

# Board Meeting Update

## Rocky River Board of Education

Scott Swartz, President • Kathleen Goepfert, Vice President  
Jon Fancher • Jay Milano • Jean Rounds

*The following is an overview of the January 20, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.*

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### Action

- ∞ The Board passed a Resolution to recognize our Board of Education. January is School Board Recognition Month proclaimed by the governor of Ohio.
- ∞ The Board passed a Resolution to Participate in the Ohio Council of the International Reading Association 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Right to Read Week Celebration for the 2010-2011 School Year.
- ∞ The Board passed a Resolution to Recognize The Sixth Annual Family Game Week. Jeanne Campanella was presented with the Resolution.
- ∞ The Board passed Resolutions approving the December 2010 Financial Statement and Intrafund Transfers for General Accounting and a Resolution to Amend Appropriation.
- ∞ Resolutions for Retirements and Resignations, Supplemental Duty Appointments, and Adjustments in Salary and Rate of Pay were approved.
- ∞ The Board approved a Resolution to Approve the Appointment of an Administrative Assistant for Construction Services.
- ∞ The Board approved a Resolution to Seek Delay of the Requirement to Provide All-Day, Every-Day Kindergarten for all Kindergarten Students for State Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013.
- ∞ The Board approved a Resolution to Accept Design Development Documents for Rocky River High School.
- ∞ A Resolution was passed to Approve Revised Course Catalogs.
- ∞ The Board approved a Resolution to Authorize the Solicitation of Competitive Bids for Technology Systems for the Beach School Renovation.
- ∞ The Board approved a Resolution to Accept Gifts to Schools:
  - Cuyahoga County Mayors' Secretaries & Assistants: A donation in the amount of \$300.00 to be used by RRHS River's Edge.
  - Normandy Manor: A donation in the amount of \$50.00 to be used by RRHS River's Edge.
  - Shirley Friend: A donation in the amount of \$10.00 to be used by RRHS Football and Wrestling Teams.
  - OfficeMax: A donation to Goldwood of miscellaneous school supplies in connection with "A Day Made Better" national event.
  - Target Grant: A donation in the amount of \$700.00 to be used for the Science River Field Trip.
  - The M.F. Cachat Company: A donation of miscellaneous office supplies to Goldwood Primary School.
  - Rocky River Middle School PTA: A donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be used for Challenge Days on March 22-23, 2011.
  - Anonymous: Donations totaling \$2,165.00 for the Rocky River Angel Fund.
  - Anonymous: A donation of eight \$25.00 gift certificates for Honey Baked Ham, total value of \$200.00 for the Rocky River Angel Fund.

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

- ∞ Dr. Shoaf honored the Board of Education with a copy of the Resolution being passed at tonight's meeting. He also shared other forms of appreciation from various classes and schools in the district.
- ∞ Broadcasting for the High School and Middle School is now online. High school students have been working with Kensington students on their broadcasting skills.
- ∞ Dr. Shoaf announced that Dr. Foley has been working diligently on the "State of the Schools".
- ∞ Dr. Shoaf talked about the calendar drafts that each Board member received. He asked that they review the suggested changes on the draft to be finalized in February.
- ∞ Dr. Shoaf attended the Alliance Meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> in Columbus. House Bill 30 was discussed which seeks to eliminate spending and reporting requirements related to the school funding system, abolish the Ohio School Funding Advisory Council and eliminate the requirement that school districts offer all-day kindergarten. Rocky River City Schools has applied for the waiver per the Ohio Department of Education regulations.

### **Oral and Written Communications**

- ∞ Ms. Goepfert announced that a new pool record was reached by one of our students on the swim team.
- ∞ The Board received a note from Adam Moeller thanking them for the flowers sent at the death of his mother.

### **Policy and Legislation – Dr. Fancher**

- ∞ First Reading of New and Revised Policies was on the January Business Agenda.

### **Finance – Mr. Swartz**

- ∞ The Finance Committee did not meet during January due to scheduling conflicts with other board meetings, but will plan to meet during February. Mr. Markus updated the Board that property tax revenue is still lagging behind estimates, but this issue should become clearer as the District receives property tax advances and first half 2010 real property tax settlement by early April. Mr. Markus also reported that expenditures were running below estimates as of December 31, which is the mid-point of the District's fiscal year.

### **Rocky River Education Foundation – Dr. Fancher**

- ∞ Dr. Fancher attended his first meeting as representative to the RREF on January 19, 2011.
- ∞ The RREF Turkey Trot Fundraiser raised close to \$5,000.00.

### **Rocky River Parks and Recreation**

- ∞ Ms. Goepfert announced that memberships at the Recreation Center are up. "The Silver Sneakers Program" accounts for a lot of the increase in membership.
- ∞ Cleveland Cavalier's J.J. Hicks worked with the youth basketball players during 10 visits.
- ∞ Participation was up over Christmas break.

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

- ∞ Family Game Night will be held the week of February 6 – 12<sup>th</sup>. Kick-off will be on February 5<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center.
- ∞ The Coalition Meeting was canceled in January.
- ∞ Hoops for Hunger will be held on 2/18/11 at RRHS.
- ∞ The Challenge Cup will be held on 4/1/11 at RRHS. Boosters will run concessions for the event.
- ∞ Challenge Days –All volunteers will have background checks.

- ∞ A “Do the Right Thing” party was held at the Middle School on January 20, 2011. This is open to all RRMS students. The purpose of this event is to teach respect and good citizenship. The Rocky River Police Department supplied the pizza. This will be a monthly event.
- ∞ Mrs. Melissa Liberatore will be holding a Parent Forum on 2/9/11 at 6:30 pm at RRHS regarding Teen Dating Violence.
- ∞ Rocky River Public Library is accepting food for overdue fines to help with the Rocky River Assistance Program.

**Other Business – Dr. Shoaf**

- ∞ The seventh grade boys won the basketball conference championship against Bay Village.

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