

# 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 a Finance Committee session on December 16, 2010 at 6:03 p.m. in the Curriculum Library at the Board of Education Offices.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 p.m. by Mr. Swartz, Chair

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

Mr. Markus reviewed the following items with the committee:

### Financial Summary – November 2010

During November we received two advances of delinquent property taxes as scheduled by the County in the amount of \$263,000, which was moderately above our estimate for the month. State foundation and SFSF revenue came in moderately above estimates as well with All Other Operating Revenue coming in significantly above estimates on a percentage basis due to the receipt of tuition revenue passed through our state foundation payment. We are not scheduled to receive any more tax advances until January and I do not foresee the need to request a special advance in December.

On the expenditure side of the ledger, salary and benefit expenditures came in slightly above estimates, but employee benefits came in below estimates at very close to the same amount of the negative salary variance. Purchased services, supplies/materials, capital outlay other objects expenditures came in moderately - significantly below estimates mainly due to timing at this point.

Please reference the SM-2 Comparison Report for how our FY 11 revenue and expenditure data compare to FY 09 amounts. Total fiscal YTD revenues (excluding other financing sources) came in *below* the fiscal 2010 amount by 2.46% while fiscal YTD expenditures (excluding other financing uses) came in almost exactly even with the fiscal 2010 amount.

The reason our revenues are down year over year is due to the decrease in property tax payments received for the second half settlement as explained in previous months. The main reasons our overall expenditures were held to even with the prior year instead of showing an increase was due to the fact that we did not need to pay our Lakewood career tech billing in July this year since we paid this back in January (as reflected in the contracted services line #3.030) as well as a reduction in supplies/materials expenditure levels to date due to a decrease in textbook expenditure levels from the prior year as well as a reduction in capital spending levels due to a significant computer purchase being financed through a lease/purchase arrangement instead of through a cash outlay from the General Fund. We continued to see an increase in the salaries and benefits lines which were expected due to salary schedule and health insurance increases.

Our ending cash balance ended slightly above last year's level (\$3,740,667 vs. \$3,600,505) due to the larger beginning balance that we ended up starting the year with in spite of the

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decrease in property tax revenue received year-over-year. Encumbrances came in significantly below last year's amount mainly due to timing.

### Board of Revisions/Board of Tax Appeals Update

The BOR/BTA reports of outstanding cases as prepared by Dan McIntyre, Board legal counsel, as of November 30, 2010 were reviewed by those in attendance.

### Investments - Bond Issue

During November, I purchased another FHLB for the BAB bond issue portfolio that settled on 12/3 and will be reflected on the December investment report. I will continue to work with our investment advisor to look for investment opportunities in this very bleak investment environment.

Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Swartz, Chair, at 6:50 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer