



Rocket Express

February 17, 2015

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

The minutes of the committee meeting on 1/20/15 and the regular meeting on 1/20/15 were approved.

The agenda and agenda items were approved.

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

Board Recognition:

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

- Elizabeth Griffith
- Allison King
- Morgan Johnson
- Emily Kemp
- Autumn Kelly
- Alexandra Mitchell

Old Business:

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Johnson Controls in developing a business case analysis that projects the financial benefits of a guaranteed energy and operating savings program.

New Business:

The Board approved hosting the ATOMS program from June 24, 2015 through June 26, 2015.

The Board approved the annual agreement with ASCC for the Vodavi telephone system in the amount of \$3,765.00.

The Board approved the annual donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Somerset County Reading Teacher's Association for the annual Scrabble tournament.

The Board approved a three year contract with Kotzan CPA & Associates for district auditing services.

The Board approved the contract with Hoover Brothers Quality Painting in the amount of \$9,473.41 for painting the underside of the corrugated metal roof.

The Board voted in favor of consideration to approve a junior high golf program – minimum of 5 athletes.

The Board voted in favor of consideration to approve a junior high track program – minimum of 12 athletes.

The Board approved the renewal contract with Metz for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the cooperative agreement with Berlin Brothersvalley School District for football.

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

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

146	Student Services
235.1	Surveys
317.1	Educator Misconduct
810.2	Transportation-Video/Audio Recording

Committee Reports:

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

The Board approved the High Qualified High Deductible health insurance plan with a deductible set at the IRS minimum for district support staff beginning July 1, 2015 and with a district contribution to a Health Savings Account of 80% of the IRS minimum rates.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Rockwood Education Association for a sick day transfer program.

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip request:

1. STEM Design Challenge – Johnstown, PA – 3/17/15 – Joe Kush and 4 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of facility requests:

1. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary library, cafeteria – 6/17/15, 7/1/15, 7/15/15, 7/29/15, 8/12/15, 8/26/15, 9:00 – 11:00 AM – summer reading program.
2. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school auditorium, cafeteria – 2/14/15, 12:00 PM - ?, 2/21/15, 10:00 AM - ?, 4/12/15, 9:00 AM - ? – team organization meetings, parent meetings, coaches meeting.
3. Basketball boosters – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 3/6/15, 4:00 – 9:00 PM – basketball banquet.

4. AAU Basketball – Rockwood high school gymnasium - Sundays, February through May and various weeknights when available, 5:00 – 7:00 PM – practice for AAU basketball tournaments.
5. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood elementary gymnasium, classroom – 2/11/15, 12:00 – 5:00 PM – football coaches clinic.
6. Kingwood Little League – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 2/21/15 through 5/2/15, Saturdays and Sundays when available – baseball practice.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following class activity requests:

1. Class of 2019 – pizza and hoagie sale – 3/9/15 through 3/20/15 – raise funds for future class expenses.
2. Quiz Team/Club – pizza and hoagie sale – 3/28/15 through 4/6/15 – raise funds for quiz team expenses.
3. Friends of the Library – door decorating contest – 3/2/15 through 3/6/15 – decorating contest for Read Across America Day.

Superintendent's Report:

Mary Gosnell updated the Board on the Shred It program being conducted by the life skills students in the district.

Mark Bower passed out an article honoring Sharon Clapper as being recognized as one of the top 100 business people of central Pennsylvania.

Mark Bower informed the Board that junior high fun night will be held on 2/20/15, weather permitting.

Mark Bower informed the Board that an active shooter drill was held as part of the Act 80 day on Monday.

The district discussed the future of the ice rink. Mark Bower informed the Board that the Merchants Association is no longer in existence and they are looking for someone to take over the liability of the rink. The district liability insurance will cover the rink for the remainder of this year but a cost of between \$50.00 and \$100.00 may be required in future years. The Board will discuss this issue at a later date.

Mark Bower thanked the Board for their support on approving the junior high track, golf, and football cooperative agreement, providing more opportunities for district students.

General Board Member Discussion:

The Board discussed the engineering proposals received for the proposed district paving project. The proposals range from \$14,000.00 to \$50,000.00. The proposals will be reviewed and a recommendation will be presented at the March meeting.

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