

Board Meeting Update

Rocky River Board of Education

Jay Milano, President • Scott Swartz, Vice President
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The following is an overview of the September 18, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Action

- A Resolution to Adopt the Agenda was approved.
- Resolution to Recognize Chuck Bielozer, the 2014-2015 Employee of the Year was approved.
- Resolution to Recognize Brian Smith, the 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve Minutes of Preceding Meetings was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Financial Statement and Intrafund Transfers for General Accounting in the amount of \$121,629.72 for August 2014 was passed.
- A Resolution to Amend Appropriation for all Funds as of August 31, 2014 in the Amount of \$42,807,528 was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve Then and Now Certificate was passed.
- A Resolution Recognizing Receipt of Reduced Federal Interest Subsidy Payments and Authorizing the Delivery of a Notice Relating Thereto was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve Establishment of the Competitive Cheer Student Activity Fund 200-920H was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Retirements and Resignations was passed.
- 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 of Impracticality of Transportation was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve Change Order for Cleveland Environmental Services, Ltd. for Smokestack Demolition was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Hockey Locker Room Usage Agreement with the City of Rocky River was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve 8th Grade trip to Washington D.C. and Mount Vernon from June 2-4, 2015 was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve 4th Grade trip to Camp Fitch in North Springfield, PA from November 19-21, 2014 was passed.
- A Resolution to Accept Gifts to Schools was approved.
- A Resolution to Adjourn was approved.

Superintendent's Report

- Ms. Anderson presented the Rocky River City School District's definition of Academic Rigor: **Authentic Command** (Application in New Situations, Intellectual Stretch, Deep Understanding, Problem Solving), **of Essential Knowledge** (Relevant, Engaging, Thought-provoking, Strength and Quality of Content), **Aligned to Clearly Define Goals** (Globally Competitive, Exceptional Opportunities, Caring Environment, Successful Students). This definition was created with the input of all P-12 staff.
- Ms. Anderson read an email that was sent to Mr. Frew, Rocky River High School physics teacher, from Anna Stanton, graduate of the class of 2014. In the email, Anna thanks Mr. Frew for introducing her class to an application called WebAssign. Miss. Stanton's physics class at the Ohio State University uses WebAssign, and she is grateful to have familiarity with the application because of using it in her high school physics class with Mr. Frew.

Finance Committee

- Mr. Swartz reported that the Finance Committee met at 4 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting. The main topic of discussion was the possible refunding opportunity that exists for the District's Build America Bond issue (BAB's) from 2010. Mike Sudsina, Independent Financial Advisor on the 2010 bond issue for the District, presented to the committee on the opportunity that exists due to the federal government's decision to reduce the subsidies paid to issuers of these bonds. Mr. Swartz stated that there were several things to consider before bringing the recommendation to the Board to refund the bonds and that further discussion and analysis was needed. This topic will be discussed further at the upcoming Citizens Finance Committee meeting on October 9 and then again at the next Board finance committee meeting.