

DECEMBER 21, 2020
BOARD MEETING
6:00 P.M.
HS CAFETERIA - VIRTUAL

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

IV. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

V. Lions Club Good Award - Presentation

VI. Community Comments

VII. Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

1. Resolution to:

Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the following meetings:

November 16, 2020 - Board Meeting
December 9, 2020 - Special Board Meeting

Approve the monthly financial reports as submitted, with the authorization for payment of bills and appropriation modifications as necessary.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

2. Resolution to approve the membership to OSBA for the 2021 calendar year, in the amount of \$4,502.00.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

3. Resolution to approve the participation in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund:

Whereas, the Rootstown Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions, and ,

Whereas, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose,

Therefore, the Board hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA LAF for calendar year 2021 and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.00.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

4. Resolution to approve the following Policy & Purpose statement:

Ski Club

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

5. Recommend the Board approve the following to be compensated for the following OHSAA Tournaments:

Kristine Moore Boys Soccer Tournament 10/20/2020 \$50.00

Kristine Moore	Girl Soccer Tournament 10/22/2020	\$50.00
Kristine Moore	Volleyball Tournament 10/24/2020	\$50.00
Adam Beery	Volleyball Tournament 10/24/2020	\$50.00
Keith Waesch	Boys Soccer Tournament 10/20/2020	\$100.00
Keith Waesch	Girls Soccer Tournament 10/22/2020	\$100.00
Keith Waesch	Volleyball Tournament 10/24/2020	\$100.00

Moved _____ Seconded _____

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6. Resolution to approve the payment of the following insurance waiver stipend for the 2019-2020 school year:

Maureen Durbak \$562.50

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

7. Resolution to declare it necessary to submit the question of the renewal of an existing tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to the electors of the Rootstown Local School District, pursuant to sections 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the revised code.

WHEREAS, at an election on August 2, 2011, the electors of the School District approved a tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation in order to raise the amount of \$1,045,000.00 each year for a period of five (5) years for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District pursuant to Sections 5705.194 through 5705.197 of the Revised Code, the last collection which will occur in calendar year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that continuation of the collection of that tax for an additional period of ten (10) years is necessary to provide for the emergency requirements of the District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Revised Code, when this Board determines that it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation for any purpose authorized by the Revised Code, this Board is required to certify to the County Auditor a resolution requesting the County Auditor to certify to it the total current tax valuation of the School District and, in the context set forth below, the number of mills required to generate a specified amount of revenue; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of a certified copy of such a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of a tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an

additional levy, a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, or the renewal or replacement of an existing tax with an increase or a decrease, the Section or Sections of the Revised Code authorizing the submission of the question of the tax, the term of years of the tax, that the tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of the School District, the date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot, that the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of the School District, the tax year in which the tax will first be levied and the calendar year in which it will be first collected and each county in which the School District has territory, and requesting such certification, the Portage County Auditor is to certify the total current tax valuation of the School District and, in the context set forth below, the number of mills required to generate the specified amount of revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Rootstown Local School District, Portage County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members elected thereof concurring that:

Section 1. Board Declarations. This Board finds, determines and declares that the revenue that will be raised by all tax levies which this district is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues available to this Board, will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this District, and that it is therefore necessary to renew all of an existing tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation in order to raise the amount of \$1,045,000.00 each year for a period of ten (10) years for that purpose.

Section 2. Submission of Question to Electors. Pursuant to Sections 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the Ohio Revised Code, there shall be submitted to the electors of the entire territory of the School District (the School District has territory only in the County of Portage), at an election to be held on May 4, 2021, the question of the renewal of all of an existing tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation on all property in the entire territory of the School District for a period of ten (10) years (commencing with a levy on the tax list and duplicate for the year 2021 to be first distributed to the Board in the year 2022) in order to raise the amount of \$1,045,000.00 each year for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of this District at the annual tax rate necessary to raise that amount.

