



Rocket Express

April 21, 2015

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 3/17/15 and the regular meeting on 3/17/15 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 April were recognized by the Board:

- Viktorya Floyd
- Devin Glover
- Josie Knopsnyder
- Dylan Zerfoss
- Haley Lawrence
- Julie Walker

Public Comment:

Savannah Atchison, Stacey Trimpey, and Bethany Ostheim, representing Rockwood Girl Scout Troop 46452, presented their proposal to landscape the front elementary sign to earn their bronze star, which is the highest award junior scouts are able to achieve. Funding for the project has been obtained by the scouts. The Board approved the proposal to landscape the front elementary sign and to ask the technology class to design a plaque for placement at the project sight.

Kim St. Clair addressed the Board regarding a bus route change for the 2015-2016 school year. She is requesting a bus to drop off students on Beagle Road at her day care center that will be opening up in June. Transportation director, Brian Coughenour, previously denied her request on March 25, 2015 due to factors such as the width of the road, crossing an unlighted railroad track, and the extension of mileage on the route. The Board has asked Brian to obtain more information on the request, such as the number of students that will be on the route and the costs associated with extending the route. A final decision will be made at a later meeting.

Old Business:

The Board voted in favor of resolving the existing cooperative wrestling agreement between Berlin Brothersvalley School District, Rockwood Area School District and Shanksville Stoneycreek School District and to approve a new cooperative wrestling agreement between

Berlin Brothersvalley School District, Rockwood Area School District, Shanksville Stoneycreek School District and Turkeyfoot Valley School District.

New Business:

The Board approved the athletic trainer agreement with the Somerset Hospital for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the contract with CAMCO for physical and occupational therapy for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the sponsorship of a station for the Somerset County Drug-Free Communities Coalition sporting clay event.

The Board voted in favor to take possession of the ice rink and insurance responsibilities from the Rockwood Merchants Association with no future commitment to operate in the event of the replacement of the current tennis court.

The Board voted in favor of adopting the resolution for reform of funding for cyber charter schools.

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

249	Bullying/Cyberbullying
307	Student Teachers/Interns
609	Investment of District Funds

The Board approved the letter of agreement for the Remembering ADAM Volunteer Drug Screen Program for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board denied the request from the Rockwood PTO to fund an author visit based upon the original in house recommendation from the administration.

The Board approved the summer driver education program.

The Board approved the proposals from Atchison Electric for the auditorium project and wood shop upgrades.

The Board approved the proposal from Stoner Furniture for carpet in the administrative office.

The Board approved the quote from MEI Systems for upgrading district fiber capability from 1GB to 10GB.

The Board approved the resolution authorizing the administration to pursue a grant through the Department of Community and Economic Development in cooperation with Somerset Planning & Engineering Services.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved Shanna Topka as a bona-fide volunteer junior high track coach.

The Board approved Susan Branam as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer junior high track coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Mike Ream as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer track coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Jim Miller as the bona-fide volunteer varsity boys' basketball coach and approved him as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer coach for boys' and girls' basketball.

The Board approved adding the following individual to the district substitute list, pending completion of all paperwork:

Valerie Friedline Early Childhood Education

The Board accepted the resignation of Kathy Mowry as an instructional aide.

Field Trip Requests:

The following field trip request was approved by the Board:

- Laurel Hill State Park – 3/27/15 – Ben Baker, Elyse Branam, Kristen Mumau and 65 students.

Use of School Facility Requests:

The following use of school facility requests were approved by the Board:

1. Berlin-Rockwood Football Coop – Rockwood high school weight room – 3/18/15, 3/24/15, 3/30/15, 4/6/15, 4/16/15, 4/20/15, 4/27/15, 5/4/15, 5/11/15, 5/18/15, 5:30 – 6:30 PM – weight training.
2. Rockwood Soccer Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 4/24/15, 6:00 – 8:00 AM – pizza and hoagie delivery.
3. Baccalaureate Choir – Rockwood high school chorus room – 4/27/15, 5/4/15, 5/11/15, 5/19/15, 5/26/15, 5/31/15, 7:00 – 9:00 PM – rehearsal for baccalaureate and service.
4. Rockwood American Legion – Rockwood high school auditorium – 5/25/15, 9:00 – 11:00 AM – Memorial Day services in the event of inclement weather.
5. Rockwood Soccer Program – Rockwood high school athletic fields – 7/27/15 through 7/31/15, 7:30 AM – 8:00 PM – soccer camp.
6. Rockwood Soccer Boosters – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 4/10/15, 6:30 – 9:00 PM – meeting.
7. New Centerville Spinnetts – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 6/24/15, 3:00 – 8:00 PM; 6/27/15, 5:00 – 8:30 PM – baton twirling recital.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower reminded the Board of the upcoming Staff Appreciation Dinner and the Scholars' Reception and encouraged Board members to attend.

Mark Bower thanked the Board for their support of the request from the Somerset County Drug-Free Communities Coalition.

Mark Bower informed the Board of several activities that Sharon Clapper has arranged for our students. Senator, Pat Stefano, will be in the district on Friday to be asked questions from our students. Students will be taking tours of CTC and Wheeler Bros. Inc. in the future.

Mark Bower discussed the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies umbrella funds that are placed in the name of the school district. Mark and Brian will be pursuing the establishment of a fund in our district's name.

Jay Best will be presenting a proposal for the back-pack program at the May meeting.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he will be attending the PARSS Conference on 4/23/15 and 4/24/15.

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