



Rocket Express

April 19, 2010

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. in the Administrative Office of the Rockwood Area School District.

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

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

Cheyenne Ware
Zachary Hay
Amber Carr
Sara Romesberg
Justin Lasure
Tara Hostetter

Public Comment:

Dan Cramer addressed the Board regarding the national day of silence in support of gays and lesbians or whatever support that was held on Friday. He was not in favor of allowing this to happen and believes that a letter should have been sent home to all parents prior to the event occurring. Mark Bower clarified that the protest activity was to protest hate speech activities directed towards gays, lesbians, and transgenders. Mark Bower also informed the public that it was not a school sponsored activity, but was student initiated. Mark Bower informed the public that other student led activities similar to this have occurred in the past and federal law allows this type of expression as long as the activity does not disrupt the educational process of the district.

Old Business:

The board approved the implementation of a driver education program to be held during the summer of 2010 at an approximate cost of \$5,400.00 based on 30 participants.

The board approved amended policy number 201 (Admission of Students) with the corrected typographical errors.

Amended policies number 335, 435, and 535 (Family and Medical Leaves) were approved.

Amended policy number 605 (Tax Levy) was approved.

Amended policy number 808 (Food Services) was approved.

New Business:

The first reading of policy number 808.1 (Free/Reduced – Price Meals and Free Milk) was approved.

The EETT grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 was accepted.

The board voted to table the approval of the food service contract with Metz & Associates for the 2010-2011 school year at a breakeven profit/loss margin.

The Somerset County Technology Center secondary budget was approved for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The Somerset County Technology Center adult budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year was approved.

The board accepted the donated equipment from WTAE 4 News for the district TV production club.

The board voted to adopt the Designation of Agent Resolution as required in order to be eligible for PEMA emergency snow removal funds.

The contract with CAMCO for physical and occupational services for the period August 1, 2010 through July 1, 2012 at the rate of \$53.00 per hour was approved.

The 2009-2010 school calendar was amended to include 6/14/10, 6/15/10, and 6/16/10 as snow make-up days and to set the graduation date on 6/16/10.

The board authorized the administration to begin the exploration process for the construction of a practice field.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the additional ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Grant funds are already included in the ESBE amount for the district. These are not additional funds.

The Board discussed the installation of bleachers and fencing at the athletic facility. These will be discussion items at the budget meetings.

The board established the following dates for the budget meetings that will begin at 7:30 P.M.:

4/27/10

5/4/10

Education/Personnel:

Jeffrey Snyder was added to the custodial substitute list pending completion of all paperwork.

Job descriptions were approved for the following employees of the Rockwood Area School District as amended by the Board:

High School Principal
Assistant High School Principal
Elementary Principal
Special Education/Student Services Supervisor and Assessment Coordinator
Business Manager/Director of Transportation
Assistant Business Manager
Director of Maintenance
Assistant to the Director of Maintenance
Federal Program Coordinator
Certified School Nurse
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Business office Administrative Assistant
High School Administrative Assistant
High School/Athletic Office Administrative Assistant
Student Services/Guidance Administrative Assistant
Student Services/Special Education Office Administrative Assistant
Elementary Administrative Assistant
Custodial/Cleaner
Instructional Paraprofessional
Alternative Education/Library Paraprofessional
Library/Office Paraprofessional

The following individual was added to the district substitute list pending completion of all paperwork:

Cassie Weimer Elementary/Special Education

The following conference requests were approved:

1. STEM Symposium: Energy – Johnstown, PA – 5/8/10 – Joe Kush
2. LETRS – Altoona, PA – 8/19/10 – Josh Bowlin, Janet Dotson, Kim Huet, Cathy Phillippi, Jaime Gross
3. 2010 PMEA State Conference – Pittsburgh, PA – 4/22/10 through 4/24/10 – Doug Spiri

The following field trip request was approved:

1. Gateway Clipper French Language and Culture Cruise – Pittsburgh, PA – 5/10/10 – Farrah Thompson and 25 students (paid by French club)

The following Use of School Facility Requests were approved:

1. Rockwood Softball Boosters – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 1 Monday per month when available, 6:30 – 8:30 PM – meetings.
2. High Ridge 4-H Club – Rockwood high school cafeteria – first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 – 9:15 PM – monthly meetings for members, leaders and parents.
3. Rockwood Little League – Rockwood softball field and concession stand – April through June (when available) – practice and games.
4. Baccalaureate Choir – Rockwood high school auditorium & chorus room – 5/3/10, 5/10/10, 5/17/10, 5/24/10, 6/1/10, 6/7/10, 6/14/10, 7:30 - ? – practice.
5. Independent Wrestling – Rockwood wrestling room – January – April, 6:00 – 7:30 AM – independent wrestling practice.
6. Rockwood Ministerial Association – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 6/15/10, 6:00 – 10:00 PM – Baccalaureate services.

The following club & class activity requests were approved:

1. Class of 2013 – Pizza & Hoagie sale – 5/3/10 through 5/13/10 – raise funds for sophomore dance and other class activities.
2. Business Management Class – Business Management Store – 5/17/10 through 5/21/10, 9th period – Donation to Humane Society.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that an article will appear in the newspaper next week discussing the district's finances.

He informed the Board that the track boosters will be holding a picnic on 5/11/10.

He informed the Board that a custodian is interested in purchasing some of the scrap metal from the fence and will pay the same amount as the salvage yard. The Board agreed with this as long as it is monitored.

Mr. Bower informed the Board that the outdoor facility committee meeting for Wednesday night has been cancelled.

The Board met in executive session at 9:40 P.M. and reconvened at 11:30 P.M.

The board authorized Dan Rullo to solicit proposals from realtors for the sale of the Kingwood building at a private sale.

The board voted to authorize the administration to modify the dress code for professional employees of the district.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

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