

# Board Meeting Update

## Rocky River Board of Education

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*The following is an overview of the October 17, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.*

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### **Action**

- A Resolution to adopt the agenda was approved.
- A Resolution to approve the Minutes of Preceding Meetings was passed.
- The Resolution to Support Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31, 2013 was approved.
- The Board approved the Resolution approving the September 2013 Financial Statement and Intrafund Transfers for General Accounting.
- The Board approved a Resolution to Amend Appropriations for all Funds as of September 30, 2013.
- A Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates was passed.
- A Resolution to Establish, Build Up, and Maintain a General Fund Cash Reserve, in the Interests of Sound Fiscal Management was approved.
- A Resolution Authorizing the Reallocation of a 0.5-Mill Portion of the School District's 4.57-Mill Share of "Inside Millage" to a Permanent Improvement Fund Tax Year 2013/Collection Year 2014 was approved.
- A Resolution to approve Retirements and Resignations was passed.
- The Board passed Resolutions to approve Appointments and Supplemental Duty Appointments for the 2013-2014 School Year.
- 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 Job Description was passed.
- The Resolution to approve Agreement with ReadyNurse Staffing Services to be used for Camp Fitch Outdoor Education Field Trip for the 2013-2014 School Year was passed.
- A Resolution to approve Change Management Items was passed.
- The Resolution to approve 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students to Camp Fitch Outdoor Education on 11.20.13; returning 11.22.13 was approved.
- The Resolution to Authorize Rocky River High School to become a Formal Member of the Greater Cleveland Conference for the 2015-2016 School Year was approved.
- A Resolution to Accept Gifts to Schools was approved.
- A Resolution to Adjourn was approved.

### **Superintendent's Update**

- Dr. Shoaf introduced Isabel Quinones from the Student/Board Liaison Committee. Isabel reported on current happenings at the high school. Homecoming was very successful with over 600 students attending the homecoming dance; Winter Formal will be held on 2.22.14; Prom will be held at the Ritz Carolton Hotel in Cleveland on 5.17.14; students are very happy with the new parking lot in the front of the high school; the play "Mousetrap" will be performed on 11.22 & 23.13; the Spring Musical is "Anything Goes"; students are very excited about the Lincoln Exhibit; the Westshore Leadership meeting will be held at RRHS this year; and students are helping with decorating the high school interior by adding more maroon and white.
- Ms. Anderson reported on the IB Conference she and Mrs. Candace Hecker attended this past week in conjunction with Westlake City School District. The conference was very

informative and Ms. Anderson, along with Mrs. Bernard and the counselors, will be meeting again with Westlake Schools in two weeks.

- Ms. Anderson reported on the progress of Mrs. Bernard's team which is researching alternatives to our practices of ranking valedictorian/salutatorian. The goal is to have the description of the new practice to present to the Board of Education at the May, 2014 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.
- Dr. Shoaf discussed the power issue that occurred at the high school this week. CEI discovered an oil leak in the new unit on campus. Once that was repaired, the power was restored. Students were not dismissed.
- The Community Open House will be held Monday, November 4, 2013 from 5:00-7:00pm immediately followed by The State of the Schools. Construction will be complete. Tours will be given by students. Invitations will go out to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Rocky River.
- Dr. Shoaf discussed the calendar options for the 2015-2016 school year.

### **Finance Committee**

- The Finance Committee met prior to the 7pm board meeting. The Board adopted the update to the five-year forecast for the State's October 31 filing deadline. The Board also approved a shift of one half of one mill (0.5) of its inside millage from current expense to permanent improvement in order to fund ongoing permanent improvements of buildings and purchasing of major equipment. Mr. Swartz noted that this shifting of millage does not raise taxes, but simply reallocates existing millage through the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer and the Ohio Department of Taxation.

### **Policy and Legislation Committee**

- Dr. Fancher pointed out the "Notification of First Reading of New and Revised Board Policies" that are listed on the October agenda. All Board Members have received copies.

### **School-Community Committee**

- Mrs. Capka reported on Parks & Recreation. The Recreation whirlpool has been repaired. New work-out equipment has been installed. October 21, 2013 is the last day for basketball registration. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of ice-skating being offered to our high students for fitness class. Mr. Chris Mehling will be in contact.

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