



Rocket Express

March 19, 2013

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. The minutes of the committee meeting on 2/19/13 and the regular meeting on 2/19/13 were approved.

The board accepted the agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items.

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

Board Recognition:

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

Kaylie Miller
Karen Dice
Richelle Ross
Jamie Knopsnyder
Jennifer Latuch
Sarah Foy

Mark Bower informed the Board that the following students will be competing in the state speech tournament at Susquehanna University from 3/21/13 through 3/23/13:

Destiny Morrison – District champion in Dramatic Interp.
Brandon Schmuck – attending in Student Congress – alternate in Commentary
Amber Carr – attending in radio announcing – alternate in poetry
Kylie Putman – attending in impromptu – alternate in persuasive speaking
Julia Waltermire – attending in informative speaking.

In addition, Mark Bower informed the Board that the following students will be attending the national speech tournament in Philadelphia from 5/23/13 through 5/26/13:

Brandon Schmuck – Outstanding Speaker in Congress – alternate for commentary
Emily Barchey – alternate for national congress
Destiny Morrison – alternate for dramatic interp.

Mark Bower expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the students and staff involved in the recent musical. The board authorized the administration to write a letter of appreciation to the students and staff for the recent musical production.

Public Comment:

Cathy Emert addressed the Board regarding the vacancy in the assistant coaching position for softball. The lack of supervision for the 15 players and other safety issues are a concern at this time. The Board and administration will continue to pursue individuals to fill the vacancy in this position.

New Business:

The board authorized the business office to advertise for the following bids for the 2013-2014 school year:

Custodial Supplies, Coal, Propane

The board accepted the NRA Grant in the amount of \$2,810.59 for the 2013-2014 school year.

The board authorized the Learning Lamp and Tableland to operate a preschool program, for the 2013-2014 school year, in the Rockwood Elementary School.

The board approved a junior high fun night on 4/26/13, with the location to be determined, based upon the donations received.

The Student Ambassador Club was added to the Rockwood High School course selection guide.

Brian Coughenour distributed and collected the ballots for the election of the Appalachia IU 08 Board of Directors.

Upon roll call vote, a motion to approve the Appalachia IU 08 General Fund Operating Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year failed.

The Somerset County Technology Center Adult Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year was approved.

The Somerset County Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year was approved.

The 2013-2014 school calendar was approved, with the following changes to the originally proposed calendar:

12/20/13	Early Dismissal
12/23/13	Holiday
6/4/14	Last Student Day
6/9/14-6/13/14	Snow Days

The board authorized the administration to notify Appalachia IU 08 of the district's intent to take over Community Based Instruction, Emotional Support, Autistic Support, Extended School Year Services, and to notify the IU of the district's interest in taking over Speech Services in the event of retirement of the current IU employee.

Approval was given for Mark Bower and any member of the negotiating committee to attend the PSBA Institute for Collective Bargaining and Negotiations on 5/10/13 and 9/20/13 in Allison Park.

The board discussed the use of school facility requests and procedures. Upon discussion, the board voted to table a decision on the use of school facility requests and procedures until a future meeting.

The entrance requirements for CHS Calculus were approved.

The board authorized Mary Tressler to take possession of an old bus shanty.

The agreement with CAMCO for the 2013-2014 school year was approved.

The resignation of Mary Jo Picklo as forensic coach and student congress advisor was accepted.

The resignation of John Olesky as girls' varsity basketball coach was accepted. The board gave authorization to conduct an internal search for a new coach.

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

Linda Coleman	Elementary Education
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Gabriel Foust was approved as a volunteer track coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The board authorized advertising for an extended school year teacher.

The following **field trip request** was approved:

1. Defense Contractor, Somerset Trust – Somerset, PA – April 2013 (date to be determined) – Catherine Fischer and 30 students – no cost to the district.

The following **use of school facility requests** were approved:

1. Rockwood AYSO – Rockwood high school cafeteria -3/8/13, 6:00 PM - ? – Board member training.
2. Rockwood Community Chorus – Rockwood high school auditorium, chorus room – 4/5/13, 4/22/13, 4/29/13, 5/6/13, 5/20/13, 5/28/13; 7:00 PM –9:00 PM; 5/31/13, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – rehearsals and baccalaureate.
3. Kingwood/Rockwood Little League – Rockwood gymnasium, athletic fields – March, April 2013 when available – baseball practice.
4. Rockwood Track Team – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 3/22/13, 6:00 AM -7:30 AM – pizza and hoagie delivery.

The following **club & class activity request** was approved:

1. 5th grade students – Dough Girls Baked Goods Sale – 3/20/13 – 4/15/13 – Raise funds for Gettysburg fieldtrip.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower discussed with the Board the possibility of allowing the seniors to still graduate on Friday, providing the district does not experience any more snow days. The Board was receptive to the idea.

The Board was informed that the science textbooks that the district will be proposing to adopt are on display in the Board room.

Mark Bower expressed his concern over the lack of supervision and safety without the employment of an assistant softball coach.

The Board decided to hold a budget meeting at the April regular meeting, provided that the agenda allows sufficient time for discussion.

The Board was informed that the door access system is fully operational.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the motor in the dust collection system in the technology education shop was not working. Vernon is in the process of getting quotes on the replacement of the system.

The Board discussed the Turkeyfoot co-op and both groups seem to want to move forward with some type of agreement. Another committee meeting will be held to discuss further details.

Mark Bower distributed his superintendent evaluation form to those members that were present. Board members are to complete the evaluation and return them directly to Mark Phillippi.

The board authorized and directed the Superintendent and administration to study student enrollment trends for past years as well as the projected enrollment for the upcoming school year, study past and current curriculum and course offerings of the school district, as well as those for the upcoming school year, study the overall staffing needs of the school district for the upcoming school year, and make recommendations to the School Board concerning staffing, curriculum and program needs for the upcoming school year.

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