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The Rootstown Local Board of Education met in work session at 5:00 pm to discuss curriculum and in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria on April 17, 2023. Present were Tom Siciliano, Jen Curall, Craig Mullaly, Amanda Waesch, Paul McEwuen, Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, Connie Baldwin, Treasurer. Also present: Robert Campbell, Brett Housley, Eric Schlaubach, Peggy Shewell, Dakota Berg, Deanna Shaffer, Rich Shaffer, Elijah Birch, Robert Birch, Lillian Priebe, Ida Priebe, David Kennedy, Rhonda Richardson (LWV). The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: J. Curall, C. Mullaly, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, P. McEwuen

RESOLUTION 2023-04-070
ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: J. Curall

To approve the agenda

Yeas: P. McEwuen, J. Curall, C. Mullaly, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Curriculum Work Session – R. Campbell presented information on each building department's textbooks, the age of the books, and a ranking of the need for replacement. Not every department uses a textbook; some use online or subscription based content. ELA was recently addressed in the elementary school, with materials chosen by a committee of teachers. Some of the greatest areas of need are elementary social studies and K-8 science. R. Campbell explained that some elementary and middle schools teachers are incorporating Project Lead the Way STEM science materials in the fall and it will take time to see how well the program works before purchasing more modules. R. Campbell would like to see more STEM based learning in the district with an emphasis on engineering and computer science. Robotics are being introduced in the elementary and middle school. Board members asked about writing, coding, and math rigor as well as offering more for gifted students. A potential timeline for textbook replacement is: K-8 Science in school year 24-25, K-5 Social Studies in school year 25-26 and 6-12 ELA in school year 26-27.

Lions' Club GOOD Award – Brett Housley and Eric Schlaubach presented the Lions' Club GOOD Award to: Avery Miller, Lillian Priebe, Elijah Birch. The students and parents were commended for the award.

IDEA Part B Presentation: C. Baldwin gave the required annual presentation on IDEA federal funds

Community Comments: N/A

Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2023-04-071
APPROVE FINANCIALS

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Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To waive the reading and approve the minutes of the following meetings:

March 20, 2023 – Regular Meeting

April 10, 2023 – Special Meeting

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

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, J. Curall

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-072

DONATION

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: J. Curall

To approve the following donation:

\$200.00

Anonymous

Yeas: P. McEwuen, J. Curall, C. Mullaly, A. Waesch, T. Siciliano

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-073

APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To approve participation in the following grants with the necessary appropriations and revenue increases:

516923A	ARP IDEA	\$31,400.05
5879223	ARP Early Childhood	\$3,730.71

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, P. McEwuen, J. Curall, C. Mullaly

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-074

WORKERS COMP PROGRAM

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: P. McEwuen

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To approve participation in Workers Comp Group Rating Program through Sheakley and the Ohio Schools Council for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with an anticipated premium of \$25,414.00.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, P. McEwuen, J. Curall, C. Mullaly, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-075
OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: J. Curall

To approve the Ohio Schools Council Governance Policy Change Resolution:

“The Board of Education of the Rootstown Local School District hereby grants the Superintendent of Rootstown Local School District the authority to modify, amend, or supplement Ohio Schools Council Policy 1.1 Section 10 Agreement, Policy 1.3 Section 11 Bylaws, and any other Agreements requiring Ohio Schools Council Assembly approval. These modifications, amendments, and supplements may occur at any regular or special meeting of the Ohio Schools Council Assembly at which a quorum is present. Approval of a modification, amendment or supplement requires a simple majority vote of the quorum.”

Yeas: P. McEwuen, J. Curall, A. Waesch, C. Mullaly, T. Siciliano

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Superintendent’s Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2023-04-076
HIRE – SCHULTZ

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To hire Bernadette Shultz as a 4th grade Teacher, B+24, Step 2 with a one year contract, effective the 2023-2024 school year.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, J. Curall, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-077
COUNSELOR COMPENSATION

Motion: J. Curall

Second: T. Siciliano

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To approve the following counselors to be compensated for serving as Building Test Coordinators during the 2022-2023 school year.

