

Highlights
Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
Rocky River City School District
Board of Education
11/13/13

Introductions

- Dr. Shoaf introduced Jennifer Frear as the new Executive Secretary in the Superintendent's office. Jennifer joined Rocky River Schools on November 6, 2013 and will be replacing Sue Pease who is retiring at the end of the month.
- Dr. Shoaf introduced Chief Kelly Stillman of the Rocky River Police Department who gave an overview of the *Cops in Schools Program*. Chief Stillman asked the Committee to consider launching a trial-run of the program (January-June 2014) that offers free protection and officer presence at the schools with no cost to the school district. Chief Stillman noted that although the City's income tax measure failed on the recent ballot, both he and Mayor Bobst remain committed to the SRO program.

Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Rounds

- Mrs. Rounds turned to Ms. Anderson to give the Committee the Curriculum Committee report.
- Ms. Anderson highlighted that Rocky River City School District is one of 477 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 4th Annual AP District Honor Roll.
- Ms. Anderson announced that Friday, November 15th is Professional Development Day and invited Board members to attend a luncheon at the Middle School
- Ms. Anderson distributed a report of activities conducted by students in honor of Veteran's/Patriot's/Constitution Days 2013.
- Ms. Anderson advised the Board that she will be attending building PTA meetings to discuss Common Core, Ohio's New Learning Standards, and Next Generation Assessments.

Facilities Committee – Mr. Milano

- Mr. Milano reported that we are in the wind-down process of construction at the schools and are addressing final change orders. The facilities group will be meeting again in the next few weeks.
- Mr. Milano distributed four (4) mock-up banners for the new wing of the high school: Literature, Art, Science, and Sport. Further discussion on said banners will continue.
- Mr. Milano indicated that, as a thank you for their generous donation to the Campus Project, the following items are being considered to be installed in their names: a large boulder for Greg Millet, a smaller boulder for Gloria Hardington, and a granite bench for members of the Campus Project Team.

Finance Committee – Mr. Swartz

- Mr. Swartz noted that the next finance committee meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. Mr. Swartz also noted that he would like to begin a review of student activity fund budgeting philosophy at this finance committee meeting.
- Mr. Swartz reported that while at the Alliance meeting in Columbus on Monday, November 11th there was discussion on school aid; private schools appear to be getting more funding than public schools.

Policy and Legislation Committee – Dr. Fancher

- Dr. Fancher reported that the only substantive change made to the school policies is to policy number 8210 (School Calendar), which will be presented for a third reading at the Board meeting on November 21st.
- Dr. Fancher attended the Legislative Assembly at the OSBA meeting in Columbus where they discussed Robert's Rules of Order.

School Community – Ms. Goepfert

- The 2015-2016 School Calendar Option A was discussed and will be on the regular Board meeting agenda to be approved.
- Mrs. Rounds reported that the Community Challenge Photos with Santa will be December 5, 2013. Proceeds will be donated to the Middle School for Challenge Days.
- Dr. Fancher reported on the November PTA Council Meeting:
 - The Rocky River High School PTA is having a poinsettia sale; poinsettias are to be picked up at the High School on December 7th between 10a-1p.
 - The Rocky River Middle School hosted renowned author Jason who spoke to the students about positivity and little acts of kindness.
 - Kensington PTA reported on Spooky Saturday, Camp Fitch and the talent show.
 - Goldwood PTA reported on their pumpkin raffle which raised \$906.00 for the Goldwood Garden.
- The vendor has been selected for the new playground at Goldwood.
- Dr. Fancher reported that the homecoming dinner raised \$4,700.00. Mrs. Rounds commented on the many compliments she has received about the hard work of Tina Wasserbauer, who helped make the homecoming dinner such a success.

Review of the Agenda

- Ms. Anderson called attention to Resolution 11G on the upcoming Regular Board Meeting Agenda. The installation of the Goldwood Playground will be installed in July 2014.

Oral Communication

- Mr. Fairchild is supportive of the *Cops in Schools* program.

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