



Rocket Express

September 17, 2019

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 8/20/19, the regular meeting on 8/20/19, and the special meeting on 8/29/19 were approved.

The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were approved.

The Board approved the financial and treasurer reports and bills as presented.

Board Recognition:

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

Elika Pletcher
Alexa Lintz
Isaiah Brumbaugh
Autumn Murphy
Zoey DeLaney
Elizabeth Griffith

New Business:

The Board approved Greg King as a substitute bus driver for Rockwood Transportation, Inc.

The Board approved the junior high speech schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the chorus schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the band schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the FBLA schedule of events for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the contract with The KSL Group for e-rate services for the 2020-2021 service year.

The Board approved the co-op agreement with Turkeyfoot Valley School District.

Discussion was held regarding the school safety and security grant application. As part of the discussion, the Board approved the purchase of swipe card locks for the classroom doors with a key override for the guaranteed portion of the grant application. The Board approved the possible replacement of classroom doors and district entrance doors for the competitive portion of the grant application.

Discussion and possible action on the purchase of a maintenance truck. As part of the discussion, it was decided a committee will be set up to review specifications and to order a truck that best meets the district needs.

The Board approved Lois Metheny as a substitute van driver, pending completion of all required paperwork.

The Board approved the letter of agreement between Children's Behavioral Health, Partial Hospitalization Program and the Rockwood Area School District for the 2019-2020 school year.

Committee Reports:

The Board approved Ashley Shrum as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer coach for volleyball pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board approved Julie Johnson as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer coach for girls' varsity soccer pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ Amelia Gross as the bona-fide volunteer assistant cheerleading coach pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to add Trista Younkin to the district substitute school nurse list under the direct supervision of the certified school nurse pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to employ John Meyers as a full-time custodian pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board accepted the resignation of Ann Mathias as school security receptionist and to advertise for the position.

The Board voted in favor to add Annie Ream to the district substitute list pending completion of all paperwork.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. IU 08 Gifted Network – Johnstown, Pa. – 10/1/19, 3/18/20 – Christy Hay
2. Breakout EDU Training Workshop – Altoona, Pa. – 12/11/19 – Melissa Gindlesperger

3. PA Association of Gifted Education Conference – Harrisburg, Pa. – 11/14/19 through 11/15/19 – Jessica Knepper
4. Annual College in High School Meeting – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 9/26/19 – Greg King
5. County Counselors Meetings – various dates and locations throughout the year – Brandi Shaulis
6. County Counselors Meetings – Various locations in Somerset – 3rd Friday of each month – PJ Opfar
7. PHEAA Financial Aid Workshop – Johnstown, Pa. – 9/24/19 – PJ Opfar
8. Ozobots/Cubelets – Johnstown, Pa. – 10/8/19 – Ben Baker, Jenna Sembower
9. IU 08 Gifted Network Meeting – Johnstown, Pa. – 10/1/19, 3/18/20 – Sarah Pletcher
10. Early Numeracy in the Primary Grades Series – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 10/4/19, 11/14/19, 12/5/19 – Susan Slope
11. Makey Makey Training (STEM) – Johnstown, Pa. – 10/18/19 – Carter Bower and Valerie Friedline

Field Trip Requests:

The Board approved the following field trip requests:

1. Carnegie Science Center – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 11/20/19 – Ben Baker, Becky McKinley, Jessica Knepper, and 45 students
2. UPJ Field Trip – Johnstown, Pa. – date to be determined – Brandi Shaulis, Elyse Cordaro, Kristen Mumau, and 49 students
3. SCTC Tour – Somerset, Pa. – date to be determined – Brandi Shaulis, Jon Hale, Jessica Knepper, Becky McKinley, Ben Baker, and 47 students
4. Scrabble Tournament – Somerset, Pa. – 5/1/20 – Beth Miller, Jessica Miller, and 12 students
5. Walking Field Trip/Picnic – Rockwood, Pa. – Last week of school – Elyse Cordaro, Kristen Mumau, and 49 students
6. 6th Grade Nutcracker Trip – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 12/6/19 – Doug Spiri and 50 students
7. Laurel Hill State Park – Rockwood, Pa. – March or April 2020 – Elyse Cordaro, Kristen Mumau, and 49 students
8. Mountain Playhouse/Living Treasures – Jennerstown, Donegal, Pa. – 5/12/20 – Melissa Gindlesperger, Valerie Friedline, and 42 students
9. Summer Smiles Honey Farm – Stoystown, Pa. – 5/1/20 – Josh Bowlin, Beth Mapes, Kelsey Pletcher, and 61 students
10. Pittsburgh Zoo – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/18/20 – Susan Slope, Jaime Gross, and 50 students
11. Red Ribbon Rally – Somerset, Pa. – 10/18/19 – Alana Letizia and 5 students
12. SADD Conference – Seven Springs – 11/4/19 – Sarah Pletcher and 4 students
13. NHS Special Olympics – Seven Springs – 2/10/20 through 2/11/20 – Nick Buterbaugh and 19 students
14. Byham Theater – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 10/24/19 – Doug Spiri, Kari Hostetter, and 73 students
15. High School Highlights – Somerset, Pa. – 9/24/19 – Nicole Hetrick and 2 students
16. Pa. State Student Council Leadership Conference – Johnstown, Pa. – 11/8/19 – Alana Letizia or Roni Langley, and 4 students

17. Somerset County Vendor Fair – Somerset, Pa. – 11/5/19 – Stacey Baker, Cassie Ohler or Roni Langley, and 30 students
18. Annual Bike Trip – Rockwood, Pa. – 10/4/19, 10/11/19 – Carlee Glessner, Nick Buterbaugh, and 90 students
19. Kindergarten Graduation – Rockwood, Pa. – Next to last day of school – Jon Hale, Josh Bowlin, Kelsey Pletcher, Beth Mapes, and 62 students
20. Washington, D.C. Trip – Washington, D.C. – 5/19/20 – Elyse Cordaro, Kristen Mumau, and 49 students
21. Deer Valley YMCA Camp – Fort Hill, Pa. – April 2020 – Carter Bower, Sarah Hay and 40 students
22. Heinz Field/Gateway Clipper – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/8/20 – Jenna Sembower, Mindy Sarver, Shanna Wilson, and 46 students
23. 8th Grade Tour of SCTC – Somerset, Pa. – 3/12/20 – PJ Opfar, Gina Huss, and 69 students
24. Somerset Exchange Luncheon – Somerset, Pa. – 2nd or 3rd week in December – PJ Opfar and 2 students
25. 9th Grade SCTC Experience – Somerset, Pa. – 12/5/19 – PJ Opfar and 20 students
26. ACM Cumberland Tour – Cumberland, MD – 11/4/19 – PJ Opfar and 15 students
27. SADD Local Conference – Somerset, Pa. – 3/19/20 – Alana Letizia and 4 students
28. Fall IU 08 Reading Competition – Bellwood, Pa. – 11/19/19 – Nicole Hetrick, Whitney Sandin, and 25 students
29. UPJ Model UN – Johnstown, Pa. – November 2019 – James Wagner and 30 students
30. Somerset County Courthouse Tour – Somerset, Pa. – dates to be determined – Jay Best, Jim Wagner, Russ Daubert, and 75 students

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Pa. Game Commission – Rockwood high school library – 10/29/19, 3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.; 10/30/19, 3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. – Hunter/Trapper education class.
2. Choral Boosters – Rockwood high school chorus room – 9/17/19, 10/15/19, 11/19/19, 12/17/19, 1/21/20, 2/18/20, 3/17/20, 4/21/20, 5/19/20, 6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M. – Monthly meetings.
3. High Ridge 4-H – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 9/24/19 through May 2020 (1st Tuesday of every month), 7:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M. – Monthly meetings.
4. Cross Fire – Rockwood high school classrooms – every Wednesday, 7:45 A.M.-8:00 A.M. – Student fellowship.
5. Community Prayer Group – Rockwood high school classrooms, auditorium, cafeteria, gymnasium – 10/7/19, 6:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M. – Community prayer event for school, students, and staff.
6. Rockwood Football Boosters – Rockwood gymnasium – 10/11/19, 6:30 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. – Pizza & hoagie pickup

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. Engineering & Technology Club – Sale of Galliker products – During the 2019-2020 school year – Raise funds for future trips, material, tools, etc.
2. Rockwood FFA – Beef stick sales – During the 2019-2020 school year – Raise funds for jackets and events throughout the year.
3. Class of 2022 – Koval’s pizza & sub sale – September, October 2019 – Raise funds for class activities.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that Dave Mapes volunteered and has completed painting at the elementary playground.

Mark Bower informed the Board that there were 21 student athletes signed up for the track program, and the district will be operating its own program again this year.

Mark Bower informed the Board that all of the numbers for the fall sports programs look good.

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