



Rocket Express

May 21, 2013

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session. The minutes of the committee meeting on 4/16/13 and the regular meeting on 4/16/13 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.

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

Molly Hostetler
Sydney Beam
Nicholas Brown
Julia Waltermire
Rebecca Zur
Lacy Faidley

Public comment:

Fran Brancato, representing the football boosters, discussed renovations that are being planned for the weight room. The boosters would like to place mirrors on the walls, update some of the existing equipment, and paint the facility at the booster's expense.

The board authorized the boosters to make improvements to the weight room, provided the administration approves the renovations.

Old Business:

The board approved accepting the recommendations of the business office and awarding the following bids for the 2013-2014 school year:

Custodial Supplies
Propane
Coal

New Business:

The contract with ACRP for the 2013-2014 and the 2014-2015 school years was approved.

Irvin Kimmel was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Brian Coughenour was elected as Secretary by acclamation.

The board approved designating Somerset Trust Company and First National Bank as school district depositories for the 2013-2014 school year.

Gail May was appointed as fund custodian for the 2013-2014 school year.

Dr. Ajay P. Singh was approved as school physician for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Somerset Daily American was designated as the newspaper of general circulation for the Rockwood Area School District.

The student accident insurance program through Bollinger Insurance was approved for the 2013-2014 school year – no cost to the district.

The dental hygienist program for the 2013-2014 school year was approved.

The school nurse program for the 2013-2014 school year was approved.

The firm of Barbera, Clapper, Beener, Rullo, & Melvin was approved as the school district solicitor for the 2013-2014 school year.

The board voted in favor of adopting a proposed final budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year with a millage rate of 22.26 mills (increase of .37 mills to the index), the elimination of the per capita and occupation taxes in the amount of \$42,000.00, and to advertise this budget for public review and final adoption on 6/25/13.

The adoption of the Homestead/Farmstead resolution was tabled until the June meeting.

The board voted in favor of accepting the property tax reduction allocation for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$232,714.99.

The board approved the adoption of the science textbooks for the 2013-2014 school year at a cost not to exceed \$64,200.00.

The co-op agreement with Turkeyfoot for the 2013-2014 school year was approved.

Education/Personnel:

Jacqueline Felesky was approved as a substitute instructional aide pending completion of all paperwork.

The board accepted the resignation of Jill Morgan as assistant speech team coach effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

The board accepted the resignation of Jadie Predmore as junior varsity girls' basketball coach effective 4/15/13.

Chad Lytle was approved as assistant softball.

A motion was made by Noah Wareham and seconded by James Harrold to advertise for the following positions for the 2013-2014 school year:

Speech/Forensics	Varsity Volleyball
Junior Varsity girls Basketball	Marching Band
Junior High Boys Soccer	
Junior High Football	
Assistant Junior High Football	
Other positions that may arise	

The resignation of Craig Barclay was approved effective at the end of the last scheduled work day of the 2012-2013 school year.

The resignation of Barbara Pelesky was approved effective at the end of the last scheduled work day of the 2012-2013 school year

Lorraine Bradley was approved for the paraprofessional position for the extended school year program (approximately 48 hours).

The board approved up to 20 additional hours for Pat Weston to complete the yearbook.

The board approved the utilization of the additional substitute custodial hours for summer painting within the district.

The board voted to accept the retirement of Jean Hart as elementary special education teacher effective 6/15/13.

The board accepted the resignation of Sharon Sterner as varsity girls' volleyball coach and approved advertising for the position.

The following **field trip** request was approved:

1. Post Office, Fire Department, GFI Lab, Historical Society, Mill Shoppes – Rockwood, PA – 5/29/13 – Mindy Sarver, Jenna Wintersteen, Christy Hay and 55 students – no cost to district.

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

1. Class of 1963 – Rockwood facilities – 8/30/13, 7:00 PM - ? – tour the facilities as part of a class reunion.
2. Rockwood American Legion – Rockwood high school auditorium – 5/27/13, 9:00 – 10:30 AM – Memorial Day services in the event of inclement weather.
3. Rockwood Marching Band – Rockwood high school auditorium, band room, athletic fields – 8/5/13 through 8/9/13, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM; 8/12/13 through 8/13/13, 12:00 – 3:30 PM – band camp.
4. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood athletic fields – 9/8/13, 9/29/13, 10/6/13, 10/13/13, 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM – youth football games.
5. New Centerville Spinnettes – Rockwood high school auditorium – 7/6/13, 7:00 AM – 1:30 PM; 7/13/13, 3:30 – 7:30 PM – baton twirling recital.
6. Class of 2016 – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 11/8/13, 3:30 – 5:00 PM; 11/9/13, 6:00 – 10:30 PM – soph-senior dance.
7. Rockwood Soccer Boosters – Rockwood athletic fields – 8/9/13, 6:00 – 8:00 PM – goalie camp.

New Business (cont):

The Board met in executive session at 8:43 P.M. and reconvened at 10:27 P.M.

The board approved the Act 93 agreement.

The board approved the business manager agreement.

The board accepted the resignation of Doug Spiri as marching band director and approved advertising for the position.

The board voted to amend the Superintendent contract to authorize an annual district contribution to a Health Savings Account. The Board also granted the superintendent 5 additional personal leave days which may be converted to be added to the superintendent's base salary each year.

The board voted to reduce the paraprofessionals to 30 hours per week as per the presentation

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that the scoreboard is completed.

Mark Bower encouraged Board members to look at the improvements to the elementary entrance. The volunteers have done a wonderful job.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the Envirothon Team has once again made the state competition. They have reached the state level 20 out of the last 25 years.

Mark Bower discussed a conditioning coach for the district. The Board gave him authorization to pursue options.

The board voted in favor of approving Joe Kush as the technology and engineering club advisor.

The board gave authorization to advertise for the teaching positions created by the resignations of Craig Barclay and Barb Pelesky.

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