



Rocket Express

March 18, 2014

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 2/18/14, and the regular meeting on 2/18/14, were approved.

The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were approved with the following wording added to an agenda item: Discussion and possible action on the Quiz Club field trip approved on 2/18/14.

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

Board Recognition:

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

Andrew Thorpe
Matthew O'Brien
Emily Kemp
William Beeman
Tyler Trimpey
Kayla Huston

Old Business:

A motion to reconsider the Quiz Club field trip approved on 2/18/14 failed.

The board approved the following revisions to the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

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| 121 | Field Trips |
| 210 | Medications |
| 220 | Student Expressions/Distribution and Posting of Materials |
| 246 | Student Wellness |
| 313, 413, 513 | Evaluation of Employees |
| 610 | Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation |
| 808 | Food Services |
| 913 | Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals |

Policy number 808.1 (Free/Reduced-Price Meals and Free Milk) was deleted from the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.

The board discussed the district transportation contract. Upon discussion, the board approved the district transportation contract proposal as presented, with a formal contract presentation to be made to the Board at the April or May meeting.

New Business:

The Rockwood Area School District calendar for the 2014-2015 school year was approved.

The board accepted the NRA Grant in the amount of \$3,100.00 for the 2014-2015 school year.

The board authorized the business office to advertise for the following bids for the 2014-2015 school year:

Custodial, Coal, Propane

A motion to approve the Appalachia IU 08 General Fund Budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year failed.

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

The board approved the first reading of the Rockwood Area School District Seat Belt Policy for District Owned Vehicles, as recommended by the Workplace Safety Committee and Eastern Alliance Insurance Company.

The board approved the first reading of the Rockwood Area School District Cell Phone Policy for District Owned Vehicles, as recommended by the Workplace Safety Committee and Eastern Alliance Insurance Company.

The board discussed the issuance of access cards to Board members for a specific area to committee members serving on active committees. Upon roll call vote, the motion failed.

The board approved the following one-time expenditures for the 2014-2015 school year:

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| Roof Replacement Project | 94,000.00 |
| Gymnasium Acoustics | 15,000.00 |
| Scrubber | 12,000.00 |
| Carpet-Library, High School Classrooms | 12,000.00 |
| Stair Tread Replacement | 5,000.00 |
| Elementary Playground Upgrades | 10,000.00 |
| Emergency Radios | 5,000.00 |
| Painting-Overhangs | 10,000.00 |
| Resurface of the Stage Floor | 10,000.00 |
| Auditorium Curtains | 10,000.00 |
| Auditorium Lighting/Sound System | 50,000.00 |
| Painting and Repair of Rocket | 3,000.00 |
| Fence-Elementary Playground | 10,000.00 |
| Door Lock Replacement/Repairs | 5,000.00 |
| Water Fountain/HS Cafeteria | 1,000.00 |
| Instructional Equipment Replacement | 50,000.00 |
| Security Cameras | 15,000.00 |
| Desks | 21,000.00 |
| Misc. | 12,000.00 |

The board approved the quote from Pinnacle Acoustics for the improvement of the acoustics in the high school gymnasium.

Education/Personnel:

Tanner Lambert was employed as an assistant baseball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The board approved a medical leave of absence for Tammy Meyers.

The board approved a medical leave of absence for Julie Carlson.

The board authorized the administration to manage the use of days for an Act 93 employee as needed to abide by the contract.

The following **Conference Request** was approved:

1. 34th Annual Child Abuse Awareness Conference – Johnstown, PA – 4/19/14 – Amanda Custer

The following **Field Trip Requests** were approved:

1. Pro Football Hall of Fame – Canton, OH – date to be determined – Devin Schrock and 45 students – paid by the sixth grade class.
2. A Midsummer Night's Dream – Loretto, PA – 4/2/14 – Travis Robison, Mary Jo Picklo and 65 students

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

1. Somerset Area Soccer Club – Rockwood high school & elementary gymnasiums, athletic fields – 3/2/14, 3/9/14, 3/16/14, 3/30/14, 3:00 – 5:00 PM; 3/14/14, 3/28/14, 4/4/14, 8:00 – 9:30 PM – soccer practice.
2. Somerset County Chorus – Rockwood high school auditorium, cafeteria, band room, chorus room – 11/24/14, 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM; 11/25/14, 7:00 – 9:00 PM – Somerset County chorus rehearsals and concert.
3. Rockwood Basketball Boosters – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 3/15/14, 4:30 – 8:30 PM – basketball banquet.
4. 6th grade class – Rockwood high school library – 3/19/14, 6:00 – 7:30 pm – coffee house evening.

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

1. Class of 2018 – pizza and hoagie sale – 4/16/14 through 4/30/14 – raise funds for future projects.
2. 5th grade class – candy sale – 3/7/14 through 3/21/14 – raise funds for Gettysburg field trip.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower expressed his gratitude to the Board for their support of the social media presentation. It was well received by the community and he has received much positive feedback from the presentation.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the status of the junior high and junior varsity football schedules. Sandy King is having a very difficult time securing schedules for the teams.

Mark bower informed the Board that he is preparing a two-year coop agreement to present to Turkeyfoot for athletics. The fee will be \$300.00 per participant and will include track.

Mark Bower congratulated Christy Hay for receiving a mini-grant in the amount of \$200.00 for a summer reading program.

Mark Bower reminded the Board that the staff appreciation dinner will be held on 5/6/14 at the Hayloft. More details will follow.

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