

# Board Meeting Update

## Rocky River Board of Education

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

*The following is an overview of the April 23, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.*

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### **Action**

- A Resolution to Adopt the Agenda was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve Minutes of Preceding Meetings was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve New and Revised Board Policies was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Financial Statement and Intrafund Transfers for General Accounting in the amount of \$165,781.05 for March 2015 was passed.
- A Resolution to Amend Appropriation for all Funds as of March 31, 2015 in the Amount of \$44,392,750 was approved.
- A 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 was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve Appointments was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Adjustments in Salary, Assignment and Rate of Pay was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Leave of Absence was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Textbooks was passed.
- A Resolution to Adopted Courses of Study was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Preschool Waiver Request and Assure that FAPE will be Provided to All Students was passed.
- A Resolution to Accept Gifts to Schools was approved.
- A Resolution to Recess to Executive Session to Discuss Matters of Pending or Threatened Litigation was approved.
- A Resolution to Reconvene to the Board of Education Meeting was approved.
- A Resolution to Adjourn was approved.

### **Superintendent's Report**

- Dania Beard, Tricia Wagner, Janine Walsh, Kara Truhan, and Nicole Fach, gave a presentation on co-teaching to members of the board.
- Ms. Anderson shared school fees for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Ms. Anderson reported that there were 93 students inducted into the National Honor Society earlier in the week.
- Ms. Anderson reported that senior, Julia Gentner, has been selected as a finalist in the 2015 Stop the Hate Youth Speak Out essay contest.
- Mrs. Rounds reported that at the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Arts Contest, 10th grader Siwei Wang, a pianist, earned first place in the music contest and 11<sup>th</sup> grader Samantha Moran was awarded 2nd place for her self-portrait.
- Ms. Norman reported that speech-language pathologist, Matt DeMooy, will be honored at the Cuyahoga County ESC, Excellence in Education Awards luncheon on Friday, May 15.
- Mr. Gifford reported that the Rocky River City School District received two grants from the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.
- Dr. Shoaf reported that the Safe Routes to Schools Committee will meet on Monday, May 4, at 1 PM.

### **Finance Committee**

- Mr. Swartz reported that the Finance committee met prior to the regular board meeting at 6 p.m. Mr. Swartz reported that property tax revenues are currently trending above estimates. Expenditures overall are tracking close to budget with the exception of permanent improvement fund expenditures, for which we will need to advance funds from the General Fund by the end of the fiscal year.
- Mr. Swartz also updated the Board on the status of HB 64, the state biennial budget and that Rocky River is projected to receive additional per-pupil funding in its current form. He noted that this has not been the case for some time, and also cautioned that this is not yet final and must go through the legislative process prior to realization. Dr. Shoaf noted that this revenue would approximately replace the tangible personal property and kilowatt hour tax payments that were previously lost and that we need to do everything we can to bring in additional state support to lessen the burden on local taxpayers through local levies.
- Mr. Swartz also noted that Mr. Markus is working on a five year forecast update and will plan to meet with the citizens finance committee to review a draft of that forecast prior to approval in May.

### **Policy and Legislation**

- Mr. Milano presented the first reading of the new and revised board policy (NEOLA special update).

### **School Community**

- Ms. Goepfert announced that the Rocky River Summer Concert Series begins May 25th with the Rocky River High School Jazz Band. Summer concerts will be in the gazebo or the Civic Center. The River Days festival will be held July 11-12, 2015