

Board Meeting Update

Rocky River Board of Education

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The following is an overview of the September 16, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Action

- ∞ Under Special Recognition, the Board approved the resolution to Recognize the 2010-2011 Employee of the Year.
- ∞ Under Special Recognition, the Board approved the resolution to Recognize the 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year.
- ∞ Under Special Recognition, the Board approved the resolution to Recognize the Rocky River Education Foundation.
- ∞ Under Special Recognition, the Board approved the resolution to Recognize the Rocky River Education Foundation Trustees completing their service with RREF.
- ∞ The Board approved the Resolution to Appoint Delegates and Representatives to the OSBA Capital Conference.
- ∞ Under Policy and Legislation the Board approved the Notification of the Second Reading of New and Revised Policies.
- ∞ The Board passed Resolutions approving the August 2010 Financial Statement and Intrafund Transfers for General Accounting; Resolution to Amend Appropriation; Resolution to Accept Bond Fund Investment Advisory Proposal.
- ∞ Retirements and Resignations, Appointments for Certificated Staff, Supplemental Duty Appointments, Appointments for Support Personnel and Adjustments in Salary and Assignments were approved.
- ∞ The Board approved a Resolution to Enter Into Standard Agreements.
- ∞ The Board approved a Resolution to Accept Gifts to Schools:
 - Anonymous – A donation in the amount of \$5000.00 to be used for the purchase of computer equipment for RRHS Broadcasting Department.
 - Anonymous – A donation in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for Linda Rocco's 5th grade science supplies for the 2010-2011 school year.
 - Mary Lou Ferbert – A donation of a 5 ft. Norway Spruce Tree for Kensington Intermediate School.
 - Girl Scout Troop #1856 – A donation in the amount of \$270.00 to be used to purchase books for the Kensington Media Center.
 - Mr. William Rantala – A donation of a used Conn Trombone Model 6-H to be used by the Middle School Band.

Superintendent's Update – Dr. Michael Shoaf

- ∞ Dr. Foley announced the implementation this year of a Google Apps for Parents Workshop. The Workshop will be held on 9/30/10 at the RRMS Computer Lab. Two sessions will be held: 1-2:30 pm and 6:30-8:00 pm. All 50 spots have been filled.
- ∞ A District Technology Meeting will be held on October 18, 2010. Agenda items include updates on technology and the Strategic Plan. The Technology Consultant, Anthony Wulk from Osborne Engineering will be at the meeting also.
- ∞ Tuesday, 9/21/10 will be the first CDC Meeting for this school year.

- ∞ Mr. Blank announced a Special Board Meeting for October 7, 2010 at 7:00 am. This meeting has been called to ask the Board to go out to bid and also discuss insurance. On 9/28/10 Mr. Blank should have the final drawings for Beach including the electrical and plumbing.
- ∞ The high school HVAC Unit needs to be replaced. The engineers have added it to their timetable and it should be ready to be installed around Thanksgiving. The installation will entail cranes at the high school.
- ∞ Burt, Hill and PCS presented the plans to the city. The city waived our fees.
- ∞ Dr. Shoaf had scheduled a Strategic Plan Facilities Committee Meeting for this afternoon at 5:30 pm prior to the Board of Education Regular Meeting. Two committee members attended and were shown the renovation plans.
- ∞ High School coaches will meet on Tuesday, 9/21/10 to review the plans at the high school. Traffic flow and moving the gas pumps are concerns.
- ∞ Mr. Philip Ardussi from the RR Historical Society would like to meet again with the Facilities Team at Beach.
- ∞ Dr. Shoaf announced the NFL Pass, Punt and Kick competition will be held this Sunday, 9/19/10 at 1:00 pm. 74 participants have registered. Jeff Schultz will be there along with several of the RRHS football players to help with the competition.
- ∞ The Homecoming Dinner for October 1, 2010 flyer was distributed.
- ∞ Dr. Shoaf is looking at different companies that can help with interview training for school districts.

Oral and Written Communications – Mrs. Rounds

- ∞ Mrs. Rounds read a thank you from Dan Krystosik, our head mechanic in the bus garage, for flowers that were sent from the Board when his brother passed away in August.
- ∞ Mrs. Rounds also read a thank you from Jim Liberatore for the donations made to “Christianville” from the Middle School.

