

# Board Meeting Update

## Rocky River Board of Education

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

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

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### **Action**

- The Resolution to Recognize National Merit Finalists Harry Konangi and Alec Temes was approved.
- A Resolution to approve the Minutes of Preceding Meetings was approved.
- The Board approved the Resolution approving the February 2013 Financial Statement and Intrafund Transfers for General Accounting.
- The Board approved a Resolution to Amend Appropriations for all Funds as of February 28, 2013.
- A Resolution to Approve Then and Now Certificates was approved.
- The Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer for Calendar Year 2014 was approved.
- A Resolution to approve Retirements and Resignations was approved.
- The Board approved Resolutions to approve Appointments and Supplemental Duty Appointments for the 2012-2013 School Year.
- A Resolution to approve Adjustments in Salary, Assignment and Rate of Pay was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve Leave of Absence was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve New Job Description was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve New Transportation Manager Salary Schedule was approved.
- A Resolution to approve Change Management Items was approved.
- The Resolution to Approve School Calendar 2014-2015 was approved.
- A Resolution to Accept Gifts to Schools was approved.
- A Resolution to Adjourn was approved.

### **Superintendent's Update**

- Mrs. Janine Walsh and her kindergarten classes presented poems to the Board of Education.
- Dr. Foley discussed the deploying of the Chromebooks at the Middle School and Kensington. The Replicator, a 3-D printer was ordered and arrived and is being used in Mr. England's class at the Middle School. Dr. Foley showed a short video on the Replicator to the Board.
- Dr. Shoaf reported that the Goldwood Office will open Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Westshore Conference has lost 2 more teams and Dr. Shoaf, Debra Bernard, Mark Wagner and Mike Murray are working diligently on creating a new conference for Rocky River. The Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens.

### **Policy & Legislation Committee**

- A Notification of First Reading of New and Revised Board Policies is on the March Agenda.

### **Finance Committee**

- Mr. Markus summarized what was reviewed at the finance committee meeting held prior to the Board of Education Meeting. In reviewing the February 2013 financial reports, he noted that property tax revenue is still trending at \$196,000 above estimates, but we are still awaiting the first half real property tax settlement from the County Fiscal Officer in late

March or early-mid April to determine if that trend will continue. Delinquent tax accounts will then need to be reviewed shortly thereafter. Personnel and benefit expenditures are tracking right along with estimates, but expenditures for electricity and other facility maintenance costs are continuing to trend above estimates due to increased repair and maintenance needs and additional construction-related needs and will need to be closely monitored as we move forward through the remaining part of the fiscal year. It is assumed that budget savings in substitute account lines and other budget areas will compensate for a portion of these additional expenditures. Mr. Markus also updated the Board on his review of a possible refinancing of the District's Build America Bond issue with Bond Counsel and a representative from lead underwriter RBC capital. It was determined that such a refinancing did not make sense at this time due to the structure of the bond issue in regards to rebates and the minimal amount of net debt service savings at this point in time as well as questions that still surround the qualifying factors that would make the bonds callable. Mr. Markus did state that this opportunity may still be present several months from now or potentially at anytime during the life of the bonds depending on federal budget/sequestration legislative actions. Mr. Markus will continue to monitor this situation with bond counsel and the underwrite and will possibly obtain another independent review from another underwriter for comparison purposes. Ms. Goepfert updated the board on the status of the Citizens' Finance Committee that is being assembled and that there will be further information from Mr. Swartz forthcoming. Mr. Milano asked Ms. Goepfert and Mr. Markus for an outline of what the committee's charge will be and what areas they will review and that it be shared with the entire Board.

#### **School-Community Relations Committee**

- Mr. Sam Gifford introduced Mrs. Erin Peacock, our newly hired Manager of Transportation and Mr. Adam Sywanyk, our newly hired Supervisor of Facilities Operations.
- Mrs. Jean Rounds distributed the invitation to the Board for the Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River for a "Celebration of Student Achievement" for the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Music, Speech & Visual Arts Contest Awards, Ceremony & Reception on March 25, 2013. Many Rocky River Students are involved. Heather Bonsky earned first place with her speech on "Eliminating Stereotypes" and Victoria Sullo's speech on Domestic Violence earned her a 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- Mayor Pam Bobst and City Council invited the RRHS Hockey Team to the City Council Meeting to receive a Proclamation from the City of Rocky River.

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