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The Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, met in Committee Session on April 18, 2012 at 5:06 p.m. in the Curriculum Library at the Board of Education Offices. A digital recording was made of this meeting and is on file in the Office of the Treasurer.

President Kathleen Gopfert presiding

**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

### RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Resolution No. 93-12

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 April 18, 2012 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.

### COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Discussion was held on the following items:

#### FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Mr. Milano

- The resolution for the furniture bid for Rocky River High School, Kensington Intermediate School and Goldwood Primary School was approved at the Special Board of Education Meeting held prior to the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE - Mr. Swartz

- Mr. Swartz reviewed the recommendations of Bob Dykes from Triad Research that were presented at a Special Board Meeting on April 17, 2012. Those recommendations included a November levy as opposed to an August levy due to a number of factors that make a November levy passage more probable than an August levy. Mr. Swartz, Dr. Shoaf and Mr. Markus also discussed the delinquent tax collection situation that has provided relief to next fiscal year's projected budget. Mr. Markus explained the collection percentage calculation performed by the County Budget Commission and how this affects revenue estimates and, ultimately, levy planning. Mr. Milano reminded everyone that even with the spike in delinquent tax collections, cuts would still be needed going into next year and certainly years following if a second levy request would fail. Dr. Shoaf spoke about budget tightening that has already been done on account of funding cuts imposed upon the District by the State in the amount equivalent to 1.1 mills of the District's funding. A discussion of the timing of the next five-year forecast update and legislation needed for a November levy request was also had. It was noted that the five-year forecast update should be approved by the Board at the May 17 meeting to meet the State's May 31, 2012 deadline, but that the Board has until August 8 to file the necessary documents with the County Board of Elections to have a levy placed on the November 6, 2012 ballot.
- The next Finance Meeting will be on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

### SCHOOL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - Ms. Goepfert

- Interviews for the Rocky River Public Library Trustee Vacancy will be held on Monday, April 23, 2012 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The appointment will be on the April or May Board Agenda.
- Recovery Resources/Community Challenge has joined forces with the Westshore Enforcement Bureau & McKeon Education Group to host "Risky Business: What You Don't Know **Can** Hurt You or Someone You Love." This Town Hall event will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Rocky River Presbyterian Church. This event is funded by the "Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration."
- Recovery Resources is holding a Coalition Fundraiser at Chick-fil-a on May 2, 2012 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. 10% of the sales will be given to the Rocky River Coalition for Youth Asset Development.
- There is a Coalition Meeting tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. at Goldwood Primary School.
- Parks and Recreation met on April 19, 2012. Kerry Capka will be in attendance at the April 26, 2012 Board Meeting and will give a report.
- Rocky River Education Foundation Fundraiser was a great success. \$10,486.00 was awarded in Spring Grants and 4 to 5 scholarships will be awarded to Rocky River High School students.

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### CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

- On Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, members of the Rocky River Historical Society donated their time to teach second graders about local history. About a half-dozen historical society members came to Goldwood Primary School to present interactive talks about key elements of Rocky River's past days.
- Ms. Anderson announced that OAT testing would begin the week of May 1<sup>st</sup> for grades 3-8. Accommodations for students who need it are being made.
- Ms. Anderson discussed with the Board, information she dispersed regarding subject areas that the Ohio Department of Education require each district to offer. Discussion ensued regarding the Fitness Policy that our district could adopt waiving a Fitness credit.

### POLICY AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - Dr. Fancher

- A revised Code of Conduct with updated wording and additional wording for bullying/cyber bullying will be ready for approval.

### 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.

- Mr. Tom Lewins spoke and was pleased to hear about specific cuts being made in the budget. He hopes the administration continues to pursue issues concerning administrative costs. Mr. Lewins feels that a levy on the November ballot would be good.
- Jim Spallino spoke supporting the levy on the November ballot.

### OTHER

- Dr. Shoaf announced that Mr. Lowell Davis, a retired treasurer, was hired for 6-7 days to review finances and recommend what levy amount the district needs to stay afloat.
- Ms. Goepfert would like to commend Michael Murray and Julie Achladis for saving a student who was having difficulty in the pool.
- Ms. Goepfert also announced that Linden Park Soccer Fields are officially renamed "The John Honeyman & Pat Gillespie Soccer Fields". The dedication will be sometime at the end of May.
- At the May Board Meeting, retirees will be honored and the High School students will attend to discuss their efforts for the High School landscaping.

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### REVIEW OF AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 26, 2012

#### RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

Resolution No. 94-12

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District that it hereby adjourn at 5:51 p.m.

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

The resolution was adopted 5 – 0.

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President

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Treasurer