



Rocket Express

January 21, 2014

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Board President, Mark Phillippi, administered the oath of office to Jason Coho.

The minutes of the reorganization meeting on 12/3/13, were approved.

The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were approved.

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

Board Recognition:

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

Samuel Marko
Josie Knopsnyder
Kolette Hostetter
Cheyenne Birmingham
Dylan Miller
Zachary Shaulis

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

Rebecca Johnson
Andrew Hoover
Allison Foreman
Tyler Bontrager
Megan Thorpe
Rebecca Zur

Mark Bower distributed certificates of appreciation to all of the Board members as part of School Director Recognition month.

Old Business:

The board approved the quote from Pro Acoustics in the amount of \$3,996.94 for the purchase of an outdoor sound system and to approve the payment of \$300.00 to James Soto for the installation of the equipment.

The board approved obtaining a district credit card through First National Bank, with the Board Secretary approved as the purchaser and the Superintendent authorized as the approver, a monthly reconciliation report presented to the Board for all purchases, and the authorization for the business office to pay balances due within the 25 day grace period.

New Business:

Homebound instruction for a 7th grade student was approved.

The board approved the consulting agreement with The KSL Group for e-rate services for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

The board approved the Rockwood Area School District hosting the ATOMS program from 7/1/14, through 7/3/14, from 8:45 A.M. to 2:20 P.M.

Junior high fun night was approved.

Changes to the junior high and senior high course selection guides were approved.

The CPR Grant, in the amount of \$10,000.00, was accepted.

The board approved the following members for the strategic plan committee:

Becky Wagner
Kathy Yachere
Becky Foy
John Phipps
Kirby Barclay
Sharon Clapper
Brandon Bruening

The board approved the removal of two 3M copiers/transparency makers from the district inventory and authorized Mr. Kush to pursue the sale of the equipment, with the proceeds to benefit the technology club.

The Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 was approved.

The Board reviewed the needs assessment in preparation of the 2014-2015 general fund budget.

The board voted in favor of adopting the Act 1 resolution, electing not to raise taxes above the index.

The board voted to deny a taxpayer request to pay real estate taxes at face instead of at penalty.

The following volunteers for the school play were approved, pending receipt of clearances:

Robin Younkin
Christy Hay
Shannon Lee
Tonya Daniels

Education/Personnel:

Kelsey Pletcher was approved as junior high volleyball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

Shanda Pletcher was approved as assistant softball coach.

The board authorized the administration to advertise for substitute paraprofessionals.

The board accepted the resignation of Lori Breckenridge as a volunteer assistant coach for junior high soccer.

Brooke Latuch was approved as the elementary student council/yearbook advisor.

The board tabled the employment of a strength and conditioning coach until a future meeting.

The following **Conference Requests** were approved:

1. Everything You Need to Know Before Writing a Grant/The Fundamental of Grant Writing – Richland, PA – 2/27/14, 3/12/14 – Joe Kush
2. LETRS Training – Richland, PA – 2/18/14, 2/20/13 – Sue Slope and Brooke Latuch – no cost to district – highly recommended by administration.

The following **Field Trip Request** was approved:

1. One Fish, Two Fish – Rockwood, PA – 1st week of April – Tammy Minnick, Josh Bowlin and 44 students.

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

1. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school classrooms, auditorium, cafeteria – 2/1/14, 2:00 PM - ?, 2/16/14, 4:00 PM -?, 3/8/14, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM – AYSO team organization meetings and parents meetings.
2. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school, elementary classrooms, cafeteria, gymnasium – 3/21/15, 5:00 PM - ?, 3/22/14, 8:00 AM - ?, 3/23/14, 8:00 AM - ?, 4/4/14, 5:00 PM - ?, 4/5/14, 8:00 AM -?, 4/6/14, 8:00 AM - ? – advanced coaches training.
3. Quiz Club – Rockwood high school classrooms, cafeteria – 3/22/14, 6:00AM – 5:00 PM – high school regional invitational tournament.
4. Quiz Club – Rockwood high school classrooms, cafeteria – 3/29/14, 6:00 AM – 5:00 PM – middle school regional invitational tournament.
5. Rockwood Youth Wrestling – Rockwood high school classrooms – 2/26/14, 6:00 PM-10 PM – Seeding meeting for qualifiers.
6. Rockwood Youth Wrestling – Rockwood high school gymnasium, cafeteria – 3/8/14, 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM – Somerset County Area 1 Qualifiers.

The following **Club & Class Activity Requests** were approved:

1. Elementary Student Council – Valentine Ducky Grams – 2/10/14 through 2/13/14 – raise funds for elementary yearbook.
2. FBLA – Pizza/Hoagie sale – 3/5/14 through 3/19/14 – raise funds for FBLA leadership conference.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower expressed his appreciation to Sharon Clapper for the job she is doing for the district, especially the employer panels for the students.

Mark Bower discussed the New Bike Program sponsored by the Somerset Hospital. Three students from our district have received bikes through the program.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he will be testifying before the auditor general in March regarding cyber/charter school funding.

The tour of the Somerset County Technology Center will be conducted on 3/12/14, at 6:00pm for Board members.

Mark Bower distributed the high school master schedule to the Board members.

The board waived tuition for a student of an employee of the district.

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