



Rocket Express

September 17, 2012

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, September 17, 2012.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 8/20/12 and the regular meeting on 8/20/12 were approved.

The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were approved.

The financial and treasurer reports and bills were approved as presented.

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

Emily Singo
Lucia Marks
William Tell Kincaid
Ashley O'Brien
Avery Deskevich
Sam Gary

Old Business:

John Hummel and Henry Burnett from L.R. Kimball reviewed the concept development resulting from the recent feasibility study on construction of a stadium locker room and concession stand facility, as well as the demolition of the red wing section. The estimated cost of the demolition of the red wing would range from \$55,749.00 to \$82,873.00 not including soft costs. If the foundation and slab were to be removed, the cost would increase in the amount from \$13,895.00 to \$117,919.00. The Board also reviewed the estimated cost of building a new facility adjacent to the stadium. The cost estimates ranged from \$671,493.00 to \$977,822.00.

Mr. Hummel and Mr. Burnett also presented a proposal for the installation of sidewalks extending from the gymnasium to Somerset Avenue. The architectural fees related to the project would be \$5,850.00 for the bidding phase and \$3,700.00 for the construction phase of the project. The estimated cost of the project would range between \$35,000.00 and \$45,000.00.

The Board also discussed the installation of steps to be installed down the bank from the corners of the existing gymnasium as requested as a possible project for the senior class. Upon discussion, the Board decided to eliminate this idea at this time.

The Board asked the administration to place discussion of the installation of the sidewalk on the October agenda.

The board approved the change order from Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$15,991.00 for the installation of a roof on the hallway leading to the red section.

The board approved the proposal from MEI Systems for security access systems at a cost not to exceed \$9,864.00.

The final transportation driver and substitute driver list for the 2012-2013 school year was approved.

The board approved the response and corrective action plan to the Auditor General's Performance Report for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009 and 2012.

New Business:

The board approved the contract with ACRP for the alternative program in Johnstown at the rate of \$65.00 per day.

The board authorized the administration to pursue a co-op agreement with Turkeyfoot for track for a period of one year, with no transportation costs to Rockwood and the waiver of the participation fee for the athletes.

Education/Personnel:

The board approved a maternity leave for Jessica Knepper for the adoption of a child – dates TBD.

The following volunteer assistant coaches for junior high football were approved, pending completion of all paperwork:

Greg Pruett
Jim Bower

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

Sarah Latuch Type 06 emergency

The board accepted the resignation of Rachel Struckoff as a personal care aide effective 8/22/12.

The board voted to employ Heather Houghton as a personal care aide at the rate of \$7.25 per hour.

The board accepted the resignation of Jack Illar as varsity track coach and authorized advertising for the position.

The board accepted the resignation of Kristen Engle as varsity softball coach and authorized advertising for the position.

The board approved dividing the junior high volleyball coaches' salary between Kristen Engle and Sharon Sterner at the rate of \$375.00 each.

The board voted to roll back into payroll the Section 125 reimbursements for health care contributions for the 2011-2012 school year.

The following conference requests were approved:

1. PASCD Annual Conference – Hershey, PA – 11/18/12 through 11/19/12 – April Kretchman
2. Southern Alleghenies Career Ed. Partnership Workshop – Somerset, PA – 9/21/12 – Catherine Fischer
3. IEP Writer Focus Group Meeting – Cool Center, PA – 10/3/12 – Amanda Custer and Eileen Buchanan

The following field trip requests were approved:

1. Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium – Pittsburgh, PA – May 2013 – Susan Slope, Cathy Phillippi, Brooke Latuch and 66 students
2. Faranda Farms – Holsopple, PA – 10/12/12 – Josh Bowlin, Jaime Gross, Tammy Minnick and 60 students
3. The Hay Loft – Rockwood, PA – next to last student day – Jon Hale, Josh Bowlin, Jaime Gross, Tammy Minnick and 60 students
4. Laurel Caverns – Farmington, PA – 5/17/13 – Carter Bower, Beth Mapes, Jenna Sembower and 60 students
5. Johnstown Children's Museum and Incline Plane – Johnstown, PA – May 2013 – Denise Miller, Deb Phillippi, Tricia Juran and 60 students

