



Rocket Express

April 16, 2012

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Monday, April 16, 2012. The minutes of the committee meeting on 3/19/12, and the regular meeting on 3/19/12, were approved. The agenda, agenda items and additional agenda items were 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:

Emily Kemp
Kylee Sterner
Julie Walker
Aniya Gray
Ashley Fritch
Laura Dice

Old Business:

The board discussed the current bleacher project with the contractor. Upon discussion, it was moved to authorize Walter Cyran to make all the necessary modifications to the ramp and the bleachers using his labor at no additional cost to the district.

The board approved the revision to policy number 004 (Membership) of the Rockwood Area School District policy manual.

The board voted in favor of accepting the following bids for the purchase of the wood lathes as previously advertised on the district web page:

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| Kurt Sauder | \$120.00 |
| Ron Mort | \$86.00 |
| Scott Foreman | \$55.00 |

The board voted to accept the proposal from L.R. Kimball for architectural and engineering services for the Rockwood Area School District in the amount of \$9,000.00 plus project-related reimbursable expenses.

New Business:

The tentative graduation list for the class of 2012 was approved.

The board voted to approve the contract with Camco for physical and occupational therapy services for the 2012-2013 school year.

The board adopted the resolution requesting an end to the shift in responsibility, for providing public education revenue, from the state to the local taxpayers, and to call for eradicating the plan to bundle certain appropriations in the proposed 2012-2103 state budget.

The board accepted the offer from William and Judith Grace to purchase property at private sale.

The board voted in favor of accepting the donation from Tri-State Mining of two executive desks.

The board discussed the asbestos abatement in the red section and the cafeteria area. Upon discussion, the board voted to approve the removal of the asbestos in the red section and the cafeteria areas at a cost of \$9,245.00, \$350.00 per day for the removal of the asbestos, and \$500.00 for each required air sample.

The board approved the contract with Jack Mosholder and AYSO for the use of Mosholder Fields by the junior high and varsity soccer teams from 8/13/12 through 11/16/12.

The board approved the contract with Lifetouch Studios for the 2012-2013 school year.

The board discussed the 2012-2013 general fund budget. Upon discussion, the Board decided to hold a special meeting to discuss the budget prior to the May 21, 2012 meeting.

Education/Personnel:

The resignation of Ricky Albright as custodian, effective 3/21/12, was approved.

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

Justine Stolfus

Health & Physical Education

The board discussed the installation of time clocks in the Rockwood Area School District. Upon discussion, it was moved to install the Amano System time clocks in the amount of \$1,186.00 for instructional assistants, custodial staff, and secretarial staff. Upon roll call vote, the motion failed.

The board voted to accept the donation from John Olesky, in the amount of \$1,000.00 for building improvements, from his summer basketball coaching pay.

The board voted to approve the following unpaid assistant coaches for track, pending completion of all paperwork:

Dave Griffith
Dave McCall
Sharon Sterner
Fran Brancato

The board discussed transition services for the 2012-2013 school year, but did not act on the agenda item.

The following **conference request** was approved:

1. SAP Coordination Team and District Council – Somerset, PA – 5/7/12 – Catherine Fischer, Amanda Custer, Jay Best, and Misty Demchak (required by state law)

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

1. Great Allegheny Passage Bike Trail – Rockwood, PA – 5/11/12, 5/14/12, 5/15/12, 5/16/12, 5/17/12, and 5/18/12 – Kristen Engle and 30 students – no cost to district.

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

1. Rockwood American Legion – Rockwood auditorium – 5/28/12, 9:00 – 11:00 AM – Memorial Day services in case of bad weather.
2. Baccalaureate Choir/Rockwood Ministerium – Rockwood auditorium, chorus room – 4/16/12, 4/23/12, 4/30/12, 5/7/12, 5/14/12, 5/21/12, 5/29/12, 7:00 – 9:00 PM – rehearsal and baccalaureate.
3. Rockwood Merchants Association – Rockwood parking lot – 5/12/12, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – parking and shuttle for train day.

Superintendent Report:

Mark Bower informed the Board that 14 FBLA students have qualified at the state level and 1 has possibly qualified for the national level.

The board approved the FBLA trip to the national competition with further information to be presented at the May meeting.

Mark Bower informed the Board that work will be done on the track on 6/9/12, 6/10/12, 6/23/12, and 6/24/12. All volunteers are welcome.

The Board discussed the proposal for our food service management contract with Metz for the 2012-2013 school year. The proposal is calling for a \$17,000.00 loss for the year at the current food prices. Board members discussed the possibility of increasing the prices next year by 10 cents and using a portion of the fund balance to make up the difference. A final decision will be made at the May meeting.

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

Jeffrey Snyder was employed as a full-time custodian.

The board voted to authorize and direct the Superintendent and administration to study student enrollment trends for past years as well as the projected enrollment for the upcoming school year, study past and current curriculum and course offerings of the school district, as well as those for the upcoming school year, study the overall staffing needs of the school district for the upcoming school year, and make recommendations to the School Board concerning staffing, curriculum and program needs for the upcoming school year.

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