



# **Rocket Express**

## **April 18, 2011**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 2011. The minutes of the committee meeting on 3/21/11 and the regular meeting on 3/21/11 were approved. The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were also approved.

Upon discussion, the financial and treasurer reports, bills, and budgetary transfers were approved as presented with the exception of the invoice from Future Industries in the amount of \$2,704.86 which will be held until May or upon resolution of the coal specification issue.

### **Board Recognition:**

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

*Sean Rugg*  
*Jamie Knopsnyder*  
*Eric Truszka*  
*Sarah Foy*  
*Jennifer Johnson*  
*Charles Engleka*

Craig Erdman, a representative from PSBA, presented certificates to several Board members for their years of service. He thanked all of the Board members for their dedication of time and service to the local community. The following directors were presented certificates for serving the district:

Dave Tims	8 years
Clair Saylor	12 years

### **Public Comment:**

Elle Enos, Hannah Svonavec, and Lazar LaLone gave their FBLA business presentation that earned them a trip to the national competition.

### **Old Business:**

President, Mark Phillippi, appointed Zach Gaskin to serve on the Rockwood Area School District Strategic Plan Committee.

The coal bid was awarded to Penn Keystone Coal Company, LLC for the 2011-2012 school year at a price of \$139.50 per ton.

The propane bid was awarded to Ferrellgas for the 2011-2012 school year, in the amount of \$1.899 per gallon.

The board approved the revision to policy number 601 (Fiscal Objectives) of the Rockwood Area School District Policy Manual.

The revision to policy number 609 (Investment of District Funds) of the Rockwood Area School District Policy Manual was approved.

The revision to policy number 619 (District Audit) of the Rockwood Area School District Policy Manual was approved.

The board voted to reaffirm the PSBA Code of Conduct for Members of Pennsylvania School Boards and the PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance.

The board approved the TremCare Service Agreement with TREMCO in the amount of \$6,688.00 per year for a period of five years with the option to renew on an annual basis.

**New Business:**

The first reading of policy number 626 (Federal Fiscal Compliance) of the Rockwood Area School District Policy Manual was approved.

The board voted to participate in the Art Seeds XIV program for the 2011-2012 school year at a cost of \$300.00.

The board voted to accept the offer from James Beener to purchase property at private sale.

The board voted to table action on the replacement of the regulators on the propane tanks at a cost of \$1,349.50.

The board voted to remove a bench press and other unused equipment from the district inventory and accept the donation from the football boosters of a jammer press.

**Education/Personnel:**

The board approved the following amended motion from the 3/21/11 regular meeting: Approved the resignation of Kirby Barclay as elem. math curriculum coordinator and accept the retirement of Tom Jones effective the day after the last teacher day of the 2010-2011 school year.

The retirement of Kirby Barclay, effective the day after the last teacher day of the 2010-2011 school year, was accepted.

The board voted to accept the retirement of Susan Barclay, effective the day after the last teacher day of the 2010-2011 school year.

The retirement of Dianne Milyak was accepted, effective the day after the last teacher day of the 2010-2011 school year.

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

**Alex Minnick**

**Brooke Latuch**

**Jessica Daubert**

**Math**

**Elementary/Special Education**

**Biology/Chemistry/Math**

Christy Hay was approved as the induction chairperson for the 2011-2012 school year.

Christy Hay was approved as the Act 48 chairperson for the 2011-2012 school year.

Jim Miller was approved as the boys' varsity basketball coach for the 2011-2012 school year at the starting salary on the current approved salary scale.

Sandy King was approved as the athletic director for the 2011-2012 school year at the current athletic director salary less game manager costs.

The following conference request was approved:

1. Cyber Surgery – Altoona, PA – 5/6/11 – Linda Henry

The following field trip requests were approved:

1. Rockwood Community Grove – Rockwood, PA – 5/19/11 – Jenna Sembower, Tricia Juran, Jessica Knepper and 57 students – no cost to district.
2. Orange County Convention Center – Orlando, FL – 6/26/22 through 7/2/11 – Amber Walker and 3 students

The following Use of School Facility Requests were approved:

1. Rockwood American Legion – Rockwood auditorium – 5/30/11, 9:00 – 11:00 AM – Memorial Day services in case of inclement weather.
2. Rockwood Community Chorale – Rockwood classrooms, auditorium, band room, chorus room – 5/2/11, 5/9/11, 5/16/11, 5/23/11, 5/13/11, 7:00 – 9:00; 6/2/11, 6:00-8:00 – rehearsal for baccalaureate and service.

The following club & class activity request was approved:

1. Junior/Senior High Band – Cherrydale Farms fundraiser – 4/17/11 through 5/9/11 – raise funds for equipment, etc.

The board voted to authorize the use of bus drivers from other contractors provided that all paperwork is complete and on file.

### **Superintendent Report:**

Mark Bower presented a comparison of student performance of the Rockwood Area School District and the cyber schools that district students are attending.

Mark Bower informed the Board that the gym floor will be refinished starting on Wednesday.

Mark Bower reminded the Board of the budget meeting on 5/2/11 at 6:30 P.M.

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