



# **Rocket Express**

## **February 15, 2010**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, February 15, 2010.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 1/18/10 and the regular meeting on 1/18/10 were approved. The agenda and agenda items were approved.

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

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

Nicole Dumbauld  
Alleksi Engleka  
Mary Dice  
Brianna Trimpey  
Charles Engleka  
Cassidy Beener

The final bid specifications for the possible purchase of the Kingwood elementary school were approved. By a consensus of the Board, the bid specifications will be advertised in the Somerset Daily American and the Johnstown Tribune Democrat.

The following bids were received and opened for the boiler modification project at the Rockwood Area School District:

Darr Construction Inc.	50,400.00
John Hall Inc.	47,000.00
Whitby, Inc.	63,300.00
Combustion Service & Equipment Co.	52,000.00

The bid results for the boiler modification project at the Rockwood Area School District were discussed. The board voted to table the bid results for the boiler modification project.

The Articles of Agreement with the Appalachia IU 08 ESL Consortium for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years was approved.

The course selection guide for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2010-2011 school year was approved.

The course selection guide for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades was approved.

The board approved the annual senior trip to New York City from 5/29/10 through 5/30/10. The board voted to accept the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

The board voted to table a decision on the re-instatement of the driver education program for the 2010-2011 school year.

The board voted to exchange the PA system at Kingwood elementary school for a voice mail system.

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

Krystal Neal	Elementary Education
Joel Hollsopple	Type 06

The following individuals were added to the district instructional aide list:

Beth Myers  
Sonya Weimer

Ben Baker was approved as assistant track coach for the 2009-2010 school year .

James Rudisill was approved as head varsity track coach for the 2009-2010 school year.

Jessica Rudisill was approved as a volunteer assistant choreographer for the Spring musical pending completion of all paperwork.

Jeremy Romesberg was approved as an assistant baseball coach for the 2009-2010 school year pending completion of all paperwork.

A maternity leave was approved for Misty Demchak for a period of 6 to 8 weeks beginning on or near April 5, 2010.

Tim Sleasman was approved as a volunteer assistant coach for boy's junior high basketball, pending completion of all paperwork.

A maternity leave for Jenna Sembower was approved starting approximately 3/28/10 followed by family medical leave.

The board met in executive session for the discussion of personnel.

Chris Hostetler was employed as an assistant to the maintenance supervisor with a probationary period of 4 months.

The following conference requests were approved:

1. Implementing Response to Instruction & Intervention - Altoona, PA – 3/10/10 – Jon Hale and Irene Kovach (paid by Title I stimulus funds)
2. PSSA Structure & Strategies – Altoona, PA – 2/17/10 – Mindy Sarver, Tricia Juran –(paid by Title I stimulus funds)
3. PA Association of School Nurses and Practitioners Annual Conference – Pittsburgh, PA – 4/9/10 through 4/11/10 – Amanda Custer
4. K-12 Health & Physical Education Conference – Loretto, PA – 3/4/10 – Chad Kuzemchak, Kristin Engle
5. PA Association of Federal Coordinators Conference – Hershey, PA – 3/21/10 through 3/24/10 – Irene Kovach – (paid by Title I stimulus funds)

6. Providing Effective Intervention Instruction – Duncansville, PA – 2/10/10 – Jessica Knepper, Tricia Juran – (paid by Title I stimulus funds)

The following field trip requests were presented to the Board for consideration:

1. Special Olympics of PA Winter Games – Hidden Valley Resort – 2/22/10 – Kurt Woolslayer and 12 students – (paid by Ski Club)
2. 2010 PASC District VI Conference – Davidsville, PA -3/15/10 – Alana Otto, Barb Pelesky, Amber Walker (2 of the 3 to be determined) and 35 students – (paid by Student Council and students)
3. FBLA State Competition – Hershey, PA – 4/11/10 through 4/14/10 – Amber Walker and 15 students

The following use of school facility requests were approved:

1. Rockwood cheerleading boosters – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 4/20/10, 3:30-5:30; 4/21/10, 3:30-5:30; 4/23/10, 3:30-5:30 – cheerleading tryouts.
2. Rockwood Student Congress – Rockwood classrooms & cafeteria – 2/9/10, 4:00-6:00 PM – Congress debate.
3. Rockwood softball & softball boosters – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 2/18/10, 7:00-? – meeting.
4. Rockwood Christian Missionary Alliance Church – Rockwood elementary gymnasium, cafeteria – 3/27/10, 6:00-10:00 PM – sports activities, refreshments, and fellowship.
5. Rockwood Basketball Boosters – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 2/20/10, 6:00-10:30 PM – basketball dance.
6. Child Evangelism Fellowship of Somerset/Fayette Counties – Rockwood elementary library – Thursday’s 3:15-4:30 PM – Good News Club.
7. Dance with Miss Amanda – Rockwood high school auditorium, classrooms – 5/14/10, 4:00-9:00PM; 5/15/10, 3:30-8:00PM – Dance rehearsal & recital.

The following club & class activity requests were approved:

1. SADD – Snyder potato chip sale – 3/1/10 through 3/19/10 – raise funds for Prom Promise.
2. Class of 2010 – Auntie Anne’s Pretzel sale – 3/1/10 through 3/8/10 – raise funds for T-shirts, sweatshirts and sweat pants.
3. Class of 2012 – Easter candy sale – 2/15/10 through 2/26/10 – raise funds for next year’s prom.
4. Rockwood Technology & Engineering Club – sale of class manufactured projects – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester – raise funds for future activities and projects.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that the EETT grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 has been approved and the Board will be asked to accept the grant at the March meeting. 25% of the grant must be used for staff development, but the district will seek a waiver and attempt to use all of the funds for technology equipment.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the bell and clock from the Kingwood school has been brought in for storage.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the flagpole from Kingwood may be brought into Rockwood. The Board will discuss this at a later date.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Rockwood Manufacturing has agreed to donate all of the signs for the fence project.

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