



Rocket Express

July 18, 2011

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 2011. The minutes of the committee meeting on 6/20/11 and the regular minutes on 6/20/11 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:

Greg Shaulis addressed the Board and offered to donate a batting tunnel net for use by the school.

The board voted to accept the donation of the batting tunnel net and to authorize the outdoor facilities committee to arrange the construction and placement of the net.

Old Business:

The board voted to accept the base bid from Pristows in the amount of \$18,262.04 for the purchase of a tractor/mower and to approve base bid #2 in the amount of \$2,825.48 for a rotary sweeper.

The following agenda items were approved as presented:

- a) Delete policy number 225 (Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- b) Approved the revision to policy number 122 (Extracurricular Activities) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- c) Approved the revision to policy number 123 (Interscholastic Athletics) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- d) Approved the revision to policy number 200 (Enrollment of Students) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- e) Approved the revision to policy number 206 (Assignment within District) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- f) Approved the revision to policy number 209 (Health Examinations/Screening) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- g) Approved the revision to policy number 216.1 (Supplemental Discipline Records) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- h) Approved the revision to policy number 217 (Graduation Requirements) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- i) Approved the revision to policy number 218 (Student Discipline) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- j) Approved the revision to policy number 218.1 (Weapons) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- k) Approved the revision to policy number 218.2 (Terroristic Threats) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.

- l) Approved the revision to policy number 222 (Tobacco Use) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- m) Approved the revision to policy number 226 (Searches) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- n) Approved the revision to policy number 227 (Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- o) Approved the revision to policy number 237 (Electronic Devices) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- p) Approved the revision to policy number 246 (Student Wellness) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- q) Approved the revision to policy number 302 (Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- r) Approved the revision to policy number 303 (Employment of Administrators) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- s) Approved the revision to policy numbers 314, 414, 514 (Physical Examinations) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- t) Approved the revision to policy numbers 323, 423, 523 (Tobacco Use) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- u) Approved the revision to policy number 404 (Employment of Professional Employees) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- v) Approved the revision to policy number 405 (Employment of Substitutes) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- w) Approved the revision to policy number 406 (Employment of Summer School Staff) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- x) Approved the revision to policy number 407 (Student Teachers/Interns) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- y) Approved the revision to policy number 504 (Employment of Classified Employees) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- z) Approved the revision to policy number 505 (Employment of Substitute and Short-Term Employees) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- aa) Approved the revision to policy number 620 (Fund Balance) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- bb) Approved the revision to policy number 805 (Emergency Preparedness) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- cc) Approved the revision to policy number 806 (Child/Student Abuse) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- dd) Approved the revision to policy number 807 (Opening Exercises/Flag Displays) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- ee) Approved the revision to policy number 810 (Transportation) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- ff) Approved the revision to policy number 810.1 (Drug/Alcohol Testing-Covered Drivers) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- gg) Approved the revision to policy number 818 (Contracted Services) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- hh) Approved the revision to policy number 906 (Public Complaints) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.
- ii) Approved the revision to policy number 909 (Municipal Government Relations) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.

New Business:

The board accepted the quote from Combustion Service in the amount of \$8,997.00 for the replacement of the auger.

The board adopted the Transition Resolution with Respect to Earned Income and Net Profits Tax as required by Act 32.

The board approved the removal of old computers and supplies from the district inventory and to authorize JVS Environmental to recycle the equipment at no cost to the district.

The following elementary activity advisor salary proposal was approved, with the elimination of the 4 assistants for the parent involvement/community outreach coordinator:

Elementary Student Council	400.00
Elementary Reading Competition	200.00 x 2 advisors
Elementary Drama	500.00 Head Drama Director
	200.00 Assistant Drama Director
Parent Involvement/Community Outreach Coordinator	500.00 Head coordinator
Elementary Musical/Chorus/Band	200.00 x 2 advisors

The board approved the agreement with Learning Lamp to provide a life skills aide for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Board discussed the establishment of a President's Commission. The goal is to have a meeting in the Spring and a meeting in the Fall to gather community input regarding the district and to share information about the district with the community. The Board decided that all members would be invited to attend the meetings.

The Board authorized Attorney Dan Rullo to reconcile the cancellation of the sales agreement of the Kingwood School and to arrange for the placement of the facility with realtors.

Education/Personnel:

The resignation of Sharon Sterner as assistant track coach was accepted.

The board voted to furlough all full time elementary paraprofessional due to economic hardship. They later voted in favor of employing all full time elementary paraprofessionals under ½ District and ½ Title I funding for the 2011-2012 school year.

The board accepted the resignation of Beth Myers as a ½ day paraprofessional and to replace the position from individuals from the current substitute list.

Te board voted to accept the resignation of Tim Gastley as Junior High Girls Soccer Coach and to approve him as a volunteer assistant coach.

The boad accepted the resignation of Megan Schmuck as Girls Varsity Basketball Coach.

The board accepted the resignation of James Wagner as Assistant Varsity Football Coach.

The following curriculum coordinators were approved for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$500.00:

Elementary Reading	Jenna Sembower, Mindy Sarver
Elementary Math	Jessica Knepper
Elementary Science	Jack Illar
Elementary Social Studies	Tammy Minnick
Elementary Special Education	Jean Hart
H.S. Math	Greg King
H.S. Science	Tim Vought
H.S. Social Studies	Jay Best
H.S. English	Jill Morgan
H.S. Fine Arts	Mary Ellen Hoover
H.S. Special Education	Joyce Meese

The following agenda items were approved, with the addition of the educational requirements in the job description of the Technology Coordinator:

Amend the support staff handbook to include the working conditions of the technology staff.

Approve the job-descriptions of the technology staff with the inclusion of a bachelor's degree or equivalent training for the director of technology.

Approve the evaluation instrument for the technology staff.

The board approved the position of Assistant Marching Band Director at a stipend of \$1,000.00.

The board tabled the discussion regarding the payment of a piano accompanist for choral productions.

The board approved the following fall coaches as recommended by the Athletic Director:

Elyse Branan	Junior High Girls Soccer	1,500.00
Zach Gaskin	Volunteer Junior High Football	

The following Use of School Facility Requests were approved:

- a. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary gymnasium, classrooms – 10/21/11, 3:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Family fun night
- b. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary gymnasium, classroom – 3/2/12, 3:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Family fun night.
- c. Student Council – Rockwood elementary gymnasium, athletic fields – 10/7/11, 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.: 10/8/11, 7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. – bonfire and homecoming dance
- d. Class of 1961 – 9/17/11, 4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. – Tour of district facilities.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Bower distributed the Appalachia IU 08 Activity Passes to the Board members.

Mark Bower reminded the Board of the State Audit Exit Conference at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday in the Board room.

The Board will be having volunteer work days on 8/6/11 and 8/13/11 for the bleachers.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district made AYP.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the Somerset School District has furniture for sale. The Board gave the administration authorization to look at the furniture and purchase if reasonable.

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