

Board Meeting Update

Rocky River Board of Education

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

The following is an overview of the August 15, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Action

- A Resolution to approve the Minutes of Preceding Meetings was passed.
- A Resolution to Appoint Jon Fancher as Delegate & Jay Milano as Alternate Delegate Representatives to the OSBA Capital Conference, November 10-13, 2013 was approved.
- Resolution to Adopt New and Revised Board Policies & Guidelines was approved.
- The Board approved the Resolution approving the June & July 2013 Financial Statement and Intrafund Transfers for General Accounting.
- The Board approved a Resolution to Amend Appropriations for all Funds as of July 31, 2013.
- The Resolution to Approve Fund to Fund Transfer from 001-General Fund to 003-Permanent Improvement Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00 was approved.
- A Resolution to approve Then and Now Certificates was passed.
- 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 approved.
- A Resolution to Approve a New Job Description passed.
- The Resolution to Approve Services Agreement Addendum with Works International was approved.
- The Resolution to Approve Occasional Employees Rates of Pay was approved.
- A Resolution to Adopt Technology 3-12 Course of Study was approved.
- A Resolution to Approve World Language Textbook was approved.
- The Resolution to Approve Gweynn Hampel for Math Consulting Services at the Daily Rate of \$424.65 for the 2013-2014 school year was passed.
- The Resolution to Use Vehicles Other than School Buses for the Transportation of Developmentally Disabled Students to Schools Within and Outside the District.
- A Resolution to Approve Change Management Items was passed.
- The Resolution to Approve Bus Stops for the 2013-2014 School Year was passed.
- The Resolution to Enter into Agreement with the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio for Youth In-School workshops at Rocky River High School was passed.
- A Resolution to Adjourn was approved.

Superintendent's Update

- Ms. Anderson had certificates from "Right to Read Week" to pass around to the Board Members.
- Dr. Foley detailed the Technology Upgrades for the 2013-2014 school year. The district purchased an additional 850 chromebooks. 700 chromebooks will go the high school with the balance being distributed between the other three buildings. Servers were also updated. Fifty iPads were purchased for the first grade at Goldwood. Cathy Bitounis is beginning digital portfolios for the incoming first graders. Document cameras were also purchased for

the district. Dr. Foley presented a Technology Professional Development Class to interested teachers. Each grade level and subject area was represented. Dr. Foley spoke about the *Quality Matters Rubric* class that she and Ms. Anderson are both taking this summer.

- Dr. Shoaf spoke on the implementation of “The Schools & Cops Program”. Dr. Shoaf will be meeting with Chief Stillman, from the Rocky River Police Department, next week to work out the details.

Policy & Legislation Committee

- Dr. Fancher has been appointed as Delegate and Mr. Milano as Alternate Delegate Representatives to the OSBA Capital Conference being held November 10-13, 2013.
- Revised Policy 5130: Withdrawal From School, was adopted.

Finance Committee

- Mr. Swartz updated the Board on the finance meeting held prior to the full board meeting. July financial statements were reviewed and property tax collections are meeting expectations, as are expenditures for the first month of the new fiscal year. Mr. Swartz informed the Board of the continued discussion of the establishment of a cash reserve balance policy with the Citizens Finance Committee. The citizens committee is strongly in favor of such a policy, so Mr. Markus will work with Mr. Swartz through the Board finance committee to draft language for review and discussion by the entire Board in September for a possible adoption in October. Mr. Markus, Treasurer, updated the board on another forthcoming recommendation of moving .5 of the District’s inside mills from operating to permanent improvement to partially address ongoing capital and physical plant maintenance and upgrade needs. This will also be discussed further in September with a possible recommendation for action to the entire Board in October.

Facilities Committee

- Mr. Milano discussed the landscaping plans being completed by the Campus Project Committee. The Wagar Rd. entrance will be completed by the first day of school.

Other

- The Board received two thank you notes from employees for flowers sent on the death of a family member.
- A parent addressed the Board with concerns regarding school dress code, drug and alcohol use and random drug testing. Dr. Shoaf will discuss with the Board’s Legal Counsel the parent’s concerns.
- Discussion ensued regarding “B” teams being added at the Middle School. Dr. Shoaf and the Board are in favor of reinstating the “B” teams. Dr. Shoaf will speak with Mr. Wagner regarding that. Several parents were in attendance that agreed with reinstating the “B” teams.

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