



Rocket Express

March 19, 2012

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, March 19, 2012.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 2/20/12, and the regular meeting on 2/20/12, 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:

Haley Beahr
Jesse Foy
Jamie Knopsnyder
Luke Clay
Brandon Schmuck
William Rose III

Public Comment:

Heather Houghton addressed the Board on the possibility of large class sizes in the elementary next year if a new teacher is not employed by the district. She asked the Board to consider including an additional teacher in the budget if at all possible.

Michele Shumaker addressed the Board regarding her suspension from school premises and not having the opportunity to attend her son's games. Dan Rullo informed Mrs. Shumaker that the district had this right under the circumstances surrounding this situation.

Timothy Welman from Penntex Ventures presented a proposal to purchase land from the district for the purpose of constructing a Dollar General store. He offered the district \$75,000.00 for the purchase of approximately 1.2 acres or agreed to construct a practice field in lieu of the monetary offer.

The board tabled the consideration of the proposal from Penntex Ventures until after an executive session is held.

New Business:

The board authorized the business office to advertise for the following bids for the 2012-2013 school year:

Coal
Propane
Electrical/Custodial Supplies

The 2012-2013 calendar for the Rockwood Area School District was approved.

The board approved the attendance of a student in the dual enrollment program with ACM for the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion to approve the Somerset County Technology Center General Fund Budget for the 2012-20113 school year failed.

The Somerset County Technology Center Adult Fund Budget for the 2012-2013 school year was approved.

The board authorized the Somerset County Technology Center to retain the refund owed to the Rockwood Area School District for the purpose of capital improvements.

The motion to approve the Appalachia IU 08 General Fund budget for the 2012-2013 school year failed.

The board approved the proposal from the Rockwood volleyball team and boosters for a mascot project.

The board discussed the engineering proposals regarding the red section. Upon discussion, it was moved to table the engineering proposals regarding the red section until the April Board meeting.

Homebound instruction for an 8th grade student was approved.

Education/Personnel:

The board approved a leave of absence for Wendy Westwood from May 7, 2012 through July 1, 2012 with the use of sick, vacation, and Family Medical Leave Act days.

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

Kimberly Kovach
Thomas Kielbasinski

Spanish
Type 06

Kelsey Pletcher was approved as an unpaid assistant for softball, pending completion of all paperwork.

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

Heather Houghton
Bethany Raley
Kori Halverson
Michael Picklo

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

Kori Halverson

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

Michael Picklo

The board authorized Susan Geary to complete her school nursing clinical hours in the Rockwood Area School District under the supervision of Amanda Custer.

The board accepted the resignation of Nicole Johnson as an instructional aide.

The board voted to table the discussion regarding transition services.

The board voted to table discussion regarding time clocks for the Rockwood Area School District.

The following **conference request** was approved:

1. Pop-Bot/STEM Professional Development Day – Altoona, PA – 4/3/12 – Joe Kush

The following **use of school facility requests** were approved:

1. Rockwood Basketball Boosters – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 3/23/12, 5:00 – 8:30 PM – basketball banquet.
2. Elementary Student Council – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 5/4/12, 4:00 – 9:00 – dance.
3. Rockwood Junior Legion – Rockwood high school gymnasium, athletic fields – March through June 2012 when field available – baseball practice and games.
4. Rockwood Baseball Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 3/30/12, 6:30 – 7:30 AM – pizza & hoagie delivery.
5. Rockwood Track Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 3/23/12, 6:30 – 7:45 AM – pizza & hoagie delivery.

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

1. Crossfire Club – Bike-a-Thon or Walk-a-Thon – April or May as weather permits – raise funds for the American Cancer Society.
2. 6th Grade Class – Snow cone and snack sale at track & field day – 5/23/12 – raise funds for end of year events.
3. Junior/Senior High Band – Cherrydale Farms fundraiser – 4/9/12 through 4/23/12 – raise funds for equipment, etc.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower provided an update to Board members on the bus accident that involved Turkeyfoot students.

Mark Bower thanked the directors and cast of the musical. It was a fantastic performance.

Mark Bower commended Mary Gosnell and Catherine Fischer for their great job on the College Fair.

General Board Member Discussion:

Brian Coughenour distributed budget information to the Board members. He encouraged them to review the information and call with any questions. A budget discussion will be held as part of the April meeting.

The board met in executive session.

The motion to accept the proposal from Penntex Ventures to purchase land for the purpose of constructing a Dollar General store failed.

The board voted to approve Ricky Albright as a substitute bus driver for Rockwood Transportation, pending completion of all paperwork, with the limitation that the driving will not interfere with his work schedule.

The board voted to accept the resignation of Michelle Thomas as an instructional aide and advertise for the position. She will be added to the instructional aide substitute list.

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