



Rocket Express

February 20, 2012

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, February 20, 2012. The minutes of the committee meeting on 1/16/12, and the regular meeting on 1/16/12, were approved. The agenda, agenda items and additional agenda items were also approved.

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

Board Recognition:

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

Tanner Bower
Amanda Armstrong
Jessica Dice
Avery Deskevich
Page Mustello-Bryant
Jennifer Johnson

Old Business:

The board voted to approve the following revisions to the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

Number 113	Special Education
Number 113.3	Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
Number 201	Admission of Students
Number 227	Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
Number 302	Employment of Superintendent
Number 404	Employment of Professional Employees
Number 504	Employment of Classified Employees
Number 405	Employment of Substitutes
Number 505	Employment of Substitutes and Short-Term Employees
Number 406	Employment of Summer School Staff
Number 407	Student Teachers/Interns
Number 309	Assignment and Transfer (Administrative Employees)
Number 409	Assignment and Transfer (Professional Employees)
Number 509	Assignment and Transfer (Classified Employees)
Number 317	Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures (Administrative Employees)
Number 417	Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures (Professional Employees)
Number 517	Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures (Classified Employees)
Number 333	Professional Development (Administrative Employees)
Number 433	Professional Development (Professional Employees)
Number 701	Facilities Planning
Number 705	Safety
Number 818	Contracted Services

The board voted to renew the contract for independent auditing services with Kotzan CPA & Associates through June 30, 2014 with no increase in fees.

New Business:

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

The driver education program for the 2011-2012 school year was approved, starting on June 4, 2012.

The board established a fee of \$50.00 per student to participate in the driver education program for the 2011-2012 school year.

The board tabled a decision on the replacement/repair of sections B, C, and D of the roof

The board approved the following audit commendation from the Secretary of Education for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, 2006, and 2005:

The board of school directors and the administrative staff of the Rockwood Area School District are to be congratulated for the accomplishments shown by the audit of your operations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, 2006, and 2005, recently issued by the Department of the Auditor General. The Pennsylvania Department of Education would like to inform you that the Audit Report of the Rockwood Area School District did not contain any findings or observations for these years in accordance with procedures established in Management Directive #325.10.

Junior high fun night, on 3/9/12, was approved.

The board authorized French students to visit the district the week of 4/30/12 through 5/4/12.

The donation of golf equipment from Challenge Golf Company was accepted.

The board authorized the outdoor facilities committee to complete drainage work around the athletic fields and resurface the track using volunteer labor, donated equipment and materials and funding from the existing maintenance budget.

Education/Personnel:

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

Stormie Clark
Rebecca Polcha

Music Education
Biology

The board voted to employ Mike Jenner as the boys' varsity soccer coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

Chris Herwig was employed as the junior varsity boys' soccer coach. The board also approved advertising for a junior high boys' soccer coach.

Scott Sechler was approved as a volunteer assistant coach for junior high boys' basketball, pending completion of all paperwork.

The board accepted the resignation of Tim Mateljan as varsity softball coach.

Kristen Engle was employed as the varsity softball coach.

The board voted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Rockwood Education Association relating to Jack Illar's retirement.

The following **conference requests** were approved:

1. PA Federal Programs Conference (PAFPC) – Hershey, PA – 3/25/12 through 3/28/12 – Irene Kovach
2. Stress in Adolescence – Greensburg, PA – 3/2/12 – Catherine Fischer

3. Legal Issues Seminar for Pupil Services – Lancaster, PA – 4/19/12 through 4/20/12 – Mary Gosnell and Misty Demchak

The following **conference request** was **tabled indefinitely**:

1. Elementary Student Assistance Training – Latrobe, PA – 3/20/12, 3/21/12, 4/18/12, 4/19/12 – Wendy Westwood, Sue Slope, Tricia Juran, Becky McKinley

The following **field trip request** was **not** approved:

1. The Valiant – Loretto, Pa – 4/12/12 – James Wagner and senior class

The following **Use of School Facility Requests** were approved:

1. The Learning Lamp – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 3/27/12, 5:00 – 7:00 PM – pre-school registration.
2. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood athletic fields – 8/25/12, 9/9/12, 9/23/12, 9/30/12, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM – regular season football games.

The following **club & class activity requests** were approved:

1. Quiz Team – Pizza & Hoagie Sale - 2/24/12 through 3/9/12 – raise funds for buzzer system, books and other activities.
2. SADD – Sheetz coupon booklets – 3/5/12 through 3/30/12 – raise funds for SADD activities.
3. National Honor Society – Pizza & Hoagie Sale – 3/23/12 through 4/4/12 – raise funds for induction ceremony and other club activities.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower gave a presentation on the security cameras that have been placed around the facility. He gave credit to Rob Yench and Dan Younkin from the technology department for providing this type of security for the district at a fraction of the cost that other districts spend for security cameras.

Mark Bower reminded the Board and the community members that were present that the State of the District meeting will be held on 2/27/12, at 7:00 P.M. in the high school auditorium. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Mark Bower presented a revised school calendar for the 2012-2013 school year. The only change from the previous calendar that was sent out in the Board briefs is that January 2nd will be a snow make-up day instead of a vacation day. The Board gave authorization to place this tentative calendar in the district newsletter.

Mark Bower informed the Board of two vacancies on the Appalachia IU 08 Board of Directors. Any Board member interested in filling one of the positions should contact him as soon as possible.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the legislative meeting for our region will be held on 3/22/12, at Windber.

Research is continuing on the installation of time clocks within the district. A proposal will be ready for next month's meeting. Rob Yench is also working on possible options for the Board to consider.

The Board will hold a budget discussion as part of the regular meeting in March.

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