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The Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, met in Committee Session on May 8, 2013 at 5:03 p.m. in the Curriculum Library at the Board of Education Offices.

Guests and visitors are requested to sign the Visitors' Register. In accordance with Bylaw 0169.1: Public Participation at Board Meetings, those wishing to address the Board are required to complete the Bylaw 0169.1 Form and submit it to the Superintendent or President of the Board prior to the start of the meeting. Thank you.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT - Dr. Fancher, Ms. Goepfert, Mr. Milano, Mrs. Rounds, Mr. Swartz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Resolution No. 96-13

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District that it hereby adopts this Agenda, including any addendum attached hereto, for the May 8, 2013 meeting.

Board Member	Vote
Jon Fancher	Aye
Kathy Goepfert	Aye
Jay Milano	Aye
Jean Rounds	Move
Scott Swartz	Second

The resolution was adopted 5 – 0.

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COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Discussion was held on the following items:

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Mr. Swartz

- The Finance Committee Meeting will be next Thursday prior to the Regular Board of Education Meeting. The Finance Committee could not schedule a citizens meeting in April due to scheduling problems but are hoping to meet within the next week before the Regular Board of Education Meeting. Mr. Swartz updated the Board on the progress of the formation of the Citizens Finance Committee as well as the areas that they may review.
- Mr. Swartz brought to the Board's attention a recent email circulated to public officials state-wide from State Auditor David Yost regarding accuracy in financial reporting, specifically how that concept relates to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 for Ohio governments and a recent case involving a specific example of a violation of the Act by the City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Markus briefly reviewed the steps that the District takes as part of its annual and interim financial reporting and auditing process and the oversight and direction provided by the Ohio Auditor of State's Office since the mid-1990's. He stated that Ohio governments appear to be generally compliant with these types of requirements from his view due in large part to the oversight and guidance provided by the State Auditor's Office over the years. Further, he stated that the Rocky River Schools, in particular, has always taken accurate and complete financial disclosure very seriously as evidenced by the consistent results of annual audits and being awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's annual Excellence in Financial Reporting award for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) consistently over several years.
- Mr. Swartz and Mr. Markus also briefed the Board on a possible lease/purchase financing option for the upgrade to the turf field at the stadium. Mr. Markus stated that the bank he spoke with would not finance this type of capital acquisition more than 7 years due to life expectancy. This option will be considered in addition to internal borrowing and a straight cash payment as the time nears to consider the upgrade. He further stated that the District currently has one payment left in December 2013 on the manuscript bonds used to finance the original turf field installation and other stadium improvements.
- Mr. Swartz and Mr. Markus also informed the Board that a draft five-year forecast update due to the State Department of Education by May 31 is currently being finalized and will be reviewed by the Finance Committee at their next scheduled meeting on May 16 in advance of the Regular Board of Education Meeting later that evening. Mr. Markus will distribute the draft forecast for review to all Board Members in advance of the meetings.

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY - Mr. Goepfert

- Mrs. Cynthia Schafer will be reappointed for another seven-year term as Trustee for the Rocky River Public Library at the May 16, 2013 Regular Board of Education Meeting.
- Mrs. Rounds will be attending the Coalition Meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at the Presbyterian Church at 8:00 a.m.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Mr. Milano

- Mr. Milano reported that the Campus Foundation and School Administration met to discuss the progress of the Campus Project. Financial commitments for the landscaping are coming in. Still no naming rights for the stadium.
- We received excellent bids on the parking lot resurfacing. The money not spent on the resurfacing could possibly be enough to remove the smoke stack at the High School.
- No change orders to be approved on the May Agenda.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE - Mrs. Rounds

- Mrs. Rounds reported on the Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting from that afternoon. Candace Hecker gave an overview of class rank: advantages and disadvantages. The High School administration and guidance will research alternatives to our current practice of class ranking.
- The district will recognize Rich Thomas and his team for their meticulous work refurbishing the Fireside Room at the May Regular Board of Education Meeting.

POLICY AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - Dr. Fancher

- Policies will be on the May 16th Regular Board of Education Agenda for a First Reading.

OTHER

- Stan Fairchild commented that he missed the sound system in the old Board of Education Room.
- The All Schools Band Concert was great!

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

In accordance with Bylaw 0169.1 Public Participation at Board Meetings, residents, students, staff, and invited guests are welcomed by the President of the Board or the Superintendent to address the Board at this time.

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**REVIEW OF AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TO BE HELD ON
May 16, 2013.**

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

Resolution No. 97-13

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District that the meeting be adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Board Member	Vote
Jon Fancher	Aye
Kathy Goepfert	Second
Jay Milano	Aye
Jean Rounds	Aye
Scott Swartz	Move

The resolution was adopted 5 – 0.

President

Treasurer