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February 18, 2020

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 1/21/2020 and the regular meeting on 1/21/2020 were approved.

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

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

Board Recognition:

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

Nicholas Strait
Rachel Lambert
Luke Latuch
Madison Putman
Allison Schmuck
Steven Murphy

Public Comment:

Brandon Rhodes addressed the Board regarding his Eagle Scout project. Brandon would like to enhance and beautify the Jadon Rock memorial located at the front of the school. He presented drawings of his proposed project and a brief overview of his plans for the project. The Board approved the Eagle Scout project presentation.

Mrs. Wheatley addressed the Board in regards to the formation of a summer elementary basketball league at Rockwood. Board members requested a written proposal be presented, outlining the specifics of the program prior to making a decision. The Board voted to table a decision on an elementary basketball program until a written proposal is presented.

Old Business:

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

233 Suspension and Expulsion

New Business:

The Board accepted the resignation of Shannon Berkey as School Director representing Region 3

The Board approved the school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the summer driver education program for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved the revisions to the Rockwood Area School District course selection guide.

The Board discussed the current approved list of Board authorized groups that do not require a certificate of insurance for the use of district facilities. Mark Bower gave several recommendations from the district solicitor on the handling of certain groups and the insurance coverage required. Upon discussion, the Board approved the list of Board authorized groups, and to include alumni basketball and alumni volleyball on the list, provided that no school students or school aged students are permitted to participate in the activity.

The Board approved the proposal for the start of the Lil R&W café in the Rockwood elementary school. A donation for the start-up of the Lil R&W café was also Board approved.

The Board approved the list of position volunteers, pending completion of all paperwork.

The Board voted in favor to accept the NRA Grant in the amount of \$2,200.00.

The Board voted in favor to accept the donation of a used ordinance Hellfire missile from the United States Air Force.

The Board approved the summer shop I & II proposal from Joe Kush.

The Board voted in favor to accept the FFA Spring Semester Long Living to Serve grant in the amount of \$1,200.00.

Committee Reports:

The Board accepted the resignation of Gail May as the bona-fide assistant junior high girls' soccer coach.

The Board approved Greg King as an unpaid bona-fide volunteer coach for softball.

The Board approved Shanna Wilson as the bona-fide volunteer assistant varsity track coach.

The Board approved Dan Weaver as the bona-fide volunteer assistant varsity baseball coach.

The Board voted in favor to add the following individual to the district substitute list pending completion of all paperwork:

Rebecca Snyder

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The Board voted in favor to employ Vincent Corrado as a full time temporary professional employee for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Conference Requests:

The Board approved the following conference requests:

1. Story Cubes, Hue Animation & Stick Bots – Altoona, Pa. – 4/2/2020 – Jenna Sembower, Ben Baker
2. Join NASRO/Basic SRO Training – Uniontown, Pa. – 6/22/2020 through 6/26/2020 – Rob Yench and Dan Younkin
3. PDE Open Forum for Science, Technology and Engineering Standards Revision – Richland, Pa. – 2/19/2020 – Joe Kush

Use of School Facility Requests:

The Board approved the following use of school facility requests:

1. Rockwood Volleyball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 8/5/2020, 8/6/2020, 8/7/2020, 8/8/2020; 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M. – Summer volleyball camp.
2. Rockwood Youth Softball – Rockwood athletic fields – March through August when available – Softball practice.
3. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 3/9/2020, 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. – Fundraiser pickup
4. Rockets U14 Soccer Team – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 3/2/2020, 3/4/2020, 3/9/2020, 3/11/2020, 3/16/2020, 3/18/2020, 3/23/2020, 3/25/2020, 3/30/2020, 4/1/2020, 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. – Indoor soccer practice.
5. Rockwood Post 279 Junior Legion Baseball – Rockwood elementary gymnasium, athletic fields – Saturdays, 3/7/2020, - 5/23/2020, 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. – Practice and play American Legion baseball.
6. TJ Dance – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 9/16/2020, 9/18/2020, 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.; 9/19/2020, 12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. – Dance recital.

Club & Class Activity Requests:

The Board approved the following club & class activity requests:

1. Class of 2024 – Easter Candy Sale – 2/24/2020 through 3/6/2020 – Raise funds for class activities.
2. PTO – Selling Spirit Socks – As soon as possible – Raise funds for various projects.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district received approximately \$16,000.00 in EITC funding. The money was used to pay the entire tuition costs for students enrolled in the dual enrollment program at ACM.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the dates for the GAP Trail Relay have been changed and the district will not be entering a team this year.

Mark Bower reviewed several proposals for the spraying and over-seeding of the athletic fields. The Board will make a decision at a later date.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the ash hoist needs to be replaced. The funds will be taken from one-time expenditures. The Board approved the purchase of a new ash hoist.

Mark Bower discussed the quote received for the kitchen equipment that will be part of the 2020-2021 one-time expenditures. He asked the Board for approval to order the equipment to ensure it will arrive in a timely manner. The Board voted in favor to authorize the administration to order the kitchen equipment.

The Board voted in favor to authorize the administration to contract with Pittsburgh Garage for the installation of the flooring in the cafeteria.

Mark Bower wished the girls' basketball team good luck in the playoffs.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the musical will be held on March 6th and 7th.

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