



Rocket Express

August 20, 2013

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2013. The minutes of the committee meeting on 7/16/13 and the regular meeting on 7/16/13 were approved. The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were also approved.

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

Board Recognition:

Mark Bower read the following letter received from Representative Carl Metzgar:

I write today upon the news you have voted to lower taxes. I commend you for your leadership and commitment to exemplary fiscal stewardship. Your regard for the taxpayers' money should be mirrored throughout the Commonwealth. Thank you for your continued service and leadership.

Old Business:

The board approved the following revisions to the Rockwood Area School District policy manual:

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| 103.1 | Nondiscrimination-Qualified Students with Disabilities |
| 113.1 | Discipline of Students with Disabilities |
| 113.2 | Behavior Support |
| 218 | Student Discipline |
| 218.1 | Weapons |
| 218.2 | Terroristic Threats |
| 222 | Tobacco Use |
| 227 | Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia |
| 323,423,523 | Tobacco Use-Administrative Employees |
| 351,451,551 | Drug and Substance Abuse-Administrative Employees |
| 805 | Emergency Preparedness |
| 904 | Public Attendance at School Events |
| 909 | Municipal Government Relations |
| 918 | Title I Parent Involvement |

New Business:

The board approved the contract with Learning Lamp for the 2013-2014 school year for a life skills aide.

The board approved the tentative transportation drivers and substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

The tentative transportation rates and routes for the 2013-2014 school year were approved.

The athletic schedules for the 2013-2014 school year were approved.

The athletic fees for officials for the 2013-2014 school year were approved.

The Teacher Effectiveness Evaluation and Observation Plan and Procedures were approved.

The first reading of policy number 805.1 (Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual was approved.

Education/Personnel:

Robert Schrock was approved as a volunteer independent cross country coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The board approved students to swim independently with the Somerset Area School District.

Elyse Branam was approved as junior varsity girls' soccer coach for the 2013-2014 school year.

Courtney Bowman was approved as varsity volleyball coach for the 2013-2014 school year.

Dan Weaver was approved as junior high boys' soccer coach for the 2013-2014 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

Dave Putman was approved as junior high girls' soccer coach for the 2013-2014 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

Julian Slesman was approved as junior high football coach for the 2013-2014 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

Patrick Pryal was approved as an unpaid assistant for varsity boys' soccer, pending completion of all paperwork.

Lori Breckenridge was approved as an unpaid assistant for junior high soccer.

The board approved a student to run cross country independently with Somerset at no cost to the district.

Greg Pruett was approved as an assistant football coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The board approved a 2% increase in coaching salaries for the 2013-2014 school year.

The board approved the substitute teacher list for the 2013-2014 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

The following mentor teachers were approved for the 2013-2014 school year:

Stacey Baker for Cassie Weimer
Amber Walker for Kristi Jacobson
Doug Spiri for Nathan Cook

Christy Hay was approved as induction chairperson for the 2013-2014 school year.

Christy Hay was approved as Act 48 chairperson for the 2013-2014 school year.

The following curriculum coordinators were approved for the 2013-2014 school year:

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| Susan Slope | Co-Elementary Reading |
| Becky McKinley | Co-Elementary Reading |
| Jessica Knepper | Elementary Math |
| Ben Baker | Elementary Science |
| Tammy Minnick | Elementary Social Studies |
| Adam Rullo | Elementary Special Education |
| Jay Best | High School Social Studies |
| Greg King | High School Math |
| Joyce Meese | High School Special Education |
| Jill Morgan | High School English |
| Amber Walker | High School Fine Arts |

The board approved Stacey Baker as the extended school year teacher for 5 hours per day for 12 days.

The board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Rockwood Education Association.

A motion to approve James Peck as a volunteer for the Rockwood Area School District, pending completion of all paperwork, died for the lack of a second.

The following **conference request** was approved:

1. 2013 School Health Symposium – Seven Springs, PA – 9/13/13 – Amanda Custer

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

1. High School Highlights Training – Somerset, PA – 9/24/13 – Nicole Hetrick and 2 students

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

1. Keystone State Reading Association Somerset Council – Rockwood elementary library – 9/23/13, 5:30 – 8:30 PM – promote reading and share ideas between districts.
2. Rockwood Marching Band Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 9/20/13, 6:00 – 7:30 AM – Koval's fundraiser delivery and pick-up.

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

1. Spanish and French Club – cookie dough sale – 9/19/13 through 9/30/13 – raise funds for field trips, travel, cultural foods, etc.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board of the Commonwealth Court reversal of the Pheasant Run Decision made in the Somerset County Court. The case will be sent to the Secretary of Education to determine if there is any educational merit.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the No Child Left Behind requirement has been waived for Pennsylvania.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the district received a quote in the amount of \$8,000.00 for materials alone to replace the cafeteria doors.

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