



# **Rocket Express**

## **March 15, 2010**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. in the Administrative Office of the Rockwood Area School District.

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

*Kylee Noss*  
*Victoria Terrio*  
*Brianna Mishler*  
*Jennifer Johnson*  
*Hannah Svonavec*  
*Mitchell Pletcher*

The Rockwood Area junior-senior high speech team provided various types of speech presentations for the Board and public.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 2/15/10 and the regular meeting on 2/15/10 were approved.

The agenda and agenda items were approved as amended at the committee meeting.

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

Public Comment:

John Kreger asked the Board if any bids were received on the Kingwood building. Ron Saler informed him that the situation will be discussed under the Superintendent's report.

Old Business:

The board voted to reject the bids for the boiler modification project at the Rockwood Area School District and to pursue the possibility of completing the project in-house.

The board discussed the adoption of the Appalachia IU 08 General Operating Budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Upon discussion, the board voted to reject the Appalachia IU 08 General Operating Budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Brian Coughenour distributed and collected the ballots for the election of the Appalachia IU 08 Board of Directors.

The board voted to adopt the resolution calling for action to address the PSERS crisis.

The board approved the adoption of the calendar for the 2010-2011 school year.

Discussion was held regarding the reorganization of the Rockwood Area Education Foundation. The Board discussed the appointments to the Education Foundation's Board of Directors. Richard Stoner, Zach Gaskin, and James Harrold expressed an interest in serving on the Board.

The board voted to table the appointments until the April meeting and requested that a copy of the by-laws be sent to each Board member.

The board approved membership in the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce at a fee of \$180.00 plus a \$15.00 one time initiation fee.

#### Committee Reports:

Carter Bower was approved as a volunteer track coach for the 2009-2010 school year.

Heidi Holjencin was approved as a volunteer softball coach for the 2009-2010 school year.

The following individual was added to the district substitute list pending completion of all paperwork:

**Nicole Shultz                                  Social Studies**

The board approved a Family Medical Leave for Jane Holt beginning on 3/9/10.

The following conference requests were approved:

1. Coming Together XVI – Indiana, PA – 3/27/10 – Devin Winter, Deb Phillippi
2. Making A Difference: Educational Practices that Work – Hershey, PA – 4/6/10 through 4/9/10

The following field trip requests were approved:

1. Learning On Stage, Rey Azteca – Pittsburgh, PA - 4/19/10 – Andrea Minor and 19 students – no cost to district (*paid by Spanish Club*)
2. Falling Water and Ohiopele – Mill Run, PA - 5/7/10 – Jessica Knepper and 3 students
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The following *Use of School Facility Requests* were approved:

1. Learning Lamp – Rockwood High School Classroom – 4/7/10, 5:30-7:00 PM – preschool registration.
2. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class – Rockwood High School Library – 3/18/10, 5:00-9:00 PM – poetry night.
3. Rockwood Marching Band Boosters – Rockwood High School Gymnasium – 5/7/10, 6:00-8:00 AM – pizza and hoagie sale delivery.
4. Elementary Gifted Program – Rockwood High School Cafeteria, Kitchen – 4/13/10, 5:00-7:30 PM – spaghetti dinner.
5. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood Elementary Cafeteria – 3/14/10, 2:00-4:00 PM – coaches meeting.
6. Rockwood Soccer Boosters – Rockwood High School Gymnasium – 4/16/10, 6:00-8:00 AM – pizza delivery & pick-up.
7. Rockwood Post 279 Junior Legion Baseball – Rockwood High School Gymnasium, athletic fields – 3/1/10 through 7/12/10 (when available) – baseball practice and games.
8. Track Boosters – Rockwood High School parking lot – 4/9/10, 11:00-6:00 – Schwan fundraiser.
9. Track Boosters – Rockwood High School gymnasium – 3/19/10, 6:15-8:30 AM – hoagie/pizza pick-up.

The following club & class activity requests were approved:

1. National Honor Society – Joe Corbi fundraiser – 3/24/10 through 4/7/10 – raise funds for induction, club activities, community service, reward trip.
2. Spanish Honor Society – Sheetz MTO coupons – 3/24/10 through 5/3/10 – raise funds for field trips, t-shirts, and other activities for the club.
3. Junior/Senior High Band – Clubs Choice fundraiser – 5/3/10 through 5/17/10 – raise funds for equipment, etc.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that there were no bidders on the Kingwood School. There was a party that expressed some interest, but they felt that they needed more time to prepare for a bid.

James Harrold informed the Board that the space at Kingwood may still be needed in the future.

Mark Bower informed the Board that International Christian Aid is interested in some of our old desks and furniture.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the PSBA Spring Legislative meeting will be held on 4/7/10 at 7:00 P.M. in Windber. Interested Board members should contact Mark so that registrations can be made.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the snow has brought down the backstop at the baseball field. The district must immediately replace it for liability reasons and the funds will come from the maintenance budget.

The Board was informed that there are only nine individuals signed up for baseball, and only 5 are eligible at this time. The Board has given a deadline of Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for at least nine members to be eligible or there will be no team.

The board voted to waive the age restriction for two individuals to attend the prom.

#### General Board Member Discussion:

Allen Pletcher asked why there are more aides employed by the district now with over 100 less students. Mark Bower informed him that there are several required special education aides, which are paid for with IDEA funds. There is also an aide that covers the library saving the district funds by not employing 2 librarians.

Ron Saler expressed his appreciation for the forensic presentation and has asked that a letter be sent to the organization on behalf of the Board.

Ron Saler has requested that a sick leave report be made a part of the monthly Board packets.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 A.M.

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