

# Minutes

## Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District

### RESOLUTIONS

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## **Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District**

The Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, met in committee session on June 17, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Curriculum Library at the Board of Education Offices. A digital recording was made of this meeting and is on file in the Office of the Treasurer.

President Jay Milano presiding.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT** – Ms. Goepfert, Mr. Milano, Mrs. Rounds, Dr. Schieda, Mr. Swartz

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution No. 98-09

Mr. Swartz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District that it hereby adopts this Agenda, including any addendum attached hereto, for its Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting, June 17, 2009.

Ms. Goepfert seconded the resolution and the roll was called:

### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES** – Mr. Swartz, Ms. Goepfert, Mr. Milano, Mrs. Rounds, Dr. Schieda

The resolution was adopted 5 – 0.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The committees of the Board met.

### **POLICY AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - Mr. Milano**

Discussion was held on the following items:

#### **Other**

Dr. Shoaf will present additional policies to the Board for a first reading at their meeting on June 25, 2009.

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### **SCHOOL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - Ms. Goepfert**

Discussion was held on the following items:

#### Other

Ms. Goepfert shared that the City of Rocky River will hold an Art Show from September 18-19, 2009. The kick-off will be an Opening Night Reception and Auction on September 18 that will also serve as a fundraiser for the Rocky River Parks and Recreation Foundation. Art students from Rocky River High School will help with the Art Show.

The City of Rocky River and Community Challenge will hold the annual FunFest on July 11, 2009. Board members Ms. Goepfert and Mr. Milano will participate in the Dunk Tank.

### **FACILITIES COMMITTEE - Dr. Schieda**

Discussion was held on the following items:

#### Other

Dr. Schieda updated the Board on the progress of contract negotiations with construction management firm PCS, Inc. and website company Infinite Cohesion. Board attorney Daniel McIntyre will present the final contracts to the Board at their meeting on June 25, 2009. To accommodate the additional time needed for the presentation, the Board meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE - Mr. Swartz**

Discussion was held on the following items:

#### List of Bills

#### Other

Mr. Swartz reported that the Finance Committee met prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting. The District will end the year with \$44,000 of unencumbered funds, which is an increase over the prior year but still very low given the size of the general fund budget and reflects the continued pressures in the district's tax base.

The District's year-over-year revenues were up 9.6%, mainly due to the collection of new levy money, which started in January. Expenditures were up 4.4% over last year, which is in line with projections.

Mr. Markus reported that the District participated in the Ohio School Council's electricity auction last month. The auction results were favorable and will allow District electrical costs to remain even over last year, or possibly provide a slight savings.

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### CURRICULUM COMMITTEE - Mrs. Rounds

#### Summer Professional Development

Ms. Anderson has developed a range of professional development activities for the summer. By opening some of the workshops to teachers in other districts, Ms. Anderson has generated revenue that will help to pay for our staff's professional development.

#### Science Course of Study

#### Strategic Planning

Reverend Jon Fancher, CORE Strategic Planning Team member, presented the Board with an overview of the process used to create the new Strategic Plan. CORE Team members met for a two-day retreat in early April and identified the core beliefs and mission for the District. They then developed strategic objectives and strategies to achieve the mission. Six Action Planning Teams were set up to develop results and means. These teams were: Communication, Curriculum and Co-Curriculum, Facilities, Finance, Human Resources, and Technology. After meeting from April through June, the Action Planning Teams reported back to the CORE Team at a meeting on June 15, 2009. The Strategic Plan will be voted on by the Board of Education at the regular meeting on June 25, 2009.

Reverend Fancher shared that this was a challenging and rewarding experience. He feels that the entire process was student-focused and that the results show the commitment to providing a quality education for our youth. He noted that participation by a wide range of community members, including Board members, students, teachers, support staff, administrators, parents, and members of the business community resulted in a plan that is visionary and serves as a guide to help the District grow.

Mrs. Rounds congratulated Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Elizabeth Anderson for serving as the Internal Facilitator for the District's Strategic Plan.

Mrs. Rounds also noted that she was excited about the expanded group who worked on the plan. Dr. Schieda and Mr. Milano congratulated the staff and community participants for their work on behalf of the District.

#### Other

Graduation ceremonies were held for 246 seniors on June 12, 2009 at Lakewood Civic Auditorium. Ms. Goepfert mentioned there was a nice photo of some of our graduates on the front page of the WestLife newspaper this week.

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Eighth grade students Robert Hendricks, Alexandra Fedynsky, Madeline Fitzsimmons, Madelyn Cook, and Joshua Krampitz from the Rocky River Middle School Student Council were presented with the Cleveland FoodBank's Rory Borgio Award at a recognition ceremony on June 12, 2009. Student Council Advisor Margaret Liberatore accompanied the students to the presentation, which featured remarks by Mayor Frank Jackson, Plain Dealer Publisher Terrance Egger, and Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey Managing Partner Frederick Nance. This award is given each year to the school that demonstrates that they made hunger relief a priority during the month of March and fostered a sense of school spirit among the students to make their Harvest for Hunger drive a success.

### ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

*Residents, students, staff, and others invited by the President of the Board or the Superintendent may address the Board at this time.*

None

### REVIEW OF AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 25, 2009

### RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

Resolution No. 99-09

Mrs. Rounds moved the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rocky River City School District that it hereby adjourn.

Ms. Goepfert seconded the resolution and the roll was called:

### ROLL CALL

AYES – Mrs. Rounds, Ms. Goepfert, Mr. Milano, Dr. Schieda, Mr. Swartz

The resolution was adopted 5 – 0.

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President

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Treasurer