



# **Rocket Express**

## **August 16, 2010**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, August 16, 2010, at 7:30 P.M. The minutes of the committee meeting on 7/19/10 and the regular meeting on 7/19/10 were approved. The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were approved.

The financial and treasurer reports and bills were approved as presented.

### **Public Comment:**

Larry Lemmon asked Board member, Dave Tims, why he wanted to see a resume of an individual at the last meeting when individual resumes were not requested in the past. Mr. Tims explained that he had concerns with the name of the individual but this was a different person with the same name.

John Kreger questioned the Board as to why the lawn at Kingwood hasn't been mowed. He informed the Board that the residents are very unhappy with the Board on the outside condition of the facility.

Eileen Buchanan addressed the Board and asked why the summer hours were taken away this year. She expressed to the Board that at no point in time did anyone take advantage of these hours and the employees went above and beyond, knowing that they had this privilege. She asked the Board to reconsider their action on this matter.

### **Old Business:**

The revisions to policy number 250 (Student Recruitment) of the Rockwood Area School District were approved.

The revisions to policy number 705 (Safety) of the Rockwood Area School District were approved.

The revisions to policy number 815 (Acceptable Use Of Internet, Computers and Network Resources) of the Rockwood Area School District were approved.

The revisions to policy number 907 (School Visitors) of the Rockwood Area School District were approved.

Discussion was held regarding the domestic hot water heater. Authorization was given to the administration to obtain quotes for a new insulated hot water heater for consideration by the Board at a later meeting.

### **New Business:**

The first reading of policy number 718 (Safety Animals in Schools) of the Rockwood Area School District was approved.

The bus driver and substitute bus driver list for the 2010-2011 school year was approved.

The tentative transportation rates and routes for the 2010-2011 school year were approved.

The board discussed the placement of a practice field behind the elementary school. The Board was informed that Mark Bower and James Harrold met with Keith Largent from DEP regarding the practice field. Jim was given authorization to do a soil and erosion plan for the area and the trees could be removed. If the stumps are removed, a plan from an engineer must be obtained if the area is over an acre in size.

The board authorized Jason Svonavec to extend the elementary parking lot around the gymnasium and repair the drains with all labor and materials donated.

### **Committee Reports Education/Personnel:**

Kathy Emert was approved as a volunteer coach for volleyball pending completion of all paperwork.

The board accepted the resignation of Megan Schmuck as boys' junior high basketball coach and approved advertising for the position.

The district substitute list for the 2010-2011 school year was approved.

The board approved Jackie Phillippi as a 6 ½ hour instructional paraprofessional.

The board approved Beth Myers as a 3 ½ hour instructional paraprofessional.

Sue Barclay was approved as Act 48 chairperson for the 2010-2011 school year.

The following department chairpersons were approved for the 2010-2011 school year:

Kirby Barclay	Elementary Math
Jack Illar	Elementary Science
Tammy Minnick	Elementary Social Studies
Jenna Sembower	Elementary Reading - \$250.00
Mindy Sarver	Elementary Reading - \$250.00
Jean Hart	Elementary Special Education
Jay Best	Secondary Social Studies
Mary Ellen Hoover	Secondary Fine Arts
Greg King	Secondary Math
Joyce Meese	Secondary Special Education
Mary Jo Picklo	Secondary English
Tim Vought	Secondary Science

The athletic fees for officials for the 2010-2011 school year were approved.

The board accepted the resignation of Seth Foreman as assistant junior high football coach pending receipt of a letter of resignation.

The board voted to employ Jeremy Romesberg as an assistant junior high football coach, pending receipt of a resignation letter from Seth Foreman.

Jake Hay and Eli Traup were approved as volunteer assistant football coaches for the 2010-2011 school year, pending receipt of all paperwork.

The board voted to accept the resignation of Brandon Simpson as baseball coach and approved advertising for the position.

The following field trip requests were approved:

1. Daily American Newspaper Office – Somerset, PA – Mid September 2010 – Nicole Hetrick and 3 students – est. cost to district - \$86.00.
2. Schramm’s Farm – Jeannette, PA – 10/8/10 – Jenna Sembower, Jessica Knepper, Tricia Juran and 56 students – est. cost to district - \$163.05
3. Pittsburgh Science Center – Pittsburgh, PA – October 2010 – Christy Hay, Dianne Milyak, Becky McKinley and 70 students – est. cost to district - \$492.00.
4. Faranda’s Farm – Hollsopple, PA – 10/8/10 – Jamie Gross, Tammy Minnick, Josh Bowlin, Cathy Phillippi and 64 students – est. cost to district - \$125.00.

The following use of school facility requests were approved:

1. New Centerville Spinnetts – Rockwood auditorium – 9.4.10, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM; 9/5/10, 12:30 – 5:00 PM – Baton rehearsal and recital.
2. Rockwood Soccer Boosters – Rockwood elementary gymnasium and athletic fields – 9/24/10, 5:00 – 10:00 PM -; 9/25/10, 3:30 – 6:30 PM – dance and alumni game.
3. Rockwood Cheerleading Boosters – Rockwood elementary chorus room and gymnasium – 11/19/10, 3:15 – 7:00 PM; 11/20/10, 5:00 – 11:00 PM – Fall Formal.
4. TJ Dance – Rockwood high school auditorium and chorus room – 9/15/10, 4:00-6:00; 9/16/10, 4:00-6:00; 9/18/10, 12:00-? – dance recital.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mark Bower presented a list of items that will be for sale from the maintenance building. The district is planning on placing dollar amounts on some items and taking sealed bids for others.

Brian Coughenour informed the Board that the TCC voted for Capital Tax Collection Services as the earned income tax collector under Act 32. He informed the Board that he voted against the appointment because he felt the local group could have done a better job.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he is planning on having the Kennywood incentive trip again this year. Board members were in favor of continuing this trip.

Mark Bower discussed the changes that are planned in the cafeteria for the 2010-2011 school year. These changes include the following:

All Metz employees will be required to wear both a hair net and visor during their work day.

A fresh yogurt parfait will be added to the breakfast menu.

The elementary menu will have a choice of 2 main entrees and 4 alternates daily.

The high school menu will have 2 main entrees, pizza and assorted salads from the grab & go.

The grab & go will be improved, offering a variety of 18 different salads and 10 different wraps.

Every Thursday, there will be a specialty bar in the high school serving line.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the single oven in the cafeteria is not working. It would cost approximately \$1,000.00 to repair. A quote has been obtained on a new single oven in the amount of \$5,500.00 and a double oven would be \$11,000.00. The Board authorized the administration to look at a double oven and gave permission to advertise for bids if required.

Mark Bower updated the Board on the progress of the bleacher installation. He explained the forms and rebar are in place for the concrete to be poured. He also shared that the local certified welder who was going to fix the damaged sections of the bleachers would only make the necessary repairs if a certified engineer would approve his work. However, Mr. Bower went on to explain that Ron Saler and his brother were willing to fix the bleachers if the district would cover the cost of materials. In addition, he explained the work would only involve replacing the bent sections of angle iron with the same type of angle iron. Mr. Bower asked the Board if they were comfortable with this option. All members in attendance indicated that they were comfortable with this option.

The Board met in executive session at 8:30 P.M. and reconvened at 9:20 P.M.

The Board approved a 3% increase in the athletic coaches' salaries for the 2010-2011 school year.

The board voted to roll the payroll stipends into the employees' base salaries.

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