



Rocket Express

March 15, 2016

The Rockwood Area School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 2/16/16 and the regular meeting on 2/16/16 were approved.

The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items 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:

- Vileska Gelpi
- Viktorya Floyd
- Amber Hixson
- Paige Bowman
- Anni Shaffer
- Keri Pritts

Old Business:

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

- 115 Career and Technical Education
- 317 Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
- 806 Child Abuse

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

- 824 Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
- 916 Volunteers

New Business:

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

- 913 Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

The Board approved the commercial waste service agreement with Harbaugh Trucking Inc. for a period of 24 months with the option to continue service for an additional 48 months.

The Board approved the school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board authorized the business office to advertise for the following bids for the 2016-2017 school year:

Coal Propane Custodial Supplies

The Board approved the changes to the 2016-2017 high school course selection guide.

The Board approved the photography contract with SANDAV Studio for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board voted in favor to accept the donation from the Rockwood American Legion in the amount of \$700.00 for the purchase of a chiller for the fish tank.

Committee Reports:

The Board accepted the resignation of David Reckner as the bona-fide volunteer junior high/assistant golf coach and approved him as a bona-fide unpaid volunteer assistant coach.

The Board approved Rachel Bower as a bona-fide unpaid volunteer coach for junior varsity/varsity track, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Beth Miller as a bona-fide unpaid volunteer coach for softball.

The Board approved Adam Kennedy and Trevor Kaufman as unpaid bona-fide assistant coaches for baseball, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Ben Baker as the bona-fide volunteer head junior high track coach.

The Board voted in favor to employ Susan Branam as the bona-fide volunteer assistant junior high track coach.

The Board voted in favor to employ John Emert as the bona-fide volunteer boys' varsity basketball coach.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. Echoes and Reflections/Leaders in Holocaust Education – Altoona, Pa - 3/4/16 – Jay Best
2. Literature Keystone – Somerset, Pa – 3/18/16 – Jill Morgan
3. Biology Keystone – Somerset, Pa – 2/26/16 – Linda Henry
4. Gifted Boot Camp – Altoona, Pa – 4/12/16 – Christy Hay

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Kingwood Little League – Rockwood high school/elementary gymnasiums, athletic fields dates and times based upon availability – baseball practice.
2. Soul on Sole Studio Productions – Rockwood high school auditorium – 4/1/16, 3:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. – dress rehearsal for competition.

3. Girls Basketball – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 3/7/16 through 4/2/16, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M., Saturdays, 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. – elementary basketball practice.
4. AAU Basketball – Rockwood high school gymnasium – March through July when gymnasium is available – basketball practice.
5. Rockwood Golf Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 4/8/16, 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. – pizza and hoagie pickup.
6. Rockwood Softball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 4/22/16, 6:30 A.M. – 7:30 A.M. – pizza & hoagie pickup.
7. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary cafeteria, library – 6/15/16, 6/29/16, 7/13/16, 7/27/16, 8/10/16, 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. – summer reading program.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that PSBA has filed a lawsuit asking for the release of the state funds owed to school districts.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Senator Mahoney will be conducting a town hall meeting in Meyersdale on 4/28/16 regarding consolidation.

Rockwood Manufacturing will be installing vandal proof door poles on several of our entrances as a pilot for their product at no cost to the district.

The Berlin football coach went through the football equipment and took several shoulder pads, helmets, practice pads, and various miscellaneous other items.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he is continuing to investigate various policies on the placement of Narcan in the district buildings.

The Board voted in favor to authorize the district to begin planning next year's musical.

Mark Bower distributed the needs assessment for the 2016-2017 school year and asked the Board for input at the April meeting so that budget talks can begin.

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