



# **Rocket Express**

## **September 20, 2010**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. in the Administrative Office of the Rockwood Area School District.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 8/16/10 and the regular meeting on 8/16/10 were approved. The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were accepted.

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

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

Emma Romesberg  
Julia Waltermire  
Megan Paquette  
Grant Pletcher  
Brittany May  
Ray Wilhelm

### **Old Business:**

The board approved the second and final reading of policy number 718 (Service Animals in Schools) of the Rockwood Area School District.

The revisions to the following policies of the Rockwood Area School District were approved:

104	Nondiscrimination in Employment and Contract Policies
314, 414, 514	Physical Examination
324, 424, 524	Personnel Files
825	State Mandate Waivers

The board approved an extension to the purchase agreement for the Kingwood Elementary School until 10/8/10 with the forfeiture of the \$5,000.00 included in the agreement, and to authorize the administration to obtain a legal opinion on a lease to own agreement prior to the next meeting.

James Harrold expressed his concerns on the sale of the building. The members of the Kingwood community are not in favor of the sale of the building to this type of organization. The types of students that will be brought into the district will cause many problems for the district and community and will cost the district money.

### **New Business:**

The board accepted the NRA Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,700.00 for the 2010-2011 school year.

The board approved the 2010-2011 agreement with ACRP for the Children's and Youth Partial Hospitalization Program and the Alternative education Program on an as needed basis at the following rates:

Partial Hospitalization Program	\$60.00/day
Alternative Education Program	\$60.00/day

The board approved the agreement with Rockwood AYSO Region #425, with the permission of Jack Mosholder, to utilize the Mosholder Fields for soccer practice.

The board authorized the administration to remove old textbooks from the district inventory and pursue the selling of these books to a used book company.

The board approved the following volunteer members of the Rockwood Area School District safety committee:

Mark Bower  
Brian Coughenour  
Travis Robison  
Chris Hostetler

The agreement with Appalachia IU 08 for the regional WAN project for the 2011-2012 and the 2012-2013 school years was approved.

The board approved the district hosting the ATOMS program from 6/14/11 through 6/16/11.

The dual enrollment grant in the amount of \$7,720.00 for the 2010-2011 school year was accepted.

The first reading of policy number 620 (Fund Balance) of the Rockwood Area School District was approved.

The board approved the participation in the Art Seeds XII program sponsored by the Somerset County Artists Association at a cost of \$300.00.

The Safe and Drug Free School grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 was accepted.

The board approved the total replacement of the domestic hot water system through the CoStar program at a cost of \$50,000.00-\$55,000.00 with the funds to be taken from the district fund balance.

#### Committee Reports:

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

Tori Sheldon	Elementary Education
Whitney Charlton-Sleasman	Secondary English
Nina Zimmerman	Elementary/Special Education

The following individuals were added to the district secretary and/or instructional assistant substitute list pending completion of all paperwork:

**Idyl Kennedy  
Angela Wiland**

**Nicole Johnson was employed as the assistant cheerleading coach at a salary of \$1,000.00 per season to a maximum of \$2,000.00.**

**Nicholas Foreman was approved as a volunteer junior high football coach pending completion of all paperwork.**

**The board accepted the resignation of Nicole Bell as contracted school psychologist and authorize the administration to pursue a replacement through purchasing services through the IU, contracting with another individual, or employing an individual and contracting services to Turkeyfoot and to bring the recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.**

**The resignation of Mary Jo Picklo as language arts chairperson was accepted.**

**Jill Morgan was approved as language arts department chairperson.**

**The board accepted the resignation of Tricia Juran as junior high girls' basketball coach and authorized the administration to discuss the position with other individuals before advertising.**

**The following conference requests were approved:**

1. Using the DIBELS Data to Form Data Based Intervention Groups – Ebensburg, PA – 9/27/10 – Susan Slope, Tammy Minnick (paid with ARRA Title I stimulus funds).

**The following field trip requests were approved:**

1. Clara Barton Forum – Johnstown, PA – 11/3/10 – Kristen Engle and 1 to 6 students
2. IU 08 Interscholastic Reading Competition – Altoona, PA – 11/15/10 – Jill Morgan and 50 students
3. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Advocacy Day – Harrisburg, PA – 10/27/10 – Dana Weimer and 4 students
4. Antietam National Battlefield – Sharpsburg, MD – 10/21/10 – Jay Best and 47 students
5. Fort Necessity National Battlefield – Farmington, PA -10/26/10 and 10/28/10 – Jay Best, James Wagner and 32-33 students each day
6. Poster/Banner Winner Recognition – Somerset, PA – 10/15/10 – Dana Weimer and 4 students – no cost to district.
7. Rockwood Bike Trail – Rockwood, PA – various days throughout the year – Kristen Engle, Chad Kuzemchak and 32 students – no cost to district.
8. District 6 Chorus Pre-Auditions – Johnstown, PA – 10/17/10 – James Rudisill and 8 students

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

1. Rockwood Marching Band Boosters – Rockwood HS band room – 9/27/10, 10/25/10, 5/9/11; 7:00 – 8:00 PM – booster meetings.
2. Rockwood Marching Band Boosters – Rockwood HS gymnasium – 9/24/10, 10/29/10; 6:00 – 8:00 AM – pizza & hoagie delivery.
3. Rockwood Student Congress – Rockwood HS classrooms and cafeteria – 10/14/10; 3:15 – 6:15 PM – Student Congress Debate.

4. Rockwood Junior High Forensics – Rockwood HS classrooms and cafeteria – 10/7/10; 2:15 – 9:00 PM – Junior high speech competition.
5. Rockwood Girls Varsity Basketball – Rockwood HS gymnasium – 11/13/10 – 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM – basketball clinic.
6. Rockwood Student Council – Rockwood HS & Elem. Gymnasiums & Athletic Fields – 10/15/10 from 8:00am-9:00pm; 10/16/10 from 7:00pm-10:00pm – Homecoming bonfire activities and dance.
7. Learning Lamp – Rockwood Elem. Gym – Wednesdays from 2:30pm-3:00pm – Gym class for preschool students.

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

1. FBLA – FBLA Store – Fridays (activity/club days only) – raise funds for conferences and other activities
2. Spanish/French Classes – cookie dough sale – 9/22/10 through 9/30/10 – raise funds for field trips.

**Superintendent Report:**

**Mark Bower expressed his gratitude to the following:**

**Vernon Shumaker and Chris Hostetler for preparing the outside facilities for the fall season.**

**The Board members and the community for helping with the bleachers.**

**Angela and Jason Svonavec for paving the parking lot.**

**Mark Bower informed the Board that the approved census enumerator for Black Township and Rockwood Borough has decided not to take the position. The Board gave Mr. Bower authorization to employ another census enumerator from the list that was already approved.**

**Board Member Discussion:**

**Ron Saler discussed his safety concerns with the traffic flow on the lower road by the maintenance building. He asked the administration to look into the situation and come up with a solution.**

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