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Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District

RESOLUTIONS

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The Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, met in committee session on August 12, 2009 at 5:00 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.

Vice-President Kathleen Goepfert presiding

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT – Mr. Milano, Dr. Schieda

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Resolution No. 103-09

Mrs. Rounds moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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 its Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting, August 12, 2009.

Mr. Swartz seconded the resolution and the roll was called:

ROLL CALL

AYES – Mrs. Rounds, Mr. Swartz, Ms. Goepfert

ABSENT – Mr. Milano, Dr. Schieda

The resolution was adopted 3 – 0 with 2 absent.

Dr. Schieda arrived at 5:13 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The committees of the Board met.

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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE - Mrs. Rounds

Discussion was held on the following items:

Other

Welcome

Mrs. Rounds welcomed Mrs. Sue Pease who has assumed her new position as executive secretary to the superintendent.

Wilson and Foundations Workshops

Mrs. Rounds thanked Ms. Anderson for orchestrating the Wilson and Foundations Workshops this summer. Workshops were well attended and very informative. Ms. Anderson said that two of the three workshops this summer are now completed. The third workshop will begin 8/17/09.

Science Textbooks Update

The Board has adopted a new science course of study as well as new science textbooks K-12 totaling \$188,445.00. \$15,000.00 was also appropriated towards the high school science department for new equipment.

SMART Board Update

Fourteen more SMART Boards have been ordered. This will complete all classrooms at Kensington and Goldwood. It will add an additional six boards at the middle school. Tim Shreve and Brian Salco took SMART Board certification training this spring. We now have three in-district certified SMART trainers.

Value Added

With regard to the district report card, we are still waiting on Value Added data. Rocky River met AYP due to a 2% adjustment rule. Kudos to Kensington and the High School on the improvement in their performance indices.

Summer Foreign Language Camp

Summer Foreign Language Camp was a success. Enrollment was light, but those that attended loved the sessions and the teachers are enthusiastic to continue the program next year.

Teaching Positions Update

All teaching positions have been filled and once the final paperwork is finished, two open tutor positions will also be filled.

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POLICY AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – Dr. Shoaf reported for Mr. Milano

Discussion was held on the following items:

Notification of Second Reading of New, Replacement and Revised Policies
(copies are available in the Office of the Superintendent)

Board Policy Updates

This was the second reading for several new, replacement and revised policies. If there are any questions, please call Dr. Shoaf.

Bylaws

Policy 0160 Meetings

Programs

Policy 2114 Meeting State Performance Indicators

Students

Policy 5136 Wireless Communication Devices

Policy 5136.01 Electronic Equipment

Policy 5722 School-Sponsored Publications and Productions

Property

Policy 7440 Facility Security

Policy 7440.01 Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring

Policy 7540.02 District Web Page

Policy 7540.05 Electronic Mail

Operations

Policy 8330 Student Records

Policy 8462 Student Abuse and Neglect

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - Ms. Goepfert

Discussion was held on the following items:

Other

Rocky River Recreation Center

The Rocky River Recreation building is closed until August 17th. Fairview and Westlake recreation centers have been open for Rocky River residents to use. Rocky River's pool has been drained, painted and patched.

Booster Spirit Run

October 18, 2009 is the Booster Spirit Run. Registration forms were mailed out with the Booster packet this summer. Booster passes are florescent pink. Fall teams have all begun practice. Freshman volleyball team is down in participants.

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Summerfest

The weather did not cooperate with Summerfest in the morning but it improved for the afternoon.

Regular Board Meeting Time Change

Middle School 6th grade orientation is next Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. There was a request to move the start of the Board meeting to 8:00 p.m. so some members could attend the orientation.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Dr. Schieda

Discussion was held on the following items:

Architect Update

The interviewing of Architects will begin this evening, August 12, 2009. The top two or three will return for second, more in-depth interviews. Dr. Shoaf and Mr. Blank will visit locations that were built by finalists.

Other

A list of facilities' summer accomplishments was given to board members. Maintenance and custodial workers are working hard to complete work by the beginning of school. Walls are again white in the Wagar gym due to the installation of new light bulbs. Dr. Foley announced a special dedication ceremony on 9/1/09 at 5:45 p.m. in honor of a motorized flag donated by Norm Case in memory of his wife, Sally Case. Dr. Foley discussed the new email system, which is a web-based system. She passed out information to the board regarding access.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Mr. Swartz

Discussion was held on the following items:

List of Bills

Other

Financial Review

The Finance Committee met at 4:00 p.m. on 8/12/09. It was reported that the district's fiscal year ended on 6/30/09 with a larger unencumbered balance than expected, although the balance of approximately \$330,000 was still small relative to the district's total operating budget. Mr. Swartz, Finance Committee Chair, suggested a change to the committee's standing meeting date and time from 4 p.m. prior to the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to 6 p.m. before the regular monthly board meetings for at least the remainder of calendar 2009. Mr. Swartz stated that this would give committee members more time to review and study the end-of-the-month reporting package provided by Greg Markus, Treasurer. All Board Members agreed to the change, so Mr. Markus will post the meeting date and time change prior to September's meeting. The District received two of four real property tax advances from the county auditor during July. A third advance is expected on August 14 and a fourth advance is expected sometime in November. Mr. Markus also reported that collections from the new 5.9 mill levy passed in

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May 2008 continued to be collected in July, which now will represents a full-year collection of this new levy for the first time. He also reported that Cuyahoga County has been getting information out sooner to the District's on account of their new property tax collection system and will most likely settle the second half 2008 tax year collection cycle no later than October and possibly in September. They will also be able to update us on delinquencies in a more timely manner. A portion of state guaranteed money received through the foundation formula is now being subsidized by the federal State Fiscal Stabilization Fund through the federal stimulus bill at just under \$40,000 for the current fiscal year. Lastly, Mr. Markus reported that the District just received a check for approximately \$22,000 from the Ohio Schools Council, which is a refund on prepaid electricity billings. The Board also approved the rollover of bus acquisition notes after a portion of the principal was retired.

Mr. Milano arrived at 5:50 p.m.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Residents, students, staff, and others invited by the President of the Board or the Superintendent may address the Board at this time.

REVIEW OF AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2009

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

Resolution No. 104-09

Mr. Milano moved the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District that it hereby adjourn.

Mr. Swartz seconded the resolution and the roll was called:

ROLL CALL

AYES – Mr. Milano, Mr. Swartz, Ms. Goepfert, Mrs. Rounds, Dr. Schieda

The resolution was adopted 5 – 0.

President

Treasurer