



Rocket Express

August 18, 2015

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 6/30/15 and the regular meeting on 6/30/15 were approved.

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

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

Public Comment:

Students from the French Exchange Program presented a power point presentation on their recent trip to France.

Old Business:

The Board approved the second and final reading of policy number 819 (Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.

The Board voted in favor to discontinue pursuing a guaranteed energy savings project with Johnson Controls.

New Business:

The Board approved the transportation driver list and substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved the contract with KSL Group for the 2016-2017 funding year.

The Board approved the letter of agreement with The Learning Lamp for Title I services for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the engagement agreement with The Reschini Group for mandatory Affordable Care Act.

The Board approved the athletic schedules for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the purchase of an on-line software program.

The Board voted in favor to offer the district football equipment to the youth program first and then to advertise the equipment to other schools or interested vendors.

The Board approved the Academic Exchange and Visitor Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and voted in favor to make an exception to district policy to allow 15 year old students to participate.

The Board approved the Monsanto Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved the district substitute teacher list for the 2015-2016 school year pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved tenure status for the following individuals:

Elyse Cordaro

Jenna Wintersteen

The Board voted in favor to employ Jennifer Greenlee as a long term substitute for health and physical education for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board voted in favor to employ Roni Langley as a high school special education teacher.

The Board accepted the resignation of Nicole L Hetrick as head coach of the Rockwood speech team and advertise for the position.

The Board accepted the resignation of Krissy Kasserman as junior high speech coach and advertise for the position.

The Board voted in favor to employ Clifford Atchison as the bona-fide volunteer junior varsity boys' soccer coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Heather Hay as the bona-fide volunteer junior high girls' soccer coach.

The Board voted in favor to employ Amber Kelly as the bona-fide volunteer junior high girls' soccer coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Robert Hay as the bona-fide volunteer junior high girls' basketball coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Jennifer Greenlee as the bona-fide volunteer head cheerleading coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Andrew Latuch and Jason Atchison as bona-fide volunteer coaches for junior high boys' soccer pending completion of all paperwork.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference request:

1. Somerset County Nurses' Association meeting dates for the 2015-2016 school year attended by Amanda Custer.

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip request:

1. Somerset Daily American – Somerset, PA – 9/18/15 – Nicole Hetrick and 2 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility request:

1. Rockwood Youth Wrestling – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 11/2/15 through March 2016 (3 days per week); 6:00 – 8:00 PM – wrestling practice.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity request:

1. Friends of the Library – Painting party – 10/6/15, 10/8/15, 10/13/15, 10/15/15, 10/27/15, and 10/29/15 – raise funds for library books, furniture, etc.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower presented a power point presentation to the Board on the Raise.Me scholarship program opportunity through Penn State University. Rockwood was one of five schools to receive this pilot program in Appalachia IU 08.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the auditorium project is almost complete and should be ready for the start of school.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the desks are scheduled to be shipped this week. In the event that they do not arrive for the start of school, the district has made schedule arrangements.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the new table for the Board room should be completed by the end of this month and in place by the September board meeting.

Mark Bower reviewed the current participation figures for the fall sports.

Discussion was held to authorize the district to move forward with the junior high golf program with a minimum of four participants and to pursue securing a coach for the program.

Mark Bower reviewed the recent PSSA scores and expressed his concerns over the results. He is very pleased with the academic structure of our district and believes the scores have fallen significantly as a result of changing the test to meet the common core standards.

Mark Bower informed the Board that there is a leak in the roof above the cafeteria serving line. The roof is under warranty and the company has been contacted.

Mark Bower informed the Board that four of our seniors have been invited to attend the 9/11 Memorial dedication on 9/10/15 and will be a part of the program.

General Board Member Discussion:

The Board approved a non-resident tuition waiver for the student of an employee beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

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