



Rocket Express

October 15, 2012

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, October 15, 2012. The minutes of the committee meeting on 9/17/12, and the regular meeting on 9/17/12, were approved. The agenda and agenda items were 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:

Beverly Escontrias
Mary Heiple
Karina Putman
Kayla Phillippi
Kayla Rugg
Caleb Brougher

Public Comment:

Farrah Thompson and several students from the French club addressed the Board regarding a proposed trip to Normandy, France in early June and asked for Board support of the trip. The trip will cost approximately \$2,000.00 per student and there are approximately 20 students that are interested at this time. The funds will be raised by the students and there will be no cost to the school district.

Old Business:

The final transportation rates and routes for the 2012-2013 school year were discussed. Upon discussion, the board voted to table the approval of the final transportation rates and routes for the 2012-2013 school year until the November meeting.

The board voted in favor of approving the following revisions to the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

Policy 103	Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
Policy 122	Extracurricular Activities
Policy 123	Interscholastic Athletics
Policy 209.1	Head lice-changed to 209.2
Policy 610	Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
Policy 611	Purchases Budgeted
Policy 701	Facilities Planning
Policy 822	Automated External Defibrillator (AED)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

The board tabled the discussion and possible action on the installation of a sidewalk until future consideration.

New Business:

The Board authorized the administration to obtain quotes for the possible purchase of a scoreboard for the athletic fields.

The board approved the first reading of the following policies of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

Policy 123.2	Sudden Cardiac Arrest
Policy 209.1	Food Allergy Management

The board approved the submission of the annual financial report by the 10/31/12 deadline and to present the report for final Board approval at the November meeting.

The board approved the annual senior trip to the Cleveland Hall of Fames, Kalahari Resorts, and Cedar Point on 5/25/13 and 5/26/13.

The board approved the high school activity schedules for the 2012-2013 school year as presented, provided that active participation from the district is warranted at all of the events listed.

Education/Personnel:

The resignation of Deb Phillippi, as elementary reading competition coordinator, was accepted.

The following **conference requests** were approved by the board:

1. Annual College in High School Subject Area Meeting – Pittsburgh, PA – 11/9/12 – Greg King – (required in order to maintain AP status).
2. Understanding Mental Health Issues – Cresson, PA – 11/8/12 – Catherine Fischer (required annually).
3. PHEAA Financial Aid Update Workshop – Uniontown, PA – 11/15/12 – Catherine Fischer (highly recommended by administration).

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

1. Clara Barton Forum – Johnstown, PA – 11/7/12 – Kristen Engle and 6 students – est. cost to district - \$338.00.
2. Exchange Club Awards – Somerset, PA – 12/12/12 – Catherine Fischer and 2 students – est. cost to district - \$56.00.
3. NRAO Science Center & Snow Shoe Ski Resort – Green Bank, WV, Snow Shoe, WV – 12/14/12 – Kurt Woolslayer and 40 students – no cost to district (paid by high school ski club)
4. Mallard House & Martin's Personal Care Home – Rockwood, PA – 12/19/12 – Andrea Minor, Farrah Thompson, and 31 students – no cost to district (paid for by Spanish Honor Society, French Honor Society, and National Honor Society)
5. Seven Springs Ski Resort – Champion, PA – 1/10/13, 1/24/13, 2/7/13, 2/21/13, 3/7/13, 3/21/13 – Kurt Woolslayer, Kristen Engle, Nicole Hetrick, and 55 students – no cost to district (paid by high school ski club).
6. Byham Theater – Pittsburgh, PA – 1/24/13 – Doug Spiri, Mary Jo Picklo, and 40 students – est. cost to district - \$460.00.
7. Windber Research Center & Somerset Hospital – Windber, Somerset, PA – January or February 2013 – Catherine Fischer and 30 students – est. cost to district - \$189.00.

8. Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum – Washington, DC – 2/8/13 – Joe Kush and 52 students – no cost to district (student funded and contributions from Engineering & Technology Club).
9. PA Winter Olympics – Hidden Valley Resort – 2/12/13 – Kurt Woolslayer and 40 students – no cost to district (paid by high school ski club).
10. Carnegie Science Center – Pittsburgh, PA – 3/7/13 – Linda Henry, Joe Kush, and 46 students (contingent on receipt of grant)– est. cost to district - \$474.00.
11. Carnegie Science Center/SCI TECH days – Pittsburgh, PA – 3/8/13 – April Kretchman and 33 students – est. cost to district – \$160.00 (contingent on the receipt of a TARGET field trip grant).
12. High School Journalism Competition & Workshop – Morgantown, WV – 3/15/13 – Nicole Hetrick and 15 students – est. cost to district - \$400.00.
13. Chestnut Ridge Church, Ennio Emmanuel concert – Morgantown, WV, Somerset, PA – 4/10/13 – Andrea Minor and 22 students – no cost to district (paid for by Spanish Honor Society)
14. Johnstown Flood National Memorial, Johnstown Incline Plane – St. Michael, Johnstown, PA – 4/26/13 – Russ Daubert and 55 students – est. cost to district - \$510.00.
15. Andy Warhol Museum – Pittsburgh, PA - April or May 2013 – Pat Weston and 30 students – est. cost to district - \$410.00.
16. Cedar Point – Sandusky, OH – 5/11/13, 5/12/13 – Doug Spiri and 35 students – no cost to district (paid by students and band boosters).
17. Teens Highlights – Somerset, PA – May 2013 – Nicole Hetrick and 2 students – est. cost to district - \$132.00.
18. Gateway Clipper – Pittsburgh, PA – May 2013 – Andrea Minor and 44 students – no cost to district (paid for by Spanish club).
19. Gateway Clipper – Pittsburgh, PA – May 2013 – Farrah Thompson and 30 students – no cost to district (paid for by French club).
20. PNC Park/Pirates Game – Pittsburgh, PA – April or May 2013 – Andrea Minor, Farrah Thompson, and 44 students – no cost to district (paid for by French and Spanish clubs).
21. Rockwood Bike Trail – Rockwood, PA – May 2013 – Kristen Engle, Nick Buterbaugh, and 32 students – no cost to district.
22. College Marcel Grillard – Normandy, Paris, France – 6/1/13 through 6/11/13 – Farrah Thompson and 20 students – no cost to district (paid for by students and French club).
23. Elementary Ski Club – Seven Springs – 1/10/13, 1/24/13, 2/7/13, and 2/21/13 – Catherine Fischer and 30 students – no cost to district (paid by elementary ski club).
24. Yough River – Confluence, PA – May 2013 – Dana Weimer, Melissa Putman, and 10 students - est. cost to district - \$89.00.
25. Somerset County Technology Center – Somerset, PA – 12/14/12 – Dana Weimer, Melissa Putman, and 10 students – est. cost to district - \$72.00.
26. HS band events for the 2012-2013 school year.

The following **field trip** was denied:

1. The Hobbit at Richland Cinemas – Johnstown, PA – January 2013 – Jill Morgan and 64 students – est. cost to district - \$643.00.

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

1. Rockwood Student Congress – Rockwood high school classrooms, cafeteria – 10/18/12, 4:00 – 6:00 PM – Congress debate.
2. PA Music Educators Association – Rockwood high school auditorium, cafeteria, chorus room – 5/10/13, 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM – elementary songfest.

3. 6th Grade Class – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 11/19/12, 5:00 PM - ?, 11/20/12, 11/21/12 – all day – holiday store.
4. Child Evangelism Fellowship of Fayette/Somerset Counties – Rockwood elementary library – Thursday evenings – 1/10/13 through 4/25/13, 3:08 – 4:30 PM – Good News Club.
5. Rockwood Area Merchants Assoc. – Tennis Courts – November 2012 through April 2013 – Ice Skating Rink

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

1. Creative Writing Club – Krispy Kreme Donuts and Coffee sale - 9/20/12 through April 2013 – raise funds for 4th Annual Power of Words writing competition.
2. French club – Pizza Hut Days – 10/23/12 and once per month thereafter – raise funds for club activities.
3. French Honor Society – business and private sponsorships, shirts – 10/16/12 through 2/15/13 – raise funds for trip to France.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that the lunch count in the cafeteria is down 5.2% from last year at this time. The revenue is approximately the same as a result of the increase in lunch prices.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the homecoming event was well attended. He gave credit to everyone for making the event a success.

Mark Bower read a thank you note from In Touch Hospice for the \$500.00 donation given by the Rockwood Boys Varsity Soccer Team.

Mark Bower read a thank you letter from the Conemaugh Valley band directors praising our band students and Mr. Spiri for their congeniality at the recent football game.

Mark Bower reviewed the Act 1 timeline with the Board. He indicated to the Board that Brian and he believe that a resolution should be adopted by the Board not to exceed the index. The budget process will follow the same timeline as the current fiscal year.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he has contacted PSBA regarding a workshop outlining the roles & responsibilities of Board members. A two hour evening session will cost \$850.00, and an all-day training will cost \$1,400.00.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the November meeting will be held on 11/12/12, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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