6. Pittsburgh Science Center – Pittsburgh, PA – September 2012 – Christy Hay, Mindy Sarver, Jenna Woy and 60 students
7. Gettysburg, Little Round Top and Devils Den Museum – Gettysburg, PA – May 2013 – Jessica Knepper, Becky McKinley and 42 students
8. Somerset Historical Center – Somerset, PA – May 2013 – Jane Holt, Christy Hay, Jenna Woy, Mindy Sarver and 60 students – no cost to district.
9. The Benedum Center – Pittsburgh, PA – 12/7/12 – Doug Spiri, sixth grade teachers and 80 students
10. Somerset County Scrabble Tournament – Friedens, PA – 4/26/13 – Beth Miller, Janet Dotson and 12 students
11. IU08 Reading Competition – Altoona, PA – November 2012 and March 2013 – Devin Schrock, Becky McKinley and 30 to 60 students
12. Washington DC Trip – May 2013 – Ben Baker, Elyse Branam, Devin Schrock and 75 students
13. County Highlights – Somerset, PA – 9/13/12 – Nicole Hetrick and 3 students
14. Somerset County Technology Center Tour – Somerset, PA – 10/11/12 – Catherine Fischer and 58 students – no cost to district. (paid by SCTC)
15. Somerset County Courthouse Red Ribbon Rally – Somerset, PA – October 2012 – Alana Letizia and 4 students – no cost to district. (paid by SADD)
16. SADD Regional Conference – Seven Springs Mountain Resort – October 2012 – Alana Letizia and 4 students – no cost to district. (paid by SADD)
17. Model United Nations Conference – Johnstown, PA – October 2012 – James Wagner and 25 students
18. Courthouse and Jail Tour – Somerset, PA – 2 days to be determined by the bar association – James Wagner and ninth grade students
19. Somerset Hospital, Mostoller Landfill, GUY Chemical, Chris Hay Photography, GFI Laboratory – Somerset, PA, Rockwood, PA – 10/12/12, 11/16/12 – Jessica Knepper and 9 students

The following Use of School Facility Requests were approved:

1. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary chorus room – 3/4/13 through 3/8/13, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Spring book fair.
2. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary chorus room, gymnasium – 3/1/13, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM – Family fun night.
3. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary chorus room, gymnasium – 10/19/12, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM – Family fun night.
4. Rockwood PTO – Rockwood elementary chorus room – 10/22/12 through 10/26/12, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Fall book fair.
5. Rockwood Young Farmers – Rockwood high school room 211- 11/1/12, 11/8/12, 11/15/12, Thursday evenings January through March 2013, 7:00 – 10:00 PM – Young farmer meetings.
6. PA Game Commission – Rockwood elementary library – 10/23/12 through 10/25/12, 3:30 – 7:00 PM – Hunter-trapper education class.
7. Rockwood Marching Band Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 9/28/12, 6:00 AM – 7:45 AM; 10/26/12, 6:00 AM – 7:45 AM – pizza and hoagie delivery

The following club & class activity request was approved:

1. Class of 2017 – Sheetz Coupon Book fundraiser – Sept. 18, 2012 – Approx. October 16, 2012

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower updated the Board on cyber school enrollment. Currently, the district has several less students this year as compared to last year at this time.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the AYP status was met at the district level and the elementary level, but the high school failed to meet the criteria in one out of the 14 categories. This puts the high school in a warning classification. A large number of districts also experienced the same classification this year.

Mark Bower informed the Board that 28 additional security cameras will be installed at various locations around the building.

Mark Bower informed the Board that he would like to purchase T-shirts for the maintenance department with the funds coming out of the maintenance budget.

Mark Bower discussed a request from the French class to take a trip to Normand for 10 days beginning June 1, 2013. The Board was supportive of the trip.

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