



# **Rocket Express**

## **May 16, 2011**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, May 16, 2011. The minutes of the committee meeting on 4/18/11, the regular meeting on 4/18/11, and the special meeting on 5/2/11 were approved. The agenda and additional agenda items were approved. The financial and treasurer reports, bills, and budgetary transfers were approved as presented.

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

*Rebecca Lytle*  
*Miranda Benford*  
*Jacob Bower*  
*Caleb Brougher*  
*Amanda Paquette*  
*Leah Clay*

The following agenda items were approved:

- The revision to policy number 004 (Membership) of the Rockwood Area School District Policy Manual
- The revision to policy number 203 (Immunizations and Communicable Diseases) of the Rockwood Area School District Policy Manual
- The revision to policy number 210.1 (Use of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors) of the Rockwood Area School District Policy Manual
- The revision to policy number 904 (Public Attendance at school Events) of the Rockwood Area School District Policy Manual
- The second and final reading of policy number 626 (Federal Fiscal Compliance) of the Rockwood Area School District Policy Manual

The senior privilege program was discussed. Upon discussion, the board voted to increase the grade average for the senior privilege program from 75% to 80% and to eliminate educational absences from the total count for participating in the program.

The board voted to table the discussion and possible action on a maintenance agreement with TREMCO for section B,C, and D of the roofing project and the replacement of the existing flashing.

The board accepted the business office recommendations for the custodial supply bid for the 2011-2012 school year.

The board voted to prepare specifications for a steel ramp for the bleacher project and to bid the project to meet ADA and building code compliance.

The changes to the elementary and secondary student schedules for the 2011-2012 school year, that include a starting time of 4 minutes earlier and a dismissal time of 5 minutes earlier and a 1 hour club period on Wednesday's that will include senior remediation, was approved.

Somerset Trust Company and First National Bank were designated as the school district depositories for the 2011-2012 school year.

Gail May was appointed as the Rockwood Area School District fund custodian for the 2011-2012 school year at no additional cost to the district.

Dr. Ajay P. Singh was approved as the physician-consultant for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$1,400.00.

The Somerset Daily American was approved as the newspaper of general circulation for the Rockwood Area School District.

The tentative graduation list for the class of 2011 was approved.

The student accident insurance with Bollinger Insurance for the 2011-2012 school year was approved. (No cost to the district – parents have the option to purchase).

The dental hygienist program for the 2011-2012 school year was approved.

The school nurse program for the 2011-2012 school year was approved.

Appoint the firm of Barbera, Clapper, Beener, Rullo, and Melvin as school district solicitor for the 2011-2012 school year.

The following Act 511 taxes were approved for the 2011-2012 school year:

Per Capita		5.00
Occupation		10.00
Earned Income	½%	
Real Estate Transfer	½%	

Zach Gaskin was elected to the office of School Board Treasurer.

A tentative budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year was approved with a millage rate of 21.89 mills and authorization was given to advertise this budget for final adoption on June 20, 2011.

The board approved a math textbook series for the 2011-2012 school year.

The board tabled a decision on the co-op agreement with Turkeyfoot School District for fall sports and activities.

The board approved the agreement with FIT Optimized Solutions in the amount of \$6,980.00 for the pneumatic control system for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

The contract with SANDAV Photography for the 2011-2012 school year was approved.

The board authorized two students to attend Allegheny College of Maryland during their senior year on a dual enrollment program and at no cost to the district.

The board approved the contract with Bedford/Somerset MH/MR for the 2011-2012 school year at the rate of \$53.00 per hour not to exceed \$22,260.00 per year.

The board discussed the approval of the quote from John Mosholder to re-point the existing chimney. Upon discussion, the board voted to table the approval of the quote from John Mosholder to re-point the existing chimney.

The evaluation form for the school district psychologist was approved.

The board voted to authorize the administration to pursue the utilization of para-professionals to cover lunch duties in the high school and elementary and to bring a proposal back to the Board for consideration.

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

Sherri Lewis	Elementary Education
Misty Deaner	Elementary Education

The board voted to approve a maximum of 20 additional hours for Pat Weston to complete the yearbook.

The following conference requests were approved:

1. IU 08 LETRS Training – Ebensburg, PA – 6/10/11 – Dana Weimer and Beth Miller (\$50.00 registration fee for Beth Miller to be paid with Title 1 Funds) – highly recommended by administration.
2. IU 08 LETRS Training – Ebensburg, PA – 6/10/11 – Jenna Sembower, Jessica Knepper, Denise Miller, and Mindy Sarver – no cost to district ( covered by Title 1 AYP Funds) – highly recommended by administration.
3. IU 08 LETRS Training – Ebensburg, PA – 6/10/11 – Adam Rullo and Jean Hart– highly recommended by administration.
4. IU 08 LETRS Training – Ebensburg, PA – 7/27/11 – Susan Slope – highly recommended by administration.
5. Central Pa. STEM Conference – Johnstown, PA – 6/15/11 – Joe Kush (Not mandatory but highly recommended by administration)
6. LETRS Module I training – Altoona, PA – 6/21/11 – Christy Hay & Sheila Bower (Sheila Bower will pay her own registration.)

The following field trip request was approved:

1. Rockwood Historical Society, DNA Lab, Post Office, Mill Shoppe, Fire Hall – 6/1/11 or 6/2/11 – Christy Hay, Dianne Milyak, Becky McKinley and 68 students – no cost to district.

The following use of school facility requests were approved:

1. The Learning Lamp – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 6/1/11, 5:30 – 8:30 PM – Graduation.
2. Rockwood AYSO Soccer – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 5/20/11, 6:30 – 8:00 AM – pizza/hoagie pick up.
3. New Centerville Spinnetts – Rockwood high school auditorium – 6/18/11, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM; 6/25/11, 5:00 – 9:00 PM – baton twirling rehearsal and recital.
4. Rockwood marching band – Rockwood auditorium, band room, athletic fields – 8/8/11 through 8/16/11 – band camp.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that the prom was held on Saturday night and that it was very well organized.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the scholar's tea was held on Sunday and was well attended.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he talked to the buyers of the Kingwood school. He will be calling Carl Metzgar in an attempt to speed up the approval processes.

General Board Member Discussion:

The board voted to hold a special meeting to discuss the budget on 6/8/11 at 7:00 P.M.

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