



Rocket Express

November 17, 2015

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2015

The minutes of the committee meeting on 10/20/15 and the regular meeting on 10/20/15 were approved.

The agenda, agenda items, and the additional use of school facility request that was added during the committee meeting were approved.

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

Board Recognition:

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

- Emma Ream
- Meghan Lawrence
- Allison King
- Beverly Escontrias
- Brandi Judy
- Amanda Armstrong

The following Board members were recognized for their dedication and years of service to the district:

- Allen Pletcher 8 years
- Ron Saler 8 years

Public Comment:

Travis Robison addressed the Board, thanking them for their support of the golf team and the establishment of a junior high program. He also thanked the administration and athletic directors for scheduling the matches and working with him on his schedule as the Rockets went on to capture the WestPac championship and the District V championship.

Old Business:

The Board approved the second and final reading of the revisions to the following policies of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

- 116 Tutoring
- 127 Assessment System
- 137 Home Education Programs
- 138 English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education Program
- 212 Reporting Student Progress

Brian Coughenour presented the following brief presentation on the annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015:

Total Revenue	11,092,169
Total Expenditures	10,774,719
Cash Surplus	317,450
Fund Balance	4,229,800

The Board approved the annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

New Business:

The Board voted in favor to accept the grant from the Cambria County Prevention Coalition for junior high fun night.

The Board voted in favor to adopt the Act 1 resolution electing not to increase taxes above the index for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

The Board voted in favor to host the ATOMS program during the summer of 2016.

The Board approved the senior high speech schedule for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board voted in favor to hold the annual reorganization meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

The Board voted in favor to pay the FFA Affiliation dues for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board authorized a Turkeyfoot student to ride the activity bus as part of the Berlin, Rockwood, Turkeyfoot, and Shanksville wrestling coop, space permitting and no additional cost to the district.

Committee Reports:

The Board voted in favor to add the following individuals to the district substitute list pending completion of all paperwork:

Allison Geary	Early Childhood/Special Education
Kaitlyn Walker	Type 06

The Board approved Susan Branam as the bona-fide volunteer assistant drama/musical coach.

The Board accepted the resignation of Travis Robison as secondary English teacher effective 11/25/15 and voted in favor to advertise for the position.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. Math Design Collaborative Training – Richland, PA – 12/15/15, 12/16/15, 3/9/16 – Jenna Sembower and Melissa Gindlesperger
2. CRA Math Training – Ebensburg, PA – 2/11/16 – Jenna Sembower, Mindy Sarver, Faith Hemminger
3. Gifted Boot Camp 1 and 2 – Altoona, PA – 1/19/16, 4/12/16 – Sarah Pletcher

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trips:

1. Junior High Fun Night – Johnstown, PA – 2/26/16 – estimated 150 students
2. Shakespeare Play – Confluence, PA – 11/20/15 – Nicole Hetrick and 36 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Indoor Soccer Practice – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 11/1/15, 11/8/15, 11/15/15, 11/22/15; 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. – Practice for PIT indoor soccer games.
2. Rockwood Indoor Soccer Team – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 11/7/15, 11/14/15, 11/21/15, 11/28/15; 6:00 – 8:00 PM – soccer practice.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. Class of 2021 – Little Caesars Pizza Kits – January – February, 2016 – raise funds for class activities

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that we should know the election results by Thursday.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the status of the state budget.

Mark Bower thanked Travis Robison for his eight years of service in the district.

Mark Bower informed the Board that our students were second in the entire IU on the overall PSAA scores this year.

General Board Member Discussion:

The Board reviewed the preliminary drawings from Somerset Planning and Engineering for the parking lots and paving project.

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