



Rocket Express

October 17, 2011

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. The minutes of the committee meeting on 9/19/11, the regular meeting on 9/19/11, and the special meeting on 9/26/11 were approved. The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were also approved.

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

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

Sydney Beam
Caitlyn Schmuck
Ashley O'Brien
Lisa Lichty
Molly Smith
Brianna Trimpey

Public Comment:

Dustin Tressler, representing the Rockwood American Legion, addressed the Board regarding the possibility of using the facility for fund raising activities for the purpose of providing an additional scholarship for our students. These activities would include a volleyball tournament, basketball tournament, and other similar activities. The Board was very supportive of the idea and asked that a use of school facility request be completed and approved prior to holding the activity.

Old Business:

The board approved the second and final reading of policy number 113.4 (Confidentiality of Special Education Students Information) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.

The board gave of final approval of PlanCon Part K (Project Refinancing) for the refunding of the Series of 2006 General Obligation Bonds.

New Business:

The board approved hosting the ATOMS program at the Rockwood Area High School from June 19, 2012 through June 21, 2012.

The board approved the offer in the amount of \$109.99 from Dale and Duane Nicklow to purchase property at private sale.

The board approved the quote from Total Mobility Services, in the amount of \$13,360.00, for a mobile vertical platform lift with the cost to be covered by ACCESS funds.

The board approved the bid from Stratasys for the purchase of a 3-D printer in the amount of \$23,420.00 and to table action on the bids received for a planer for the technology education department.

The board authorized the submission of the annual financial report by the October 31, 2011, deadline and to present the report for final Board approval at the November 21, 2011 meeting.

April Kretchman's membership and participation on the state's Keystone Exam and PSSA Exam Committee was approved.

The board approved the PTO School Spirit Store to be held at various times throughout the school year to raise funds for various student activities.

The board approved the Class of 2012's senior trip to New York City on 5/26/12 through 5/27/12.

The following were added to the district substitute lists, pending receipt of clearance and required paperwork:

- Nicole Johnson – Sub. Instructional Aide/Secretary
- Adam Miner – Sub. Custodian
- Michael Smith – Sub. Teacher/Type 06 Permit

The board accepted the resignation of Bob Harrold as junior varsity boys' basketball coach.

The board employed Ben Baker as junior varsity boys' basketball coach for the 2011-2012 school year.

Jadie Emert was employed as junior varsity girls' basketball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

Leon McCray was approved as an unpaid assistant for girls' basketball, pending completion of all paperwork.

Eugene Pitch was approved as an unpaid assistant for girls' basketball, pending completion of all paperwork.

Greg Shaulis was approved as an unpaid assistant for baseball, pending completion of all paperwork.

The following conference requests were approved:

1. Student Suicide & Self-Mutilation – Monroeville, Pa. – 11/11/11 – Wendy Westwood
2. Pa. School Counselors Association National Conference – Hershey, Pa. – 11/30/11 – Catherine Fischer
3. PHEAA Financial Aid Workshop – Uniontown, Pa. – 11/8/11 – Catherine Fischer
4. Math 022 Calculus Update Meeting – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 11/4/11 – Greg King

The following field trip requests were approved:

1. Somerset County Courthouse Tour – Somerset, Pa. – 2 dates to be determined by the Bar Association – James Wagner and the 9th grade class
2. Johnstown Flood National Memorial and Johnstown Incline Plane – Johnstown, Pa. – 4/27/12 – Russ Daubert and 65 students
3. College Fair – Berlin, Pa. – 3/29/12 – Catherine Fischer and 67 students
4. National Journalism Museum – Washington, D.C. – 5/7/12 – Nicole Hetrick and 20 students (students and journalism club responsible for half)
5. The quiz team competition schedule for the 2011-2012 school year
6. IU 08 Reading Competition – Bellwood Antis High School – 11/17/11 – Nicole Hetrick and 30 students
7. IU 08 Reading Competition – Meyersdale, Pa. – 4/17/12 – Nicole Hetrick and 30 students
8. Scrabble Tournament – Somerset, Pa. – 4/27/12 – Stacey Baker, April Sayler, and 8 students
9. Model United Nations Conference – Johnstown, Pa. – 11/4/11 – James Wagner and 10 students
10. Visitation of local nursing homes – Rockwood, Pa. – 12/22/11 – Andrea Minor and various clubs – no cost to district (paid for by the various clubs involved)
11. Cedar Point – Sandusky, Oh. – 5/12/12 – Doug Spiri and 35 students – no cost to district. (paid by the students and the Marching Band Boosters)
12. PNC Park – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/4/12 – Andrea Minor and 44 students – no cost to district. (paid by the French and Spanish clubs)
13. Seven Springs Ski Resort – Champion, Pa. – 1/5/12, 1/19/12, 2/2/12, 2/16/12, 3/1/12, 3/15/12 – Kurt Woolslayer and 45 students – no cost to district (paid by high school ski club)
14. Snowshoe Ski Resort and Green Bank Observatory – Snow Shoe, Green Bank, W.VA – 12/16/11 through 12/18/11 – Kurt Woolslayer and 40 students – no cost to district. (paid by high school ski club)

15. Hidden Valley Ski Resort – Somerset, Pa. – 2/14/12 – Kurt Woolslayer, Nicole Hetrick, and 40 students – no cost to district. (paid by high school ski club)
16. Byham Theater – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 4/5/12 – Mary Jo Picklo, Doug Spiri, and 40 students
17. Clara Baton Forum – Johnstown, Pa. – 11/2/11 – Kristen Engle and 6 students
18. Somerset Exchange Club Senior Award Presentation – Somerset, Pa. – 12/14/11 – Catherine Fischer and 2 students

The board voted to table the following field trip requests until the November meeting.

1. Gateway Clipper – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/17/12 – Andrea Minor and 44 students – no cost to district. (paid by the Spanish Club)
2. Gateway Clipper – Pittsburgh, Pa. – 5/10/12 – Farah Thompson and 40 students – no cost to district. (paid by the French Club)

The following Use of School Facility Requests were approved:

1. National Honor Society – Rockwood elementary gymnasium - 11/12/11 – Fall Formal dance.
2. Child Evangelism Fellowship of Somerset/Fayette Counties – Rockwood elementary library – Thursday evenings beginning 1/12/12; 3:15 P.M.-4:30 P.M. – after school Good News club.
3. Class of 2012 and Class of 2013 – Rockwood high school auditorium, band room – 5/5/12, 4:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M. – Grand March and pictures for the prom.
4. Rockwood Class of 1962 – Rockwood facilities – 8/12/12, 12:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M. – tour of the school facilities as part of a class reunion.
5. Somerset County Band Directors – Rockwood high school auditorium, band room, cafeteria, chorus room – 11/30/11, 8:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.; 12/1/11, 8:30 A.M.-9:00 P.M. – host the Somerset All County Band Festival.
6. Rockwood Wrestling Boosters – Rockwood elementary cafeteria – 10/17/11, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM; 10/20/11, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – wrestling sign-ups.
7. Rockwood Wrestling Boosters – Rockwood high school ag room, multi use room, gymnasium (when available) – Monday through Friday, 11/7/11-3/23/12, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM – wrestling practice and booster meetings.

The following club & class activity requests were approved:

1. 6th Grade Class – PTO Holiday Store – 11/16/11 through 11/18/11 – raise funds for the Washington, D.C. trip.
2. Class of 2015 – Sheetz gift cards – month of November – raise fund for class events.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that paperwork for membership in the Rockwood Merchant's Association will be forthcoming. He encouraged the Board to support membership in the association. The association will also be storing the materials for the ice rink in the maintenance building until another location is found.

Mark Bower reminded the Board of the hearing on the Kingwood school scheduled for 11/1/11 at 1:00. He invited all members to attend.

Mark Bower expressed his gratitude to Mary Gosnell and the special education department of the fine job they did during the recent special education task force meeting.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the first state of the district meeting will be held in January.

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