

**Highlights**  
**Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting**  
**Rocky River City School District**  
**Board of Education**  
**4/18/12**

**Committee Reports**

**Facilities Committee – Mr. Milano**

- The resolution for the furniture bid for Rocky River High School, Kensington Intermediate School and Goldwood Primary School was approved at the Special Board of Education Meeting held prior to the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

**Finance Committee – Mr. Swartz**

- Mr. Swartz reviewed the recommendations of Bob Dykes from Triad Research that were presented at a special board meeting on April 17. Those recommendations included a November levy as opposed to an August levy due to a number of factors that make a November levy passage more probable than an August levy. Mr. Swartz, Dr. Shoaf and Mr. Markus also discussed the delinquent tax collection situation that has provided relief to next fiscal year's projected budget. Mr. Markus explained the collection percentage calculation performed by the County Budget Commission and how this affects revenue estimates and, ultimately, levy planning. Mr. Milano reminded everyone that even with the spike in delinquent tax collections, cuts would still be needed going into next year and certainly years following if a second levy request would fail. Dr. Shoaf spoke about budget tightening that has already been done on account of funding cuts imposed upon the District by the State in the amount equivalent to 1.1 mills of the District's funding. There was also a discussion of the timing of the next five-year forecast update and legislation needed for a November levy request. It was noted that the five-year forecast update should be approved by the Board at the May 17 meeting to meet the State's May 31, 2012 deadline, but that the Board has until August 8 to file the necessary documents with the County Board of Elections to have a levy placed on the November 6, 2012 ballot.
- The next Finance Meeting will be on Thursday, 4.26.12 at 6:00pm.

**School Community Relations Committee – Ms. Goepfert**

- Interviews for the Rocky River Public Library Trustee Vacancy will be held Monday, 4.23.12 beginning at 4:30pm. The appointment will be on the April or May Board Agenda.
- Recovery Resources/Community Challenge has joined forces with the Westshore Enforcement Bureau & McKeon Education Group to host "Risky Business: What you don't know *can* hurt you or someone you love." This Town Hall event will be held Wednesday, 4.25.12 from 7:00pm-9:00pm at Rocky River Presbyterian Church. This event is funded by the "Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration".
- Recovery Resources is holding a Coalition Fundraiser at Chick-fil-A on 5.2.12 from 5:00-8:00pm. 10% of the sales will be given to the RR Coalition for Youth Asset Development.
- There is a Coalition Meeting tomorrow at 8:00am at Goldwood Primary School.
- Parks and Recreation met on 4.19.12. Kerry Capka will be in attendance at the 4.26.12 Board Meeting and will give a report.
- Rocky River Education Foundation fundraiser was a great success. \$10,486.00 was awarded in Spring Grants and 4 to 5 scholarships will be awarded to RRHS students.

**Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Rounds**

- On Monday, April 16th, members of the Rocky River Historical Society donated their time to teach second graders about local history. About a half-dozen historical society members came to Goldwood Primary School to present interactive talks about key elements of Rocky River's past days.
- OAT testing begins the week of May 1st for grades 3-8.

### **Policy and Legislation Committee – Dr. Fancher**

- A revised Code of Conduct with updated wording and additional wording for bullying/cyber bullying will be ready for approval soon.

### **Oral and Written Communications**

- Tom Lewins spoke and was pleased to hear about specific cuts being made in the budget. He hopes the administration continues to pursue issues concerning administrative costs. Mr. Lewins feels that a levy on the November ballot would be good.
- Jim Spallino spoke supporting the levy on the November ballot.

### **Other**

- Dr. Shoaf announced that Mr. Lowell Davis, a retired treasurer, was hired for 6-7 days to review finances and recommend what levy amount the district needs to stay afloat.
- Ms. Goepfert would like to commend Michael Murray and Julie Achladis for saving a student who was having difficulty in the pool.
- Ms. Goepfert also announced that Linden Park Soccer Fields are officially renamed to “The John Honeyman & Pat Gillespie Soccer Fields”. The dedication will be sometime the end of May.
- At the May Board Meeting, retirees will be honored and the HS students will attend to discuss their efforts for the HS landscaping.

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