



Rocket Express

February 21, 2011

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, February 21, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. The minutes of the committee meeting on 1/17/11, and the regular meeting on 1/17/11, were approved. The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were accepted.

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

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

Rebecca Wright
Dylan Miller
Travis Smith
Hannah Holt
Hailey King

Old Business:

A motion to eliminate the eighth grade writing expo and communication expo courses and replace them with reading every day and to provide gym classes for these students every day for one semester rather than every other day for an entire year failed.

The resolution for the conveyance of an additional 10 feet of technology center property for the construction of the Laurel Highlands Business Park was approved.

The submission of PlanCon Part K (Project Refinancing) for the recent bond issue was approved.

New Business:

The junior high fun night on 2/25/11, was approved.

The quote from Upright Fence Company for the completion of the fence project in the amount of \$9,898.00, with the exception of the area in front of the dugouts, was accepted.

The Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, was approved.

The adult budget for the Somerset County Technology Center for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, was approved.

A motion was made to approve the secondary budget for the Somerset County Technology Center for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. Upon roll call vote, the motion failed. The results of the vote will be forwarded to the technology center pursuant to the articles of agreement.

Education/Personnel:

The board accepted the resignation of Corleen Hay as cheerleading coach and approved advertising for the position.

Jim Miller was approved as a volunteer assistant junior high boys' basketball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The following individuals were added to the district substitute list, pending completion of all paperwork:

Melissa Leasock
Marie Burkett

Elementary Education
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John Emert was employed as an assistant varsity softball coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The board approved re-opening the coaches' positions for a two week period following the season, to allow an evaluation to be completed, interest to be shown by the coach on continuing in the position, and an opportunity for others to apply for the position.

The Board discussed support staff hours on delays and early dismissals. No action was taken on the agenda item.

The board approved the revised coaches' evaluation forms with the addition of the following item: Did the coach pursue opportunities to improve his/her coaching skills?

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

1. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school auditorium – 3/20/11, 3:00 PM - ? – parent and coaches meeting.
2. Rockwood Alliance Church – Rockwood elementary cafeteria, gymnasium – 3/19/11, 4:00 - 7:00 PM – basketball and volleyball games.
3. Rockwood track boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 3/4/11 – 6:15 – 8:30 AM – pizza and hoagie distribution.
4. Rockwood Education Foundation – Rockwood high school gymnasium – TBA – Covey Promotions (wrestling).
5. Rockwood Elementary 6th Grade – Rockwood high school library – 2/24/11, 6:30 PM -7:30 PM – poetry night.
6. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary gymnasium, chorus room – 3/4/11, 3:30 PM – 9:00 PM – PTO Family Fun Night

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

1. Rockwood FBLA – pizza and hoagie sale – 2/25/11 through 3/4/11 – raise funds for PA State Leadership Conference.
2. Class of 2011 – Frozen food sale – 3/1/11 through 3/15/11 – funds for clothing apparel for the class of 2011.
3. Class of 2014 – Bake sale at Rockwood Train Day – 5/7/11 – raise funds for various school activities.

The Board met in executive session at 8:45 P.M. and reconvened at 9:40 P.M.

The board accepted the resignation of Adam Rullo as athletic director, effective June 30, 2011, and approved advertising for the position.

The board approved a tuition waiver for the son of Misty DeMetro for the 2011-2012 school year.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board of several problems that the district is encountering with the coal, including the moisture and large pieces. A new load of coal has been ordered at a reduced rate and will be mixed with the existing coal in an attempt to rectify the problem.

Mark Bower shared the Pa. Youth Survey data with the Board and encouraged members to review the report.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the Act 77 program presented by TRANE. The Board will discuss the options further at the 3/7/11 budget meeting.

Mark Bower informed the Board that several students have been invited to Johnstown to read their papers on the Holocaust. Mr. Best has offered to take the students if the district will provide the transportation.

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