



Rocket Express

August 19, 2014

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 7/15/14 and the regular meeting on 7/15/14 were approved.

The agenda and agenda items were approved.

The financial and treasurer reports and bills were approved as presented.

Public Comment:

Fran Brancato addressed the Board regarding the future of the football program at Rockwood. He realizes the program did not meet the requirements established by the Board and expressed his support for a cooperative arrangement for next year. He would like the Board to consider other options for the remainder of this season, such as practicing until the start of school to see if more participants are available for the program.

New Business:

The Board decided to add a discussion regarding the future of the football program as an item to the agenda under old business. Upon discussion, the board voted to cancel the junior high and junior varsity games for the 2014-2015 school year, authorize the coaches and athletes to use the facilities for the remainder of the year for practice and conditioning, and authorize the administration to pursue a cooperative sports agreement with the Somerset Area School District in the areas of football, cross-country and track.

The tentative transportation drivers and substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year were approved.

The agreement with Clapper Educational Consulting for community resource consultation for the 2014-2015 school year was approved.

The contract with Champion Christian School for transportation services for the 2014-2015 through 2018-2019 school years was approved.

The contract with The Meadows Universal Community Behavior Health for the 2014-2015 school year was approved.

The board voted in favor of the Rockwood students to run cross-country independently with the Somerset Area School District at no cost to the district, unless the student qualifies for post season competition.

The board approved the elementary reading and mathematics curriculum for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board approved the athletic schedules for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board approved the Somerset County Nurses' association meetings for Amanda Custer for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board accepted the quote from ASCC for the replacement of the PA system.

Education/Personnel:

The board approved the athletic fees for officials for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board accepted the resignation of Deneane Armel as the fall varsity and junior varsity cheerleading coach.

The board approved Clifford Atchison as a bona fide volunteer assistant junior high boys soccer coach for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board approved the following mentor teachers for the 2014-2015 school year:

Jessica Knepper for Shanna Topka
Becky McKinley for Kristen Mumau
Mindy Sarver for Faith Hemminger
Joe Kush for Leanna Weimer
Doug Spiri for Amanda O'Neill
Amanda Custer for Patti Jo Opfar

The board approved Christy Hay as the induction chairperson for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board approved Christy Hay as the Act 48 chairperson for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board approved the following curriculum coordinators for the 2014-2015 school year:

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| Becky McKinley | Elem. Reading/Language Arts |
| Jessica Knepper | Elem. Mathematics |
| Tammy Minnick | Elem. Social Studies |
| Ben Baker | Elem. Science |
| Adam Rullo | Elem. Special Education |
| Greg King | Sec. Mathematics |
| Jay Best | Sec. Social Studies |
| Jill Morgan | Sec. English/Language Arts |
| Amber Walker | Sec. Fine Arts/Practical Arts |
| Linda Henry | Sec. Science |
| Joyce Meese | Sec. Special Education |

The board accepted the resignation of Catherine Fischer as K-12 guidance counselor and elementary ski club advisor effective 7/28/14.

The resignation of Nathan Cook as instrumental music teacher was accepted.

The board approved the bona fide volunteer coaches for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board approved the district substitute list for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board approved the activity advisors for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board accepted the resignation of Jennifer Pletcher as an instructional aide and voted in favor of employing Cheryl Golembioski as an instructional aide.

The board voted in favor of employing Leanna Weimer as a secondary science/agriculture teacher.

The board voted in favor of employing Patti Jo Opfar as the K-12 guidance counselor.

The board voted in favor of employing Amanda O'Neill as an instructional music teacher and marching band director.

The board approved Sydney Rigo as a bona fide volunteer cheerleading coach.

The board approved Ashlee Lepley as a bona fide volunteer assistant cheerleading coach.

The board voted in favor of adding Kathy Mowry and Sandra Goller to the district substitute instructional aide list pending completion of all paperwork.

The board voted in favor of adding Rosemary Nestler to the district substitute teacher list pending completion of all paperwork.

The board voted in favor of adding Devon Coleman to the district substitute custodial list.

Field Trip Requests:

The board approved the following field trip request:

Rockwood Bike Trail – Rockwood, PA – 9/19/14 through 9/26/14 – Kristen Kuzemchak, Nick Buterbaugh and 170 students – no cost to the district.

Use of School Facility Requests:

The board approved the following use of school facility request:

Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 9/21/14, 10/19/14, 11/16/14, 1/18/15, 2/15/15, 3/15/15, 4/19/15; 4:00 PM -? – General board meetings.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district will continue to line the athletic field for the pee wee football program if the Board has no objections.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the PA system is scheduled to be installed on 8/28/14 if the order comes in. The district has purchased air horns in the event of a lock down until the system is in place.

The kindergarten class is at 46 at the present time with the possibility of 3 more students. If the number grows to 50 or more, the administration may be back to the Board for consideration to add an additional class.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the roof is scheduled to be completed by 8/26/14.

Mark Bower shared a letter from the ministerium requesting that the district refrain from scheduling events at the school on Sunday mornings.

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