



Rocket Express

March 21, 2011

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2011. The minutes of the committee meeting on 2/21/11, the regular meeting on 2/21/11, and the special meeting on 3/7/11 were approved. The agenda, agenda items, and additional agenda items were also 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:

Caitlin Schmuck
Dylan Miller
Perry Stennett
Rebecca Romesberg
Laura Dice
Jena Shaffer

Public Comment:

John Kreger addressed the Board and questioned why it was too expensive to pull out of the technology center, but the Board chose to sell the Kingwood elementary school for a lot less than it was worth.

Larry Lemmon addressed the Board and asked if parents coaching their own children was considered in the new coaching policy. He also asked the Board what they are considering to do to increase school spirit.

Old Business:

The board voted to amend the quote in the amount of \$9,999.00 from Upright Fence Company to complete the fence project and include fencing around the existing propane tanks.

The board voted to approve the quote in the amount of \$950.00 from Upright Fence Company to install fence in front of the dugouts.

New Business:

The board authorized the administration to advertise for the following bids for the 2011-2012 school year:

Coal
Propane
Custodial Supplies

The board approved the on-going participation in the Appalachia IU 08 Cooperative Purchasing Program for copier paper for the 2011-2012 school year.

Discussion was held regarding the approval of the Trem-Care 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. Upon discussion, the board voted to table the approval of the Trem-Care 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.

The board approved the 2011-2012 school calendar.

The board approved the food service management contract with Metz & Associates for the 2011-2012 school year at a guaranteed breakeven profit/loss margin.

A motion to approve the Appalachia IU 08 General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 school year failed.

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

The board approved the summer driver education program at an approximate cost of \$6,000.00 for 15 participants and to approve Ashley Oglevee as the behind-the-wheel instructor.

The board voted to approve S&S Incorporated to refinish the high school gymnasium flooring at a cost of \$14,000.00 that includes the new logo, with work to begin on April 20, 2011.

The board voted to purchase the parent interface system from QSP for the cafeteria software in the amount of \$1,595.00. (Purchase to be made from the cafeteria account).

Discussion was held regarding the IU 08 speech services for the 2011-2012 school year. Upon discussion, it was moved to authorize the administration to notify the IU by the 3/31/11 deadline that the district will not utilize their speech services for the 2011-2012 school year.

Education/Personnel:

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

Megan Donaldson

Elementary Education

The following conference request was approved:

1. PA Federal Program Conference – Champion, PA – 4/3/11 through 4/6/11 – Irene Kovach – no cost to the district. (paid by Title I funds) – suggested attendance to keep up on new federal regulations for the program.

The following field trip requests were approved:

1. Western PA Career and Construction Day – Monroeville, PA – 4/12/11 – Catherine Fischer and interested students in grades 9 through 12 (must have at least 20 students signed up)
2. Beth Shalom Synagogue – Westmont, PA – 4/29/11 – Jay Best and 4 students
3. National Holocaust Museum – Washington, D.C. – October 2011 – Jay Best and 40 students

The following Use of School Facility Requests were approved:

1. Dance with Miss Amanda – Rockwood high school classrooms, auditorium – 4/30/11, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM – dance recital.
2. Rockwood Marching Band Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 4/8/11, 6:00 -8:00 AM – pizza and hoagie sale pickup.
3. Rockwood Football Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 4/1/11, 6:00 -8:00 AM – pizza and hoagie sale pickup.
4. Rockwood Youth Football – Rockwood athletic fields – 8/21/22, 10:00 AM – 6:30 PM; 9/18/11, 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM; 9/25/11, 10:00 AM – 6:30 PM; 10/23/11, 10:00 AM – 6:30 PM – Youth football games.
5. Rockwood Junior Legion Baseball – Rockwood athletic fields – 3/21/11 through 7/11 (when available) – practice and games.

The following club & class activity request was presented to the Board for consideration:

1. Engineering & Technology Club – Galliker’s vending machine – year round – raise funds for club budget.

The board met in executive session for the discussion of personnel.

The board voted to employ Greg Sterner as a full-time custodian at a salary of \$17,000.00 plus a \$1,000.00 payment for shift differential.

The board voted to establish an interview committee for the boys’ basketball coaching position and the committee will make a recommendation to the Board at the April meeting.

The board voted to accept the retirement of Tom Jones effective the day after the last teacher day of the 2010-2011 school year.

The board voted to accept the resignation of Kirby Barclay as Elem. Math Curriculum Coordinator effective the day after the last teacher day of the 2010-2011 school year.

Superintendent Report:

- Mark Bower informed the Board that the 8th grade expo classes will remain the same and will be reviewed for next year when district staffing decisions have been made final.
- Mark Bower informed the Board that the district received 3 applications for athletic director and applications are due by 3/31/11.
- Mark Bower informed the Board that the Young Farmer Program held a banquet on Saturday celebrating 50 years of operation within the district.
- Mark Bower informed the Board that the county superintendents met with Carl Metzgar on Monday to discuss the proposed state budget and express their concerns on the proposal.
- Mark Bower informed the Board that Congressman Schuster will be in the district on Wednesday to address the 10th grade class.
- The Board will have a budget meeting on 5/2/11 at 6:30 P.M. and gave Brian Coughenour authorization to advertise the meeting.
- Mark Bower distributed the superintendent evaluations forms to Board members.

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