

Minutes

Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District

The Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, met in special joint session with the Rocky River Public Library Board on April 8, 2011 at 7:35 a.m. in the Rocky River Public Library.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT – Dr. Fancher, Ms. Goepfert, Mrs. Rounds, Mr. Swartz

ABSENT - Mr. Milano

Discussion was held on the following topics:

Ms. Manzo welcomed all to the joint board meeting and asked everyone at the table to introduce themselves. She then turned the discussion over to Mr. Cronin.

Mr. Cronin commented that he had been at the library for almost 10 months. The library has about 1,000 people through its door each day and circulates approximately 875,000 items per year. The library has added databases the patrons need and has recently added Freegal which offers free music downloads. The library has been developing a Strategic Plan which it plans to release in early summer. There has been a continuing focus on early childhood literacy. Perennial problems continue to be the lack of adequate parking spaces and a teen area that is too small.

Mr. Swartz thanked all who attended and commented on the impending funding changes from the state and asked Dr. Shoaf to comment further.

Dr. Shoaf discussed the proposed 76% reduction from state funding and the elimination, rather than phasing out, of the Tangible Personal Property Tax and the Kilowatt-Hour Tax. The school is planning a public meeting with State Senator Patton and Representative Baker to discuss the large cuts proposed by the State. The School District was planning on some cuts from the State budget, but not nearly as large as was proposed. Kensington School received the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators Hall of Fame award. Student performance remains high. Dr. Shoaf discussed the changes in various facilities. The Board of Education and the Administration offices would be moving to Beachwood. The High School will receive a new science addition and will undergo a full renovation.

The board members of the library and the school board discussed other matters of general interest.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

President

Treasurer