

**Rocky River Public Library**  
Board of Library Trustees' Meeting  
Friday, April 8, 2011

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rocky River Public Library with the Rocky River Board of Education was held in the Rocky River Public Library on Friday, April 8, 2010 at 7:35 a.m.

Present: Audra Bednarski, Betsy Lanzen, William Henson, Catherine Manzo, Jean McQuillan, Diane Murphy, and Cynthia Schafer.

Also Present: Nick Cronin (Director), Gary Hawkinson (Fiscal Officer); Kitty Sommers (Marketing and Development Director); and Scott Swartz (President), Kathleen Goepfert (Vice President) Jon Fancher, and Jean Rounds, of the Rocky River Board of Education; and Dr. Michael Shoaf (Superintendent); Greg Markus, (Treasurer); Elizabeth Anderson (Assistant Superintendent); and Dianna Foley of the Rocky River School District.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Manzo called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.
2. **DISCUSSION:** Ms. Manzo welcomed all to the joint board meeting and asked everyone at the table to introduce themselves. She then turned the discussion over to Mr. Cronin.

Mr. Cronin commented that he had been at the library for almost 10 months. The library has about 1,000 people through its door each day and circulates approximately 875,000 items per year. The library has added databases the patrons need and has recently added Freegal which offers free music downloads. The library has been developing a Strategic Plan which it plans to release in early summer. There has been a continuing focus on early childhood literacy. Perennial problems continue to be the lack of adequate parking spaces and a teen area that is too small.

Mr. Swartz thanked all who attended and commented on the impending funding changes from the state and asked Dr. Shoaf to comment further.

Dr. Shoaf discussed the proposed 76% reduction from state funding and the elimination, rather than phasing out, of the Tangible Personal Property Tax and the Kilowatt-Hour Tax. The school is planning a public meeting with State Senator Patton and Representative Baker to discuss the large cuts proposed by the State. The School District was planning on some cut from the State budget, but not nearly as large as was proposed. Kensington School received the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators Hall of Fame award. Student performance remains high. Dr. Shoaf discussed the changes in various facilities. The Board of Education and the Administration offices would be moving to Beach School. The High School will receive a new science addition and will undergo a full renovation.

The board members of the library and the school board discussed other matters of general interest.

3. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

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Catherine Manzo, President

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William Henson, Secretary