

Board Meeting Update

Rocky River Board of Education

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The following is an overview of the November 20, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Action

- A Resolution to Adopt the Agenda was approved.
- A Resolution to Recognize the Rocky River Education Foundation was approved.
- A Resolution to Recognize Trustees Completing Service on the Board of the Rocky River Education Foundation 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 \$66,667.33 for October 2014 was passed.
- A Resolution to Amend Appropriation for all Funds as of October 31, 2014 in the Amount of \$43,273.556 was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve Then and Now Certificate was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve the Five-Year Forecast Update for October 31, 2014 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 to Approve Occasional Employees Rates of Pay was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve the Varsity Girls Basketball Team travel to Northwestern High School in Springfield, Ohio, from Friday, November 14 through Saturday, November 15, 2014, was passed.
- A Resolution to approve Change Order #2 to Cleveland Environmental Services was passed.
- A Resolution to Approve Jodi Picoult's speaking engagement with Rocky River City School District was passed.
- A Resolution to Accept Gifts to Schools was approved.
- A Resolution to Adjourn was approved.

Superintendent's Report

- Susan Weber and Therese Konrad, teachers at Rocky River Middle School, presented an overview of the on-going "No Place for Hate" activities at the Middle School. Activities included participation in the "Right to Read" campaign, the "Because I Said I Would" program, The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage's "Stop The Hate" campaign, and "Kick it for Cancer", where the Middle School raised for \$6,000 to help fund cancer research.
- Ms. Anderson advised the Board members that she will send them the link to the Fall 2014 discard Google doc
- Ms. Anderson reported that Dr. Paul Kapostasy would again work with the district on the 5-year strategic plan review. Meetings will begin in March 2015.
- Ms. Anderson reported that they have posted for positions to assist vocal and instrumental musicians 6-12 in preparing for the solo and ensemble events.

Finance Committee

- Mr. Swartz and Mr. Markus Finance committee met to review October financial reports. The real property tax settlement came in below estimates by \$100,000 for the second half calendar year collection, but this was more than offset by the early advance received in May. It is expected that we will make up this difference during the first half 2015 calendar year collection cycle and should finish very close to original property tax revenue estimates when taking into account revenue from new construction.
- Expenditure estimates were reset with the revised five-year forecast adopted by the Board in October.
- Salary and benefit expenditures are expected to remain stable and finish very close to annual estimates while other expenditure areas such as contracted services, supplies and capital outlay should end near or slightly below annual estimates based on current and planned purchasing activity for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Mr. Markus also reviewed cost estimates as they relate to outside organizations using the District's facilities and that further review of costs should be undertaken. Mr. Swartz agreed that there should be additional data collected to verify the estimates to determine if additional billings to outside entities need to be considered.

School Community

- Ms. Goepfert reported that Dr. Lynne Nagy will be offering paddleboard classes to students in grades 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8, through the Rocky River Recreation Department; The Recreation Department will also soon offer an "Introduction to Sports: Sports Etiquette" course.
- Ms. Goepfert reminded the Board of the Hockey Locker Room opening, on Friday, November 28, 2014.