

Board Meeting Update

Rocky River Board of Education

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The following is an overview of the January 14, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Action

- ∞ The Board was presented a proclamation recognizing the Rocky River City School District's Excellent with Distinction rating on the state report card by State Senator Thomas F. Patton.
- ∞ The Board passed a Resolution to recognize Eagle Scout Michael Cipriani.
- ∞ The Board passed a Resolution to recognize Eagle Scout William Monahan.
- ∞ The Board received a written communication from Dr. James Schieda thanking the Board for the reception that was held on December 17, 2009.
- ∞ The Board passed a Resolution to adopt New and Revised Board Policies.
- ∞ The Board passed a Resolution to recognize the Fourth Annual Family Game Night.
- ∞ The Board passed a Resolution to Adopt Rocky River City School District Alternative Tax Budget Document for 2010-2011.
- ∞ The Board passed resolutions approving the December 2009 Financial Statement and Intrafund Transfers for General Accounting; Resolution to Amend Appropriation; Resolution Authorizing the President and Treasurer of this Board and the Superintendent to prepare and file preliminary materials in connection with applications for consents pursuant to Section 133.06(C) of the Revised Code.
- ∞ Appointments for certificated staff, supplemental duty appointments and appointments for support personnel were approved.
- ∞ Adjustments in salary and assignments were approved.
- ∞ A Resolution to Approve Employment of Administrative Staff was approved.
- ∞ A Notice of Termination of Probationary Employment was approved.
- ∞ A Notice of a Decision on a Suspension Appeal Hearing was approved.
- ∞ A Resolution to Seek Delay of the Requirement to Provide All-Day, Every-Day Kindergarten for all Kindergarten Students until the 2011-2012 School Year was approved.
- ∞ The following donations were accepted by the Board:
 - **Student Activities Boosters of RRHS:** A donation in the amount of \$1,455.00 to be used for a new P.A. System for RRHS Stadium.
 - **Metro-West Kiwanis:** A donation in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for Challenge Days, November 18th and 19th, 2009.
 - **Recovery Resources/Community Challenge:** A donation in the amount of \$3,500.00 to be used for Challenge Days, November 18th and 19th, 2009.
 - **Courtyard By Marriott – Westlake:** A donation of two rooms for two nights of accommodations for the Challenge Day Leaders.
 - **St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church:** A donation of their Church Banquet Hall for two days, November 18th and 19th, 2009.
 - **Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation:** A donation in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for Challenge Days, November 18th and 19th, 2009.
 - **Anonymous:** Donations totaling \$150.00 for the Rocky River Angel Fund.

Superintendent's Update – Dr. Michael Shoaf

- ∞ Recognition of the Board of Education
 - The Middle School's Chamber Choir, directed by Mrs. Mary Fancher performed for the Board of Education. Grace Bennett performed a solo on her violin and is also a member of the Chamber Choir.
 - Mr. Sam Gifford presented the Board of Education with A Message Chocolate Chip Cookie thanking the Board for all that they do.
 - Mrs. Barb McGrath and Mrs. Wendy Crites spoke to the Board about "Play by the Rules" and "Fuel Up to Play 60" programs that have been introduced to the Middle School students.
 - High School students, Stephanie Thomas and Katie Perez presented the Board with a poem written by Katie and individual chocolates and a card from the High School staff and students. Mrs. Rose, Assistant Principal of the high school, thanked the Board on behalf of the high school for all that they do.
 - The walls of the Board Room were decorated beautifully with cards and pictures sent over by Kensington Intermediate School staff and students.
 - Ms. Jennifer Norman, principal of Goldwood Primary School, presented the Board with a beautiful mural created by John Rocco and his Goldwood Art students.
- ∞ Dr. Dianna Foley, Coordinator of Communications and Technology, discussed the Google Analytics for the RRCS website. There are currently 864 pages on our website and the website has received 171,000 hits with 453,000 page views.
- ∞ Dr. Shoaf announced a few date changes on the 2010-2011 School Calendar. Labor Day should read 9.6.10; Parent Conference Day should read 11.11.10; and Teacher Professional Day should read 11.12.10.
- ∞ Dr. Shoaf offered the Board their choice in delivery of the "OSBA Briefcase". Electronic copy was the unanimous decision.

Facilities – Mr. Milano

- ∞ The Board has approved a \$43 million bond issue. Renovations include added locker rooms equally for male and female. The main and auxiliary gymnasiums at the high school will be refurbished. The seating amount will remain the same. However it will include new bleachers, floors, backboards, baskets, lighting, air and heating updates.
 - All plans at this point are tentative.
 - Paperwork needs to be filed with the state by Friday, February 12, 2010.

Finance Committee – Mr. Swartz

- ∞ The Finance Committee met prior to the regular Board of Education Meeting on January 14th. Four Board Members were in attendance. Mr. Markus reviewed the December and fiscal year-to-date financial reports with those in attendance. At this point in the year we are tracking very close to year-to-date estimates both with regards to overall revenues and expenditures. However, due to our contingent healthcare premium billing for the 2008-2009 plan year coming in above estimates by \$126,000, this will most likely cause our expenditures to exceed our estimates once this bill is paid in full. Mr. Markus, Dr. Shoaf and Mr. Blank will be meeting with the District's healthcare consultant in the very near future to discuss this billing and determine some options on how we can address this overage going forward through the end of the current fiscal year. As an additional point in regards to the District's healthcare program, Mr. Markus shared that he was informed that the Suburban Health Consortium declined to accept the District for membership due to poor claim history over the past year. However, our application will be reconsidered again in March and/or June/July to see if the District's claims have improved enough to warrant acceptance into the consortium.

- ∞ Mr. Markus also reviewed the alternative tax budget document's purpose with the Committee since this needs to be approved by the Board prior to January 15 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010.
- ∞ The Committee also discussed the subject of starting a "rainy day" fund per an action step included in the District's strategic plan. The Committee decided that this would not be recommended at this time due to our healthcare contingent premium coming in over budget; but they also agreed that this is a worthy goal that we should revisit in a few months to determine if this can be started up prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Community Challenge/Recovery Resources – Mrs. Rounds

- ∞ Mrs. Rounds discussed the Fourth Annual Family Game Night
 - Community Challenge is looking for a volunteer to supervise the "corn hole toss" game on Saturday, February 6, 2010.
 - Personal Safety for Families - Parent Forum, will be held on Monday, February 22, 2010 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm in Rocky River High School Auditorium.
- ∞ Trustees met at Beach in the Fireside Room on January 13, 2010. Reported that the Basketball Challenge Cup will be on April 16, 2010 and the annual Exemplar Award was discussed. It will be an event which will also recognize Community Challenge's 25th anniversary.

Strategic Plan – Mr. Milano

- ∞ The Strategic Plan is moving along. The Strategic Plan will be presented in the State of the Schools.
- ∞ Friday, 1/15/10 Administration and Science teachers will be looking at different school district's Science facilities.

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