

# Board Meeting Update

## Rocky River Board of Education

Jean Rounds, President • Scott Swartz, Vice President  
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*The following is an overview of the November 18, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.*

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### **Action**

- ∞ The Board passed Resolutions approving the October 2010 Financial Statement and Intrafund Transfers for General Accounting; Resolution to Amend Appropriation; Resolution to Approve Then and Now Certificate.
- ∞ Retirements and Resignations, Appointments for Certificated Staff, Supplemental Duty Appointments, Appointments for Support Personnel and Adjustments in Salary and Assignments were approved.
- ∞ The Board approved a Resolution to Approve Leave of Absence.
- ∞ The Board approved Rate of Pay for Long Term Substitute Teacher.
- ∞ The Board approved Rate of Pay for Substitute Secretary.
- ∞ The Board approved a Resolution to Approve the Schematic Design for Rocky River High School, Kensington Intermediate School and Goldwood Primary School.
- ∞ The Board approved a Resolution to Approve Rose-Mary Center Agreement.
- ∞ The Board approved a Resolution to Adopt the 2012-2013 School Calendar.
- ∞ The Board approved a Resolution to Accept Gifts to Schools:
  - Anonymous – A donation in the amount of \$600.00 to be used for the purchase of a document camera to be used by Mr. Dana Judson’s fourth grade classroom at Kensington.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Kreg McDougal – A donation of a Step 2 Naturally Playful Teeter Totter to be used by our Preschool/Kindergarten students at Goldwood.

### **Superintendent’s Update – Dr. Michael Shoaf**

- ∞ Dr. Shoaf introduced Mr. Sam Gifford, Principal of Rocky River Middle School, who in turn introduced Mr. Matt English, Industrial Technology teacher at the Middle School. Mr. English introduced three of his students who then demonstrated projects they have completed using Google Apps.
- ∞ Dr. Shoaf introduced Katie Perez and Ian Taylor, Student Board of Education Liaisons. Katie and Ian reported on various happenings at the high school.
- ∞ Dr. Foley discussed the “National Education Technology Plan” highlighting the five education technology goals Rocky River Schools are already engaged in.
- ∞ Ms. Anderson shared the 2010 Parent-Teacher Conference numbers. This information will be gathered each school year going forward.
- ∞ Dr. Shoaf announced that the December 8<sup>th</sup> Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting will begin at 4:30 pm.
- ∞ Dr. Shoaf and Mr. Blank offered several Kindergarten options regarding our Bond Issue funds along with the future of the all-day Kindergarten option with the election of Governor – elect Kasich.
- ∞ Dr. Shoaf and Mr. Blank discussed the Orchestra Pit Cover for the high school auditorium.
- ∞ Dr. Shoaf asked the Board for consideration of how to handle Change Order Resolutions.
- ∞ The Media Center HVAC rooftop unit installation will be this Saturday, November 20, 2010.

- ∞ The Board of Education Facilities Committee meeting with Burt, Hill and PCS will be held on December 15, 2010 at 3:30 pm in the Curriculum Library.
- ∞ Burt, Hill and PCS design development review with the Board of Education will be held January 12<sup>th</sup> following the Organizational Meeting of the Board.

**Rocky River Education Foundation Committee – Mrs. Goepfert**

- ∞ All requested grants were approved in the amount of \$10,800.00.
- ∞ The “Turkey Trot” will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2010 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the RRHS track.
- ∞ Mrs. Diane Beer has been hired as the new RREF secretary.

**Finance Committee – Mr. Swartz**

Mr. Markus reported the following:

- ∞ October’s financial reports now reflect the revised five-year forecast estimates as approved by the Board of Education at the October 21 board meeting.
- ∞ The District received a special advance of delinquent property taxes on November first of \$237,000 which will be reflected on the November financial reports and that we will begin receiving real and public utility tangible property tax advances in January and February with expected settlement in April. A review of delinquent property accounts is expected to be performed in April since the County should be able to provide an updated amount that includes the first half 2011 collection year billing at that time.
- ∞ The District received the second “hold harmless” payment of the fiscal year related to the tangible personal property tax phase-out as well as the very last current tangible personal property settlement since this is the very last year that this tax is part of law
- ∞ Salary and benefit expenditures were in line with the prior month taking into account that October was a three-pay month. Purchased services, supplies/materials and capital outlay expenditures were slightly – moderately below the prior month due to a tapering off of purchasing activity for the start of the new school year. Other object spending was down significantly from September since we incurred the County Auditor and Treasurer collection fees as part of the real and public utility tangible settlement in September.
- ∞ Ending cash balance ended slightly below last year’s level (\$4,079,785 vs. \$4,190,990) due to the larger beginning balance that we ended up starting the year with in spite of the decrease in property tax revenue received year-over-year.
- ∞ Three investments were purchased from bond issue proceeds based on the advice of the District’s investment advisor at Productive Portfolios.

**Community Challenge/Recovery Resources Committee – Mrs. Rounds**

- ∞ The Community Challenge Board Meeting will be held on December 6, 2010.
- ∞ The Community Challenge “Care Packages” will be delivered by Thanksgiving.
- ∞ Mrs. Round reported on various events sponsored by the Coalition.
  - A Forum “What Every Parent Needs to Know” will be held on November 29, 2010, 7:00–8:30 pm at the Rocky River Public Library.
  - Photos with Santa will be held at Goldwood School on December 2, 2010 from 4:00–6:00 pm.
  - 2010 Graduated Seniors Reunion Dodge ball Game will be held on December 28, 2010.