Section 3. Certification and Delivery of Resolution to County Auditor. The Treasurer is directed to certify immediately a copy of this Resolution to the Portage County Auditor, and the County Auditor is requested to certify to the Board of Education the District's total current tax valuation and the County Auditor's calculation of the number of mills and the annual levy, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, as well as in mills for each one dollar of valuation, throughout the life of the levy which will be required to produce the annual amount set forth above, assuming that the amount of the tax list of this District remains the same throughout the life of the levy as the amount of the tax list for the current year.

Section 4. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 5. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Moved _____ Seconded _____
_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

VIII. Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:

1. Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Tim Moon, Bus Driver, effective January 1, 2021.

Moved _____ Seconded _____
_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

2. Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Bronwen Scarberry, Elementary Teacher, effective December 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and Teacher Bronwen Scarberry desire to resolve a pending employment matter; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Scarberry desires to resign from her employment with the Board for personal reasons, and the Board is willing to accept Ms. Scarberry's offered resignation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the irrevocable resignation of Teacher Bronwen Scarberry, effective December 31, 2020, for personal reasons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes and directs the Superintendent to execute, on behalf of the Board of Education, an employment separation and release agreement with Ms. Scarberry resolving all

separation and employment matters, and authorizes and directs the Superintendent and Treasurer to take any action necessary to implement the terms of the Separation Agreement and Release.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal action of this Board concerning and/or relating to the adoption of this Resolution was taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Moved _____ Seconded _____
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3. Recommend the Board transfer Debbie Paolucci as Elementary Secretary, Step 1, effective February 1, 2020.

Moved _____ Seconded _____
____Kline____McEwuen____Mullaly____Siciliano____Waesch

4. Recommend the Board hire Briana Waskiewicz as a Bus Driver, 4-¼ hours per day, 186 day contract, Step 0, effective December 7, 2020.

Moved _____ Seconded _____
____Kline____McEwuen____Mullaly____Siciliano____Waesch

5. Recommend the Board hire Crystal DeCastro for a one-year limited contract as an Elementary Teacher, at Step 0 of the salary schedule, effective November 25, 2020, for the remainder of the school year.

Moved _____ Seconded _____
____Kline____McEwuen____Mullaly____Siciliano____Waesch

6. Recommend the Board approve FMLA for Holly Taylor, Elementary Teacher, effective November 23, 2020.

Moved _____ Seconded _____
____Kline____McEwuen____Mullaly____Siciliano____Waesch

7. Recommend the Board approve FMLA for Sylvia Leidlein, MS Teacher, effective February 4, 2021.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

____Kline____McEwuen____Mullaly____Siciliano____Waesch

8. Recommend the Board approve the following substitutes:

Abigail Pepper	Substitute Teacher
Elizabeth Oman	Substitute Teacher
Yessenia Hermosa	Substitute Teacher
Rachelle Demastus	Substitute Teacher
Madison Hartung	Substitute Teacher

Moved _____ Seconded _____

____Kline____McEwuen____Mullaly____Siciliano____Waesch

9. Recommend the Board approve a one year contract with OAPSE, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

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10. Resolution to terminate services with the Mahoning County Educational Service Center and enter into an agreement for services with the Summit County Educational Service Center:

WHEREAS, the Rootstown Local School District Board of Education currently obtains services from the Mahoning County Educational Service Center Governing Board pursuant to a service agreement effective through June 30, 2021, and entered into under O.R.C. 3313.843(B)((1) and (3) (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Rootstown Local School District Board of Education has examined the services offered by the Summit County Educational Service Center; and

WHEREAS, the Rootstown Local School District Board of Education has determined their special education, curricular, and administrative needs can be better met by the Summit County Educational Service Center; and

