

Highlights
Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
Rocky River City School District
Board of Education
02/11/15

Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Rounds

- Mrs. Rounds reported that author Trudy Ludwig was a special guest of the school district this week meeting with both students and parents.
- Mrs. Rounds reminded committee members that the strategic planning sessions kick-off in March and that all communications would come out of Ms. Anderson’s office.
- Mrs. Rounds advised committee members that Right to Read Week will be May 11-15, 2015, and a resolution would be on the April Board meeting agenda.

Facilities Committee – Mr. Milano

- Dr. Shoaf reported that the Facilities Committee met at the middle school prior to the committee meeting to observe school dismissal.

Finance Committee – Mr. Swartz

- Mr. Markus noted that the Governor’s initial school funding allocation for the upcoming state biennium was recently released and that the Rocky River Schools are anticipated to receive a very modest increase in state basic aid over the two-year period starting July 1, 2015. However, many details of the new funding formula are still unknown and the plan is subject to legislative debate and modification through the normal legislative process. Mr. Markus noted that one analysis he saw shows that the core opportunity aid portion of state funding would actually decrease for the District, but presumably we would see an overall increase due to other components of the funding formula such as transportation reimbursement, special education funding, etc. Mr. Markus will be working with other school business officials to attempt to understand the new funding formula in the coming weeks. Dr. Shoaf, Mr. Markus and other district administrators are also planning to meet with state representatives in the coming weeks to express our thoughts on funding for them to consider in the legislative process.

School Community – Ms. Goepfert

- Mrs. Rounds advised committee members that Family Game Week is February 15-21, 2015, and that there would be a resolution on the board agenda on February 19.
- Dr. Shoaf reminded everyone that on Tuesday, February 17 at 6 PM there would be a Community Meeting about Safe Routes to School, followed by the Robby’s Voice presentation at 7 PM. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

Policy & Legislation – Dr. Fancher

- Dr. Shoaf reported that he received an email from NEOLA stating that the spring policy updates were on their way.