



Rocket Express

February 19, 2013

The Rockwood Area Board of School Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. The minutes of the committee meeting on 1/15/13 and the regular meeting on 1/15/13 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.

Board recognition:

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

Jade Hetz
Augusta Hay
Meghan Armstrong
Cheyenne Ware
Maria Svonavec
Mary Dice

Old Business:

The board approved a preliminary general fund budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year with total expenditures of \$11,577,368.00 and a millage rate of 23.08 mills on real estate, to authorize the administration to apply for the special education and retirement contribution exceptions from the Department of Education, and instruct the administration to attempt to reduce the final millage prior to adoption of the final budget in June.

The board discussed the options for the roof replacement project. Upon discussion, the board approved the base bid (Section C & B2) from Triangle Roofing at a final fixed cost of \$339,860.00, with the possible increase in cost if decking needs to be repaired.

New Business:

The board adopted the resolution in support of the right-of-way from the Technology Center to Columbia Gas of Pa., Inc., and the right-of-way and assignment and transfer of facilities from the Somerset County Technology Center to Somerset Township Municipal Authority.

The board voted in favor of holding tax collector compensation rates at the current levels.

The proposal from ASCC in the amount of \$21,910.00 to upgrade the classroom phones in the district to improve efficiency and safety in the district was approved.

Discussion was held regarding the Concussion Management Team (CMT) proposal for the Rockwood Area School District. Upon discussion, the board voted to approve the Concussion Management Team (CMT) proposal for the Rockwood Area School District.

Education/Personnel:

The resignation of Nicholas Buterbaugh, as assistant varsity football coach, was accepted.

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

Rebecca McNeel	Health & Phys. Ed, K-12
Jordan Svonavec	Type 06

Cheryl Golembiowski was added to the instructional assistant substitute list, pending completion of all paperwork.

Terry Wilt was added to the substitute custodial list, pending completion of all paperwork.

Sam Saksen, Dave McCall, Dave Mapes, and Fran Brancato were approved as unpaid assistant track coaches for boys and girls track, pending completion of all paperwork.

John Emert was approved as softball coach at a salary of \$2,200.00, pending completion of all paperwork.

The board voted to table the following agenda items until a future meeting:

- Consideration to employ an assistant softball coach
- Consideration to employ an assistant varsity football coach

Joe Brown was approved as the varsity head football coach, pending completion of all paperwork.

The resignation of Paula Metz as an instructional assistant, effective 2/27/13, was accepted.

The Board met in executive session.

The board approved adopting the resolution in support of the adjudication regarding a student disciplinary matter.

The following **Conference Requests** were approved:

1. How to Transition to the Common Core Standards – Altoona, PA – 3/1/12 – Greg King, April Kretchman
2. Student Assistance Program Training – Latrobe, PA – 5/6/13 through 5/8/13 – Sue Slope, Becky McKinley, Beth Miller, and Tammy Minnick (funded by Safe Schools Targeted Grant).
3. Maximizing Reading – Pittsburgh, PA – 5/7/13 – Devin Schrock
4. How to Transition to the Math Common Core – Altoona, PA – 3/1/13 – Jessica Knepper and Elyse Branam
5. A.L.I.C.E – Altoona, PA – 4/15/13, 4/16/13 – Travis Robison (highly recommended by administration).

The following **Field Trip Request** was approved:

1. Confluence Creative Arts Center – Confluence, PA – 3/7/13 – Jessica Knepper, Becky McKinley, and 42 students

The following **Use of School Facility Requests** were approved:

1. Rockwood Jr. Legion – Rockwood athletic fields – March through July when available – baseball practice and games.
2. AYSO Soccer – Rockwood high school library, classrooms, auditorium, cafeteria – 2/16/13. 3:00 – 5:00 PM; 2/23/13, 2:00 PM - ?; 3/2/13, 2:00 PM - ?; 3/10/13, 5:00 PM - ?; 3/17/13, 12:00 PM - ? – parent meetings, coaches meetings, team organizational meetings.
3. Rockwood Basketball Boosters – Rockwood high school cafeteria – 3/1/13, 4:30 – 8:30 PM – Basketball banquet.

4. French Boosters – Rockwood elementary gymnasium – 4/20/13, 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM – fundraising auction.
5. French Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 2/22/13, 6:00 – 7:00 AM – pizza and hoagie deliveries.
6. Quiz Team – Rockwood high school classrooms and cafeteria – 4/6/13, 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM – Middle school tournament.
7. The Learning Lamp – Rockwood elementary LGI room – 4/12/13, 12:00 – 7:00 PM – preschool registration.
8. Rockwood Marching Band Boosters – Rockwood high school gymnasium – 4/15/13, 6:30 AM- 7:45 AM – pizza & hoagie pick-up.

The following **Club & Class Activity Requests** were approved:

1. National Honor Society – Santa Rosa Coffee Roasters fundraiser – 4/8/13 through 4/27/13 – raise funds for club activities.
2. FBLA – pizza & hoagie sale – 2/20/13 through 3/6/13 – raise funds for FBLA leadership conference.
3. Class of 2016 – Sheetz coupon fundraiser – 3/8/13 through 4/10/13 – raise funds for Soph-Senior and future senior trip.
4. Class of 2013 – Krispy Kreme fundraiser – 3/1/13 through 3/8/13 – raise funds for senior trip, graduation and class t-shirts.

Superintendent Report:

The Board discussed the proposed school calendar for the 2013-2014 school year. The final calendar will be presented for approval at the March or April meeting.

Mark Bower distributed the current Board committee membership to each Board member.

Mark Bower distributed the needs assessment form to each Board member. The Board has been asked to update the form and return it in March.

Mark Bower informed the Board that Cheryl Barto has applied for a grant through the Pittsburgh Pirates in the amount of \$5,000.00. It is a matching grant and the boosters will be utilizing in-kind services for the match.

The PSBA legislative meeting will be held on 4/4/13, at Forest Hills High School.

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