



Rocket Express

June 21, 2010

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2010. The minutes of the committee meeting on 5/17/10, the regular minutes on 5/17/10, and the agenda and agenda items were approved.

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

Public Comment:

Joe Kush gave a presentation to the Board on the manufacturing class that was offered this year. The class was designed to mass produce a product and the students were responsible to determine the marketing and financial strategies to produce the product. This year, the products were a cutting board and a clock.

John Kreger addressed the Board on the possibility of using the playground equipment and the clock from the Kingwood elementary school at the odd fellows hall.

Old Business:

The board voted to adopt a general fund budget for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$11,126,513.00 and a millage rate of 21.89 mills on real estate.

Discussion was held regarding the Tech. Ed. Equipment proposal for the 2010-2011 school year. Joe Kush explained that the equipment will bring us in line with the state standards as well as meeting the requirements of our district curriculum. The district will also look into the possibility of obtaining approval of the program from the Department of Education for vocational education reimbursement.

The board authorized the solicitor to prepare an agreement of sale; and Board Officers to execute the agreement for the purchase of the Kingwood Elementary School in the amount of \$165,000.00 and to authorize the preparation of the court documents as required for the sale.

James Harrold expressed his concern on the sale of the Kingwood elementary school. He has concerns converting the building into a group home and the type of students that will be housed there. He believes that the Board is doing a disservice to the residents of Upper Turkeyfoot Township who have always been very supportive of the district.

The board authorized the solicitor to obtain the 2 necessary affidavits of appraisal and all of the necessary court documents for the sale of the Kingwood Elementary School.

The board authorized the performance of a district census for the 2010-2011 school year.

Brian Coughenour distributed and collected the ballots for the election of an Appalachia IU 08 Board of Directors representing Bedford County.

The board voted to accept the recommendation of the administration and award the custodial bids for the 2010-2011 school year.

The tax collector exoneration lists for the 2010-2011 school year were approved.

The board authorized the administration to make budgetary transfers for the 2009-2010 school year in order to avoid line item and categorical over-expenditures resulting from audit re-classifications.

The following textbook adoptions were approved for the 2010-2011 school year:

Elementary Science
High School Health
High School Business Education
High School Family and Consumer Science

The photography contract with SanDav for the 2010-2011 school year was approved.

The contract with OnDemand Energy for the purchase of electricity through the ChamberChoice Energy program was approved.

The board accepted the resignation of Mike Jones as golf coach.

The board approved the memorandum of understanding with the Rockwood Education Association regarding the placement of an in-service day in the collective bargaining agreement.

The following conference requests were approved:

1. Somerset County Nurse's Association – Somerset, PA – second Thursday of each month, 12:30 – 3:30 – Amanda Custer.
2. Synergis Academic Boot Camp – Bethlehem, PA – 7/6/10 through 7/9/10, 7/14/20 through 7/16/10 – Joseph.
3. DIBEIS Next; Essentials, Monitoring and Training – Eugene, OR – 7/12/10 through 7/15/10 – Tammy Minnick, Janet Dotson (paid with Title I stimulus funds).

The following use of school facility requests were approved:

1. Rockwood Marching Band – Rockwood auditorium, band room, athletic fields – 8/9/10 through 8/17/10, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM – band camp.
2. Rockwood Football Boosters – Rockwood gymnasium, athletic fields, weight room – 6/19/10, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Lift-A-Thon, Punt, Pass & Kick.
3. Class of 1960 – Tour of facilities – 8/14/10, 2:00 – 6:00 PM – 50th year celebration.
4. Learning Lamp – Rockwood pre-school classroom – 8/30/10, 7:00 – 8:00 PM – parent meeting.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that graduation went very well and it was well attended. He thanked those Board members that were able to attend.

He informed the Board that the students and faculty handbooks are being prepared and will be presented at the July meeting. He asked the Board if the faculty will be able to continue to wear jeans on Friday's and donate to the Kids Come First fund. The consensus of the Board was to allow this practice to continue.

He also informed the Board that the results of the cafeteria survey will be sent out in a future Board brief.

The Board authorized the administration to advertise for bids for the installation of the fence.

The Board met in executive session at 8:55 P.M. and reconvened at 10:05 P.M.

The board voted to accept the resignation of Amanda Engle as library/elementary office instructional assistant.

The board voted to table approval of salary increases for support staff until all of the evaluations are completed and reviewed.

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