



# **Rocket Express**

## **May 21, 2012**

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, May 21, 2012. The minutes of the committee meeting on 4/16/12, the regular meeting on 4/16/12, and the special meeting on 5/7/12 were approved. The agenda and agenda items were approved with the following deletions:

- Consideration to accept the resignation of Mark Phillippi as Rockwood Area School District Director effective immediately.
- Consideration to accept the resignation of Allen Pletcher as Rockwood Area School District Vice-President.
- Consideration to elect Allen Pletcher as Rockwood Area School Board President.
- Election of the Rockwood Area School Board Vice-President.
- Discussion and consideration to advertise for a school director to fill the vacancy created by the resignation.

The board approved the financial and treasurer reports, bills, and budgetary transfers as presented.

### **Board Recognition:**

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

*Matthew Pletcher*  
*Nicole Halverson*  
*Isaac Breckenridge*  
*Christopher Miller*  
*Danielle Close*  
*Chelsee Beal*

Jennifer Johnson, Elle Enos, and Ashley Beener gave a presentation to the Board of their FBLA project that they will present at the national competition in San Antonio at the end of June.

### **Public Comment:**

Jack Illar presented a check to the Board in the amount of \$777.00 from the Rockwood Track Boosters for the improvement project on the track. This amount was the proceeds from the recent fundraiser called Rock the Track held this past weekend.

### **Old Business:**

Irvin Kimmel was elected as Board Treasurer

The board approved adjusting the following student council advisors stipend to reflect the proposal that was approved on 8/15/11:

Amber Walker	333.33
Bark Pelesky	333.33
Alana Letizia	333.33

The board voted to accept the recommendations of the business office for the following bids for the 2012-2013 school year:

**Custodial/Electrical**  
**Coal**

## Propane

Bruce Mancini from TREMCO discussed the replacement of a section of the roof for the 2012-2013 school year. His recommendation is to replace section D at an estimated cost of \$205,230.00 and to utilize the Pa. Education Joint Purchasing Council instead of the traditional bidding process. He believes that the bidding process will put time constraints on the completion of the work and the difference in the price will be very minimal.

## New Business:

The board approved the contract with New Directions for the 2012-2013 school year at the following rates:

Regular Education	60.00/day
Itinerant and Supplemental Special Education	65.00/day
Full Time Special Education	70.00/day

The NRA Grant in the amount of \$5,250.14 for the 2012-2013 school year was approved.

The board voted to designate Somerset Trust and First National Bank as school district depositories for the 2012-2013 school year.

Gail May was appointed as fund custodian for the 2012-2013 school year.

Dr. Ajay P. Singh was approved as the school physician-consultant for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Somerset Daily American was designated as the newspaper of general circulation for the Rockwood Area School District.

The contract with Bollinger Insurance Solutions for student accident insurance for the 2012-2013 school year was approved.

The dental hygienist program for the 2012-2013 school year was approved.

The school nurse program for the 2012-2013 school year was approved.

The firm of Barbera, Clapper, Beener, Rullo, & Melvin was approved as school district solicitor for the 2012-2013 school year.

The board adopted a preliminary general fund budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year with total expenditures of \$11,089,921.00 and a millage rate of 21.89 mills on real estate, a \$350,000.00 one-time expenditure from the existing fund balance, and establish an assigned fund balance of \$1,000,000.00 for future contractual obligations, and approved administration to properly advertise this budget for final adoption on June 18, 2012.

The board voted to approve the following Act 511 taxes for the 2012-2013 school year:

<b>Per Capita</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Occupation</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Real Estate Transfer Tax</b>	<b>½%</b>
<b>Earned Income Tax</b>	<b>½%</b>

The board voted to approve the earned income tax resolution as required by Act 32.

Homebound instruction for a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student was approved.

The board voted to authorize a student to attend ACM for ½ day throughout his 2012-2013 senior year.



2. Rockwood Soccer Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium, athletic fields – 7/23/12 through 7/28/12, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM – soccer camp.
3. Rockwood Class of 1972 – Rockwood high school and elementary facilities – 7/20/12, 5:00-6:00 PM – tour facility.
4. New Centerville Spinnetts – Rockwood high school auditorium – 6/16/12, 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM; 6/23/12, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM – recital.
5. Rockwood Marching Band – Rockwood high school auditorium, band room, athletic fields – 8/6/12 through 8/10/12, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM; 8/13/12 through 8/14/12, 12:00 – 3:30 PM – band camp.
6. Rockwood Girls' Varsity Basketball – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 7/9/12 through 7/11/12, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – basketball camp.
7. Rockwood Class of 2014 – Rockwood high school gymnasium – April 2013, 3:00 – 10:00 PM – donkey basketball game.

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

1. Class of 2014 – Donkey basketball game – April 2013 – raise funds for prom and class trip.

**Superintendent Report:**

Mark Bower expressed his appreciation to the students and staff at the Rockwood high school for the recent bronze award.

Mark Bower informed the Board the Envirothon teams placed first and second in the county and the first place team will be competing in the state competition.

Mark Bower expressed his gratitude to Jon Hale and Irene Kovach for their efforts in securing a district wide Title I program.

The Board discussed the possibility of the cemetery association purchasing land near the water tower. Mark will contact the association and have them present a proposal at a future meeting.

The Board discussed the quote received to install the flooring in the elementary cafeteria. The cost would be \$1,800.00 for the labor alone. The Board decided to have district personnel complete the work.

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