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 3313.843(D)(1) permits a school district board of education to terminate an agreement entered into under O.R.C. 3313.843 by notifying the governing board of an educational service center by the first day of January of any odd-numbered year, that the district board intends to terminate the agreement in that year, and that termination shall be effective on the thirtieth day of June of that year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.R.C. 3313.843(D)(1), the Board desires to terminate its Agreement with the Mahoning County Educational Service Center Governing Board effective June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.R.C. 3313.843(D)(2), the Board desires to enter into a new service agreement under O.R.C. 3313.843(B)(1) and (3) with the Summit County Educational Service Center, effective July 1, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to R.C. 3313.842(D)(1), the Rootstown Local School District Board of Education, by resolution approved by a majority of all its members, determines and declares its intention to terminate its agreement for services with the Mahoning County Educational Service Center effective June 30, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to R.C. 3313.842(D)(2), the Rootstown Local School District Board of Education, by resolution approved by a majority of all its members, determines and declares its intention to enter into an agreement with the Summit County Educational Service Center, from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Treasurer of the Rootstown Local School District is authorized and directed to promptly notify the Mahoning County Educational Service Center Governing Board no later than January 1, 2021, of this resolution, the Board of Education's intent to terminate its agreement for services with the Mahoning County Educational Service Center effective June 20, 2021, and the Board of Education's request that the Mahoning County Educational Service Center submit an affidavit to the Ohio Department of Education certifying that the Board of Education has paid in full for the services it received pursuant to the terminated agreement for services no later than July 15, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Treasurer of the Rootstown Local School District is authorized and directed to promptly notify the Summit County Educational Service Center Governing Board of this resolution and the Board of Education's intent to enter into an agreement for services with the

Summit County Educational Service Center effective from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, it is hereby found and determined that all formal action of this Board concerning and/or relating to the adoption of this Resolution was taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

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11. Resolution to abolish position of Educational Aide Pilot Program, suspend the Educational Aide's contract in accordance with Board Policy

Whereas, the Board of Education adopted a resolution on September 21, 2020, to employ an individual in the position of Educational Aide on a Pilot Program for the 2020-2021 school year; and

Whereas, the Educational Aide was solely employed to provide services to a specific student who was enrolled in the Rootstown Local School District Pilot Program for the 2020-2021 school year; and

Whereas, the student began attending Educational Alternatives on November 20, 2020, and ceased attending the Pilot Program at Rootstown Local School District; and

Whereas, because the student ceased attending the Pilot Program, said Program has been suspended effective November 20, 2020, and the Board of Education is financially/economically unable to continue to retain the Educational Aide; and

Whereas, the Superintendent has recommended that the Educational Aide's contract be suspended in accordance with R.C. 3319.172 due to the decreased enrollment of pupils in the School District and for financial reasons; and

Whereas, in accordance with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.172, the Board of Education determines the need to reduce the number of employees through the reduction of a non-teaching position and the suspension of an employment contract for financial/economic reasons not otherwise avoidable through attrition and due to the decreased enrollment of pupils in the School District; and

Resolved, as follows:

1. One position of Educational Aide Pilot Program is abolished, effective at the end of business on November 20, 2020.
2. The Board of Education suspends the employment contract of Educational Aide Deidre Fabian in accordance with RC. §3319.172, for financial /economic reasons and due to the decreased enrollment of pupils in the School District, effective at the close of business on November 20, 2020.
3. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to provide notice to Educational Aide Deidre Fabian of the Board's action to suspend her contract at the December 21, 2020 meeting of this Board in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.172 and Board Policy 4131, effective at the end of business on December 21, 2020.

Be it further resolved, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal action of this Board concerning and/or relating to the adoption of this Resolution was taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

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12. Recommend the Board set the Organizational Meeting for January 11, 2021 in the High School Cafeteria at 5:30 p.m.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

____Kline____McEwuen____Mullaly____Siciliano____Waesch

13. Recommend the Board elect a President Pro-Tem for the period of January 1, 2021 through January 11, 2021 until the election of officers at the Organizational Meeting.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

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IX. Reports

X. Old Business

- Community Committee
- Strategic Planning - Student Success, Facilities and Finance
- Levy Committee

XI. New Business

XII. Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 School Calendar

XIII. Adjournment @ _____.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

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