

Board Meeting Update

Rocky River Board of Education

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The following is an overview of the November 21, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Action

- A Resolution to adopt the agenda was approved.
- A Resolution to approve the Minutes of Preceding Meetings was passed.
- The Resolution to Recognize the Goldwood PTA was approved.
- The Board approved the Resolution approving the retirement of three (3) Executive Secretaries: Greta Coleman, Laurel Maier, and Susan Pease.
- The Board approved a Resolution to Approve Financial Statement and Intrafund Transfers for General Accounting in the Amount of \$77,337 – October, 2013.
- A Resolution to Amend Appropriation for all funds as of October 31, 2013 in the amount of \$46,213,549 was passed.
- A Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates was passed.
- The Board approved the Resolution Accepting the Amount and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer to Supersede Resolution Number 68.7-13 from March 21, 2013.
- A Resolution to Approve Supplemental Duty Appointment for Mary Fancher was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve Adjustments in Salary, Assignment and Rate of Pay was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve Leave of Absence was approved.
- Resolution to Approve Change Management Items was approved.
- Resolution to Approve 2015-2016 School Calendar was approved.
- The Board approved the Resolution to Dispense with Public Bidding Requirements Under Cooperative Purchasing Arrangement and to Award Contract for the Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment to Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. DBA and Play & Park Structures, a division of Playcore, Inc.
- A Resolution to Approve the Varsity/JV Boys Basketball Team Trip to Perrysburg, Ohio November 22, 23, 2013 was passed.
- A Resolution to Authorize Rocky River High School to become a Formal Member of a New Conference for the 2015-2016 School Year was passed.
- A Resolution to Accept Gifts to Schools was passed.
- A Resolution to Adjourn was approved.

Superintendent's Update

- Dr. Shoaf introduced Megan Rose, Principal of the Rocky River Middle School, who first spoke about the book, "16 Characteristics for Successful Middle Schools". Mrs. Rose had each of her teachers read the book this past summer. On November 7-9, 2013, six teachers from the middle school attended the national Middle Level Educator's Conference held in Minneapolis, MN. This trip was paid for using federal grant money from Title II-A. Three of the teachers who attended the conference, Matt England, Therese Konrad, and Chandra Juhasz, spoke to the Board about their experiences and how they will use the techniques discussed both in the book at the conference, into their teaching plans.
- Dr. Shoaf presented turf and field design samples to the Board Members. Dr. Shoaf indicated that there isn't a definite timeline but that he would like to see installation occur after the

lacrosse season next spring. Mr. Milano indicated that there would be a price adjustment in January 2014, so we should finalize plans by December 2013 to lock-in the price.

- Dr. Shoaf announced that the State Champion Girls Soccer Team would be attending the December Board Meeting to be recognized for their outstanding achievement.
- Dr. Shoaf mentioned that Wednesday, December 4th is National History Day. Rocky River Middle School is having a program at 7 p.m. in the RRMS Media Center/Library.
- Ms. Anderson distributed to the Board a list of books weeded from the KIS and RRHS libraries set for discard.
- Ms. Anderson shared a recent student award with the Board: Senior Kaylee Losch received "Honorable Mention" from the Better Business Bureau Students of Integrity Contest.

Finance Committee

- The Finance Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on December 2nd at the Board Office.

Policy and Legislation Committee

- The Board had the final reading and approved the New and Revised Board Policies and Guidelines.

School-Community Committee

- Mrs. Capka reported on Parks & Recreation. There are seven new pieces of equipment in the Rocky River Recreation Fitness Center, the winter schedule (December 13-April 14) has been mailed to residents, and basketball season begins on December 1st. Mrs. Capka also reported that Mayor Bobst has asked each City Department to cut their budgets by 10% due to the failure of their tax levy; cuts could affect personnel, recreation fees, etc.

Oral and Communication

- Four gentlemen, coaches from Rugby Ohio, asked to speak to the Board about bringing a rugby team to Rocky River. They are proposing three options: as a community team (anyone in Rocky River could join), a club team (only Rocky River City District School students), or as a varsity team (Rocky River High School only). The gentlemen from Rugby Ohio indicated that they believe there are a lot of misconceptions about the sport. They would like to start playing in Rocky River in the spring of 2014. The Board asked them to submit their requests/questions in writing and they would be discussed further.