



# **Rocket Express**

## **July 19, 2010**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, July 19, 2010. The minutes of the committee meeting on 6/21/10 and the regular meeting on 6/21/10 were approved. The agenda was approved.

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

### **Public Comment:**

John Kreger addressed the Board on the possibility of using the fund balance to pay off the emergency loan. The Board informed Mr. Kreger that the loan was part of the fund balance and that the administration presented information showing that a cash flow problem may exist if the loan is paid off at this time.

Larry Lemmon asked the Board how much of a fund balance is needed in order to stop raising taxes. Ron Saler and Brian Coughenour expressed that there are many uncertainties coming up in the near future and a definite answer to the question cannot be given at this time. Mr. Lemmon also believes that the Board should consider donating the mineral rights from the sale of the Kingwood building back to the original landowner.

Fran Brancoto addressed the Board on the installation of the bleachers. He wanted to know if the bleacher side of the field would be designated as the home side. Ron Saler informed the public that the bleachers will be for anyone wanting to use them. Mr. Brancoto also wanted to know if anyone was identified for the damage done to the field. Mr. Bower informed him that an investigation was done and no one was identified as doing the damage.

### **Old Business:**

Luther P. Miller, Inc. was awarded the propane bid for the 2010-2011 school year at the rate of \$1.35 per gallon.

Future Industries, Inc. was awarded the bid for the coal bid for the 2010-2011 school year at the rate of \$116.79 per ton.

The following census enumerators for the 2010-2011 school year was approved:

Black Township	Diana Sanner
Casselman Borough	Diana Sanner
Rockwood borough	Diana Sanner
New Centerville Borough	Elizabeth Faidley
Middlecreek Township	Elizabeth Faidley
Milford Township	Betty Arnold
Upper Turkeyfoot Township	Julie Carlson

Hercules Fence was awarded the bid, in the amount of \$13,632.00, for the fencing project at the Rockwood Area School District with the option of tension wire attached to the bottom of the fence fabric.

The board approved the amendment to policy number 317 (Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures) of the Rockwood Area School District.

The board approved the amendment to policy number 325 (Dress and Grooming) of the Rockwood Area School District.

The amendment to policy number 328 (Compensation Plan) of the Rockwood Area School District was approved.

The board approved the amendment to policy number 417 (Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures) of the Rockwood Area School District.

The board approved the amendment to policy number 425 (Dress and Grooming) of the Rockwood Area School District.

The board approved the amendment to policy number 517 (Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures) of the Rockwood Area School District.

The amendment to policy number 525 (Dress and Grooming) of the Rockwood Area School District was approved.

**New Business:**

The changes to the elementary and secondary student and teacher handbooks for the 2010-2011 school year were approved.

Ron Saler volunteered to be the voting delegate to the PSBA Legislative Policy Council Meeting on 10/14/10 in Hershey.

The board approved the agreement with Learning Lamp for the 2010-2011 school year at a cost of \$3,334.00 paid by Title I funds.

Authorized the removal of old supplies and equipment in the maintenance building from the district inventory and offer them for sale to the public, with a list of the items for sale to be posted at various locations within the district.

The board accepted the Highmark Healthy High Five School Challenge Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 and authorized administration to obtain quotes on the bicycles that are part of the grant.

The board authorized a student to attend ACM in the afternoon during the 2010-2011 school year.

## **Education/Personnel:**

The board approved Mason Ansell as a volunteer assistant coach for boys' varsity soccer pending completion of all paperwork.

The board voted to employ Cindy Miller as a library/elementary office for the 2010-2011 school year.

The board approved a \$700.00 salary increase for secretaries, custodians, and administrative services personnel, to set the salary of Chris Hostetler at \$23,000.00, and to approve a 3% increase for teacher aides and instructional assistants.

The board approved the Act 93 agreement for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013 with the change in the agreement that an administrator receiving an unsatisfactory rating in any category will not receive an increase.

The board voted to employ Megan Schmuck as the girls' varsity basketball coach for the 2010-2011 school year.

Cory Nau was approved as the golf coach for the 2010-2011 school year pending completion of all paperwork.

The board voted to accept the resignation of Rita Kreger as an instructional assistant and to add her name to the district substitute teacher list.

The following **conference requests** were approved:

1. Co-Teaching and Differentiated Classroom Training – Duncansville, PA – 9/15/10 through 9/16/10 – Joyce Meese, Alana Otto and Linda Henry
2. Keystone Reading Conference – Hershey, PA – 10/24/10 through 10/27/10 – Irene Kovach, Jessica Knepper, Janet Dotson, Tammy Minnick and Cathy Phillippi (paid by ARRA Title 1 Stimulus Funds)
3. IU 08 LETRS Module 1 – Altoona, PA – 8/19/10 – Deb Phillippi and Tricia Juran

The following **field trip requests** were approved:

1. Somerset County Technology Center – Somerset, Pa. – 9/30/10 – Catherine Fisher and 70 students
2. New Centerville Jubilee Parade – New Centerville, Pa. – date to be determined – Doug Spiri and 45 students

The following Use of Facility Requests was approved:

Youth Football program to use the athletic field on the following dates and times:

8/13/10	6:00-8:00
8/14/10	9:00-11:00

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

The board voted to adjust the custodial working conditions by the addition of two additional personal days.

The board voted to adjust the working conditions of the secretarial staff as follows:

- 8 hour day inclusive of a ½ hour duty free lunch
- Phones to be covered from 7:00-4:30 during the school year and 7:00-3:00 during the summer
- Office hours 7:30-4:00 during the school year and 7:00-3:00 during the summer
- Develop a rotation schedule to cover scheduled and unscheduled snow days

### **Superintendent Report:**

Mark Bower informed the Board that an action plan for the bleachers will be provided in his Board briefs.

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