



# **Rocket Express**

## **January 15, 2013**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 15, 2013. The minutes of the committee meeting on 12/3/12, and the regular meeting on 12/3/12, were approved. The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were approved.

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

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

*Josie Knopsnyder*  
*Anni Shaffer*  
*Amanda Armstrong*  
*Brittney Clawson*  
*Lisa Lichty*  
*Molly Smith*

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

*Luke Foy*  
*Jovie Skinnner*  
*Nakiya Gray*  
*Isaac Breckenridge*  
*Jenna Weimer*  
*Destiny Morrison*

Public Comment:

Brandon Schmuck, representing the senior class, addressed the Board regarding a project of placing a flagpole and a small eating area adjacent to the athletic fields to increase school spirit. They would like to personally solicit local businesses for the support of this project, and hope to set an example for classes in the future.

The board approved the senior project and authorized the students to solicit support from the local businesses.

Mark Bower presented certificates and a lanyard to each Board member as part of Board recognition month. He expressed his gratitude for the many hours of dedication given by the Board members for the students and community.

Jeff Latuch addressed the Board regarding funds that have been raised in memory of Mark Metz. There is approximately \$3,000.00 in the account, and he would like to see the funds used for a project in memory of Mark.. The board voted to accept the donation in the amount of \$3,000.00, place a plaque in memory of Mark in the vicinity of the baseball field, and to coordinate a project with the baseball boosters.

Old Business:

The Board conducted brief interviews with Shannon Berkey and Patrick Woods, the two individuals who applied for the vacancy in Region 3. Shannon Berkey was elected to fill the vacancy in Region 3 by a vote of 5 to 3.

New Business:

The consulting agreement with the KSL Group for E-Rate services for the 2013-2014 school year was approved.

The board approved hosting the ATOMS program at the Rockwood Area High School from 6/18/13 through 6/20/13, from 8:30 A.M. to 2:45 P.M.

The board approved the support agreement with ASCC for the Rauland TCV Pa/Intercom System from 1/1/13 through 12/31/13.

The board accepted the Safe Schools Targeted grant in the amount of \$14,976.00 for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Target Field Trip Grant in the amount of \$700.00 for the 2012-2013 school year was accepted.

The changes to the junior and senior high course selection guides for the 2013-2014 were approved.

The board approved the Single audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

The annual donation to the Somerset County Reading Teachers' Association for the scrabble tournament in the amount of \$100.00, was approved.

The board approved the advertising of a proposed preliminary budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year as required by the Act 1 timeline.

The board voted to bid a proposed roofing project with various options.

Committee reports:

The following conference requests were approved:

1. How to Transition to the ELA Common Core – Altoona, PA – 1/30/13 – Sue Slope and Becky McKinley (highly recommended by administration).
2. Transitioning to the Common Core Standards – Altoona, Pa. – 1/30/13 – Travis Robison and Jill Morgan (highly recommended by administration)

The following field trip requests were approved:

1. Jazz in the Meadow – Triple Creek Acres – 7/13/13 – Rich Kingera and 10 students – no cost to the district.
2. 11<sup>th</sup> Grade College Fair – Friedens, PA – 4/4/13 – Catherine Fischer and 47 students

The following use of school facility requests were approved:

1. Somerset County Band Directors – Rockwood high school auditorium, cafeteria, band room, chorus room – 12/4/13, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM; 12/5/13, 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM – host the Somerset All-County Band Festival.
2. French Boosters – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 2/9/13, 5:00 – 10:00 PM – Valentine's dance.
3. Grace Bible Fellowship – Rockwood high school auditorium, cafeteria – dates to be determined based upon availability – worship services.
4. AYSO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 1/4/13, 7:00 PM - ? – organization meeting.
5. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month, 5:00 PM-? – monthly meetings.
6. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 1/29/13, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM; 1/31/13, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM; 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM - registration

The following club & class activity request was approved:

1. Student Council – school spirit clothing sale – 2/8/13 through 2/20/13 – raise funds for club activities.

Education/Personnel:

The following individuals were added to the district substitute list, pending completion of all paperwork:

<b>Michael Johnson</b>	<b>Social Studies 7-12</b>
<b>Sutton Lenhart</b>	<b>Elementary, Special Education</b>
<b>Elizabeth Maust</b>	<b>Elementary, Special Education</b>
<b>Jennifer Brougher</b>	<b>Biology, General Science, Environmental Education</b>

The resignation of Sharon Sterner as junior high volleyball coach, effective immediately, was accepted.

Julie Carlson was approved as a school musical coach.

Melissa Putman was approved as assistant school musical coach.

The resignation of Kristen Engle as junior varsity volleyball coach was accepted.

Courtney Bowman was employed as junior varsity volleyball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

Julie Johnson was employed as junior high volleyball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

Carter Bower was approved as head track coach.

Dave Griffith was employed as an assistant track coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

Audrey Procyson was employed as a personal care aide for life skills, pending completion of all paperwork.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that we currently have 10 businesses that have signed up for advertisement space on the scoreboard.

The board authorized the administration to work with the IU in obtaining a Math and Science Grant.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the installation of the security cameras is continuing. The access card system should be in operation within two or three weeks.

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