Community Challenge/Recovery Resources Committee – Mrs. Rounds

- ∞ Mrs. Rounds gave a brief summary of the PTA Council Luncheon on 9/14/10. Ann Coyne is the President of PTA Council. Dr. Shoaf and Ms. Anderson both gave great reports. Dr. Foley spoke on the Google Apps for Parents Workshop. Ms. Norman was the guest speaker and talked about the “Hero” theme for Goldwood this year. Homecoming was announced and the 10/28/10 Community Meeting for Facilities was announced.
- ∞ The Coalition Meeting was held this morning at Goldwood. Care packages for high school graduates (age 18-22) will be distributed to homes by Thanksgiving/Christmas. On December 29, 2010 the Coalition will hold a Dodge Ball Game for graduates also.
- ∞ Challenge Days for 7th graders will be held on March 23, 24, 2011.
- ∞ Red Ribbon Week will be held October 17 – 23, 2010.
- ∞ Parent University will be held on 9/25/10 at the Middle School highlighting topics for students K-5.
- ∞ Recovery Resources will meet on September 23, 2010 at 7:00 am.

Rocky River Education Foundation Committee – Mrs. Goepfert

- ∞ Rocky River Education Foundation held their meeting Wednesday, 9/15/10 at 7:30 pm. It was well run and a quick meeting.
- ∞ The new trustees were introduced.
- ∞ The RREF has \$36,000.00 to distribute for the Fall and Spring Grants thanks to the successful Spring Fund Raiser.
- ∞ RREF has proposed a Fall Fundraiser. A “Turkey Trot” will be organized for 11/21/10 at 1:00 pm at the RRHS track. Kristen Stephens will be in charge. Details to be determined.

- ∞ The Spring Fund Raiser will be held again at Westwood Country Club on 3/19/11. The theme will be “Mardi Gras”.
- ∞ Thank you to the Rocky River Education Foundation for purchasing some of the school bonds that were sold.

Rocky River Parks and Recreation Committee– Mrs. Goepfert

- ∞ Mrs. Goepfert turned the floor over to Mr. Bob Ranc who is the Board Liaison for Parks and Recreation.
 - Recreation Booklets were mailed out on Wednesday, 9/15/10.
 - Large numbers registering for tackle and flag football teams.
 - The Recreation Center was closed for general maintenance on 8/22-29/10. Members were allowed to use the Fairview and Westlake Recreation Center during that time.
 - The skating rink opens on 9/24/10.
 - The Civic Center is now part of the popular "Silver Sneakers" program, offering free memberships to those 65+ with qualifying insurance plans.
 - The Civic Center roof is closer to an agreement.
 - Martin Park is still under construction for the installation of new equipment.
 - The Community Garden was dedicated last week. 40 out of 50 plots were purchased.
 - River Oaks is closing. Force Fitness will be opening there.
 - \$1,000.00 was donated to the Recreation Center for a more shaded area for the outdoor pool.

Finance Committee – Mr. Swartz

- ∞ The finance committee met at 6 p.m. prior to the regular board of education meeting on September 16 to review August and fiscal year-to-date financial reports and to discuss the recent bond sale.
- ∞ The District still has not received the second half property tax settlement as of today, so therefore there is no further explanation as to the decrease in real property tax revenue as compared to this time last year. We are expecting the settlement to be received before the end of September and should have more information on the revenue variance shortly after that to report back to the Board in October.
- ∞ The five-year forecast update is in the midst of being formulated by Mr. Markus and the administrative team for the Board of Education’s review in late September or early October.
- ∞ The District’s \$42.9 million bond issue sale was executed on September 14 under the direction of the lead underwriter, RBC Capital Markets. By all accounts, the sale was very successful in that all bonds were sold that day and the total “all-in” interest cost settled out at 3.21%. Further, the average anticipated annual bond millage for the entire 34 years of the bond issue will be 2.70 as opposed to the 3.2 mills estimated for ballot purposes for the May 2010 election.

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