

Board Meeting Update

Rocky River Board of Education

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The following is an overview of the August 21, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Action

- A Resolution to Adopt the Agenda was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve Minutes of Preceding Meetings was passed.
- A Resolution to Appoint Dr. Jon Fancher as Delegate to the OSBA Capital Conference (Nov. 9-12) was approved.
- A Resolution to Appoint John Hosek as Trustee for the Rocky River Public Library was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve Financial Statement and Intrafund Transfers for General Accounting in the amount of \$41,975.36 for June 2014 and \$205,620.80 for July 2014 was passed.
- A Resolution to Amend Appropriation for all Funds as of July 31, 2014 in the Amount of \$42,787,791 was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve Then and Now Statements was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Retirements and Resignations was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Appointments was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Adjustments in Salary, Assignment and Rate of Pay was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Leave of Absence was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Amendment of the 2014-2017 Personnel Practices Handbook for Support Staff was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Change Management Items was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Addendum to Agreement for Professional Services with GGJ, Inc. was passed.
- A Resolution to Adopt Course of Study was approved.
- A Resolution to Accept Gifts to Schools was approved.
- A Resolution to Adjourn was approved.

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Foley reported that she and Mr. Gifford have updated the emergency plans for the school district and recently met with city safety officials to review them.
- Dr. Foley advised that chromebooks have been added to middle school math and science classes. Software that used to only be available via desktop applications now has an option for a chrome application; science classes are now able to use the chromebooks.
- Dr. Foley noted that each second grade classroom at Goldwood now has access to chromebook carts.
- Dr. Foley advised that SMART Notebook, an online testing program, has been updated with an application to prevent students from being able to look up answers to tests. When testing, students are routed to a secure website, where no other tabs can be opened.
- Ms. Norman reported that there are 29 classes in grades K through 12 (6 at Goldwood, 3 at Kensington, 8 at the Middle School, and 12 at the High School) currently using a co-teaching approach in the classrooms. Ms. Norman and the teaching staff believe that this team-teaching approach will have a greater impact on students with a wide range of abilities.
- Dr. Shoaf reported that the 2014-2015 school year has opened smoothly. There are no issues to report with Transportation. Food service has implemented a cashless payment system, which seems to be working well. Gardner Trane has been working very hard to resolve the HVAC issues some of the buildings have had and we should see those projects reach completion soon. The smokestack has been dismantled and is being removed this week.

Finance Committee

- Mr. Swartz reported to the Board that catastrophic aid from the State of Ohio issued to reimburse Districts for a portion of their special education costs was higher than anticipated since the State allocated more dollars for this funding component for the fiscal year. However, the receipt of these funds was delayed until July, so this reflects in the new fiscal year actual revenues.
- Property tax and other revenue sources finished near estimates, but higher than original FY 14 estimates. Expenditures finished within revised estimates for the most part, with the exception of the operating transfer-out line due to additional funding needed by the District's student activities fund. A discussion was had by the Board on philosophy of student activities funding as it is an integral part of the entire set of offerings by the District, but that additional revenue sources, such as advertising revenue, can and should be looked at as an additional funding source going into the new year to help offset the cost of our program offerings.