

November 2021

Highlights

Independent Audit Gives District's Financial Statements Clean Bill of Health

Independent auditors once again have found that the Rose Tree Media School District's financial statements met regulatory requirements and were prepared in accordance with accounting principles, criteria, and standards.

At the November 9th Board Committee Meeting, the results of the audit of the June 30, 2021 financial statements were reported by representatives from the auditing firm of Barbacane, Thornton & Company. The auditors issued unmodified ("clean") opinions on the governmental and business activities, each major fund, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards for the period ending June 30, 2021. They also issued unmodified opinions on compliance related to the District's internal controls and the District's compliance with federal award program rules and regulations.

More information about the district's finances can be found on the Business Office page on the RTMSD website: <https://www.rtmsd.org/Administration2/140>

Board Approves Additional Hours for Support Staff Positions

The Board approved additional hours for eight elementary support staff employees, from 3.5 hours to 4.5 hours per week. Taxpayers will not be burdened as the projected cost (\$26,291) will be covered by vacancy savings.

In informing the decision, Mr. John Reid, Principal of Indian Lane Elementary School, shared with the Board the struggles the elementary schools face because of COVID-19 restrictions. Mr. Reid spoke specifically about needing extra help at arrival and dismissal time, lunch and recess.

Board Honors Retiring Director Jim Morrison for His Service

The RTMSD Board of School Directors honored Jim Morrison for his service as a board director and chair of the Finance Committee over the past year and a half. We wish Jim well in his retirement!

The Board will officially seat newly elected or reelected members at its reorganization meeting in December. Upcoming board meeting dates and agendas are available on our website at <https://www.rtmsd.org/Administration2/board>. The public is invited to attend these meetings in person or watch on our livestream.

The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors held its monthly Legislative Meeting on November 18, 2021

Next Committee Meeting:

December 7, 2021

Next Legislative Meeting:

December 16, 2021

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District Initiates Inclusivity and Belonging Review

The district has engaged the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU) to complete an Educational Equity Program Review by the end of January. The Board will receive a summary of the review at its February 8, 2022 Committee Meeting.

At the Board's Committee Meeting in November, Mr. Ralph Harrison, Administrator for Safe and Inclusive Schools, provided an update and presentation to the Board on [Inclusivity and Belonging](#) in the district. Dr. Joyce Mundy, Assistant to the Executive Director for Teaching & Learning with the DCIU, also joined the presentation to share specifics about the program review.

This work is in furtherance of the [RTMSD Strategic Plan](#) (2018-2024) that articulates sustaining “a healthy, respectful, caring, safe and inviting environment to foster a sense of belongingness for all students” as a primary objective.

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