

FEBRUARY 22, 2021
BOARD MEETING
6:00 P.M.
HS CAFETERIA

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. R-Stars Presentation

VII. Community Comments

We set aside time during our meetings to welcome community comments and questions. To ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak, we ask that you please limit the duration of your comments to three minutes or less. Finally, we ask that all speakers conduct themselves in a respectful and peaceful manner.

VIII. Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

1. Resolution to:

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

January 11, 2021 - Organizational & Regular Board Meeting
January 20, 2021 - Special Board Meeting
February 8, 2021 - 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 following appropriation adjustments based on the increase and decrease in corresponding revenue adjustments:

001-0000	General Fund	Increase	\$1,000,000
516-9221	IDEA	Decrease	\$9,032.27

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

- 3. Resolution to approve a fund to fund transfer from 572-9220 Title I account to the 572-9221 Title I account in the amount of \$512.69 for carryover from 2020 to 2021.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

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IX. Superintendent’s Reports/Recommendations:

- 1. Recommend the Board approve FMLA for Kyle Barkhurst, effective March 19, 2021.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

- 2. Recommend the Board approve FMLA for Carol Kruger, effective February 19, 2021.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

3. Recommend the Board hire the following substitutes:

Bruce Vandegrift	Substitute Bus Aide, effective January 25, 2021
Jacob Klicman	Substitute Teacher, effective February 17, 2021

Moved _____ Seconded _____
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4. Recommend the Board approve the following supplementals:

Joe Mackle	HS Asst. Track Coach
Matt Just	HS Asst. Baseball Coach
Jim Gerren	HS Asst. Baseball Coach
Jordan Buso	HS Asst. Softball Coach
Meaghan Hahn	MS Track Coach

Moved _____ Seconded _____
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5. Recommend the Board approve the following for movement on the salary schedule due to college credits:

Jessica Banas	B+8 to a B+16
Cody Calhoun	B to a B+8
Rob Hindman	B+8 to a B+24

Moved _____ Seconded _____
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6. Recommend the Board approve a MOU with REA for Ski Club Advisor.

Moved _____ Seconded _____
_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

7. Recommend the Board approve the MOU with the Ohio Department of Education to participate in a pilot for a Mathematical and Modeling and Reasoning Algebra 2 Equivalent Course for the 2021-22 school year.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

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8. Recommend the Board approve the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding with University of Akron for the 2021-2022 school year.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

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9. Recommend the Board approve the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding with Stark State College for the 2021-2022 school year.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

10. Recommend the Board approve a joint agreement appointing the Business Advisory Council of the Educational Service Center to serve as the Business Advisory Council for the School District. As the Rootstown Local School District Board of Education ("Board") has entered into an agreement under R.C. 3313.843 and/or R.C. 3313.845 to receive any services from the Summit County Educational Service Center Governing Board ("ESC"), the Board is not required to appoint a Business Advisory Council pursuant to R.C. 3313.82, R.C. 3313.821, and applicable laws as the Board and ESC hereby agree that the ESC's Business Advisory Council shall represent the business of the Rootstown School District. The agreement shall remain in full force and effect until either the Board or ESC terminates the same by formal resolution.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Kline_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

11. Recommend the Board approve the Attorney-Client fee contract and authorize litigation:

WHEREAS, electronic cigarette and other nicotine vapor product (“vaping”) use and abuse by minor students in the United States has reached epidemic levels; and

WHEREAS, vaping companies’ irresponsible marketing strategies have targeted young people and have led to increased instances of nicotine addiction amongst America’s students; and

WHEREAS, nicotine and other harmful chemicals contained in vaping products leads to health issues and jeopardizes student development; and

WHEREAS, students across the United States, including students within the Rootstown School District, have been negatively impacted by the vaping epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the District has expended funds to address students’ use of vaping products;

WHEREAS, in 2019, Frantz Law Group, APLC filed a mass tort action lawsuit against JUUL Labs, Inc. on behalf of several California schools in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (“Lawsuit”); and

WHEREAS, the Lawsuit is captioned *In re: Juul Labs, Inc. Marketing, Sales Practices & Products Liability Litigation*, Case No. 3:19-md-2913-WHO; and

WHEREAS, the Lawsuit has been approved for trial and is set to commence in January 2022; and

WHEREAS, the law firms of Peters, Kalail & Markakis Co., LPA and Frantz Law Group, APLC (“Law Firms”) have entered into a co-counsel agreement to join Ohio schools into the Lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the Law Firms have offered to jointly represent the Rootstown School District in the Lawsuit pursuant to an Attorney-Client Fee Contract (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Agreement has been attached and fully incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Agreement, the District shall be not be charged attorneys' fees, nor shall the District bear any costs or expenses, if there is no recovery from the Lawsuit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Rootstown School District approves and enters into the Agreement with the Law Firms, and directs the Board President, Superintendent, and Treasurer to execute the Agreement and return the same to the Law Firms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT it is hereby found and determined that all formal action of the Board of Education 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 conducted in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education authorizes the Law Firms to file a complaint in the appropriate United States District Court(s) having jurisdiction over the Lawsuit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, Treasurer and other administrators and staff to provide reasonable assistance to the Law Firms to enable the handling of the Lawsuit.

Moved _____ Seconded _____
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X. Reports

XI. Old Business

- Work Session - management meeting
- Committees
- Track

XII. New Business

- Renewal Levy

XIII. Motion to go into executive session to prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

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XIV. Adjournment @ _____.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

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