

Board Meeting Update

Rocky River Board of Education

Jay Milano, President • Kathleen Goepfert, Vice President
Jean A. Rounds • James Schieda • Scott Swartz

The following is an overview of the December 17, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Action

- ∞ The Board passed a resolution recognizing Dr. James Schieda who is retiring as a member of the Board of Education.
- ∞ The Board passed a Resolution to establish the 2010 Organizational Meeting.
- ∞ The Board passed a Resolution to appoint Mr. Jay Milano as President Pro-tem for the January Organizational Meeting.
- ∞ The Board also passed a Resolution to appoint Ms. Kathleen Goepfert as Vice President Pro-Tem for the January Organizational Meeting.
- ∞ There was a notification of the Second Reading of New and Revised Policies.
- ∞ The Board passed resolutions approving the November 2009 Financial Statement and Intrafund Transfers for General Accounting; Resolution to Amend Appropriation; Resolution to Request to Receive Advances on Tax Settlement Amounts from the Cuyahoga County Treasurer for Calendar Year 2010; Resolution to Discard, Sell and/or Donate Surplus Property; and a Resolution to Approve Then and Now Certificate.
- ∞ Retirements and Resignations were approved.
- ∞ Appointments for certificated staff, supplemental duty appointments and appointments for support personnel were approved.
- ∞ Adjustments in salary and assignments were approved.
- ∞ Notice of a decision on a suspension appeal hearing was approved.
- ∞ The following donations were accepted by the Board:
 - **Greater Cleveland Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association:** A donation in the amount of \$600.00 for the P.A. System for RRHS Stadium.
 - **Cleveland's Christmas Connection:** A donation in the amount of \$50.00 for the Rocky River High School Instrumental Music Program.
 - **M.F. Cachat Company:** A donation in the amount of \$438.00 for the Rocky River High School Instrumental Program.
 - **Anonymous:** Donations totaling \$2,625.00 for the Rocky River Angel Fund.

Superintendent's Update – Dr. Michael Shoaf

- ∞ Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Ms. Elizabeth Anderson announced that two of our students are winners of the Martin Luther King Contest for Northeast Ohio. Maire Hickey, Grade 1 and Hailey Mylett, Grade 6 will attend the awards ceremony along with their teachers Mrs. Anne Davis and Mrs. Therese Konrad.
- ∞ Ms. Anderson also announced that Rocky River High School students Haley Bremkamp and Kelly Orris placed 3rd in the fall Ohio Stock Market Simulation, High School Division.
- ∞ Ms. Anderson and several other administrators will be visiting the Science Labs of newly constructed Kenston, Painesville Harvey and Jefferson High School on January 15, 2010.
- ∞ Ms. Anderson spoke about the *Race To The Top Grant* from the Ohio Department of Education. Application forms will be due in January.

- ∞ Dr. Shoaf distributed a copy of a letter to Mr. Fred DeGrandis asking to initiate a partnership with the Cleveland Clinic and the Rocky River City School District.

Finance Committee – Mr. Swartz

- ∞ The Finance Committee met prior to the regular Board of Education Meeting on December 17th. Mr. Swartz stated that the delay of our Homestead and Rollback credit payment has been resolved. Also, revenues are up significantly year-over-year due to a full year's collection of the 5.9 mill levy passed on March 2008. Expenditures are tracking slightly less than expected on a year over year basis.
- ∞ The elevator at the high school needs major repairs in order to be operable for a cost of approximately \$25,000. Permanent Improvement funds will be used to pay for this large capital outlay.
- ∞ The Board decided to direct Mr. Markus to have Dan McIntyre, District legal counsel, modify our property tax counter-complaint threshold from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for all 2009 tax year complaints filed through March 31, 2010.

Rocky River Parks and Recreation Commission – Mrs. Goepfert

- ∞ Rocky River Parks and Recreation Commission met on 12/16/09.
 - “Healthy River” is starting up.
 - Recreation memberships are up.
 - The leaking roof over the pool has been addressed.
 - The Ski Club has a waiting list at the Middle School. 8th graders will be added to the High School Ski Club to accommodate all the students.
 - The City Budget will be approved soon. The Recreation Department is living within its means. More part-time jobs will be eliminated.

Community Challenge/Recovery Resources – Mrs. Rounds

- ∞ Rocky River Coalition met this morning at the Middle School.
 - The New Year's Eve Skate with the Recreation Department will be Thursday, January 31, 2009 from 6:30-9:00 pm. The Coalition received a \$1,000.00 donation from the Lakewood Rocky River Rotary.
 - Family Game Week will be held 2/7-13/2010. The Resolution will be on the February Agenda. On February 6th, there will be a Family Game Week Kick-Off at the Senior Center. Seniors will teach children games they grew up playing.
 - 74 photographs were taken with Santa at Goldwood School. Ripcho Studios donated their services. All proceeds will go towards Challenge Days for next school year. Next year Santa Pictures will be held at Goldwood Primary School again.
 - The Community Challenge Basketball Game will be held on 4/16/10.
 - On 2/5/10, Church Youth Groups will be spending the night outside at the West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Rd. in support of the Homeless.
 - Holiday Ornament Sale – Proceeds for the RREF Susan Thibo Scholarship.
 - Melissa Liberatore spoke regarding the D.A.R.E. Curriculum for the 9th and 10th graders.
 - Community Challenge – Next meeting will be on 1/13/10 Rm. 105 at Beach Education Center. Community Challenge has two grant requests for the Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary - \$1,500.00 for Summer Fest and \$5,000.00 for Parent University Forums.
 - Relay-for-Life will be held on May 29 -30th.