrollment information to the Board members. He also distributed a copy of the high school master schedule to Board members.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district received approximately \$79,000.00 additional state funding with the passage of the state budget.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the administration will begin doing Board briefs at the end of the first week of school.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Betsy Smith was recognized by Metz Culinary Management over the summer for 15 years of service.

Mark Bower thanked the administration and support staff for their efforts over the summer in preparing the district for the start of school.

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