Taylor Shepard	\$500.00
Amy Mohan	\$500.00
Kathy Sandberg	\$500.00

Yeas: J. Curall, T. Siciliano, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-078
CLASSIFIED CONTRACTS

Motion: J. Curall

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the following classified contracts, effective the 2023-2024 school year:

Jamie Cline	Aide	Continuing
Matt Collins	Maintenance	Continuing
Jack Cooper	Bus Driver	Continuing
Jessica Dawes	Aide	2 year
Elizabeth DeLong	Bus Driver	2 year
Emily Earls	Bus Driver	2 year
Ruthann Francis	Spec. Svc. Secretary	2 year
Daniel Hartley	Maintenance	2 year
Carol Kruger	Aide	Continuing
Heather Lucas	Monitor	2 year
Jocelyn Lucas	Cafeteria	2 year
Stephanie McInerney	Cafeteria	2 year
Wendy Olson	Bus Driver	Continuing
Tom Reid	Bus Driver	2 year

Yeas: J. Curall, T. Siciliano, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-079
LEONARD – COMPENSATION

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: J. Curall

To pay Joe Leonard \$3,090.42 for serving as acting HS Head Girls Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

Yeas: P. McEwuen, J. Curall, A. Waesch, T. Siciliano, C. Mullaly

Nays: None

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Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-080
SUPPLEMENTALS

Motion: J. Curall

Second: A. Waesch

To approve the following supplementals:

Emily Pierson

Asst. Softball Coach - full contract.

Yeas: J. Curall, A. Waesch, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, T. Siciliano

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-081
SUPPLEMENTALS

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: J. Curall

To approve the following supplementals for the 2023-2024 school year:

Joe Leonard

Head Girls Basketball Coach

Yeas: T. Siciliano, J. Curall, A. Waesch, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-082
SUBSTITUTES

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To approve the following substitutes:

Janet Berta

Substitute Cafeteria Worker,
Effective 4/10/2023

Brittany Rodman

Substitute Teacher

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, J. Curall

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-083
POLICY 2ND READING

Motion: J. Curall

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Second: P. McEwuen

To approve the 2nd reading and adopt the following policies:

1615	Tobacco Use Prevention	New
2114	Meeting State Performance Indicators	Revised
2271	College Credit Plus Program	Revised
2412	Homebound Instruction	Revised
3120.09	Volunteers	Delete
3215	Tobacco Use Prevention	Revised
4120.09	Volunteers	Delete
4215	Tobacco Use Prevention	Revised
5310	Health Services	Revised
5460	Graduation Requirements	Revised
5512	Tobacco Use Prevention	Revised
5610	Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students	Revised
6325	Procurement- Federal Funds	Revised
7434	Tobacco Use Prevention	Revised
7450	Technology	Revised
7450.01	Technology Privacy	New
7540.02	Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Services	Revised
7540.03	Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety	Revised
7540.04	Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety	New
8120	Volunteers	Replacement
8300	Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan	Revised
8305	Information Security	Revised
8315	Information Management	New
8400	School Safety	Revised
8420	Emergency Situations at School	Revised
8462	Student Abuse and Neglect	Revised
9160	Public Attendance at School Events	Revised
9700.01	Advertising and Commercial Activities	Revised
O131.1	Technical Corrections	New

Yeas: J. Curall, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch

Nays: None

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RESOLUTION 2023-04-084
APPROVE NAVIANCE

Motion: P. McEwuen
Second: A. Waesch
To approve an agreement with the ESC of the Western Reserve for the provision of Naviance Consortium for the 2023-2024 school year.

Yeas: P. McEwuen, A. Waesch, C. Mullaly, J. Curall, T. Siciliano
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-085
APPROVE SCHOOL PROPERTY USE

Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: J. Curall
To approve the Rootstown Youth Soccer Club and Youth Football to use school property during the 2023-2024 school year.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, J. Curall, C. Mullaly, A. Waesch, P. McEwuen
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-086
APPROVE ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Motion: A. Waesch
Second: T. Siciliano
To approve the Attorney-Client Fee Contract and authorize litigation:

WHEREAS, large social media companies have designed their products, services and platforms, and implemented algorithms in their programming, for the intended purpose and effect of addicting children and adolescents to their products, services and platforms, which have caused a youth mental health crisis and an increase in depression, eating disorders, suicide, and other mental and physical injuries; and

WHEREAS, the conduct of the social medial companies has created a public nuisance in the communities and specifically on school campuses, including in this school district, by targeting their products to adolescents and children, and causing worsening mental health and behavioral disorders including anxiety, depression, disordered eating and cyberbullying; making it more difficult to educate students; and forcing schools to take steps such as hiring additional mental health professionals, developing lesson plans about the effects of social media and providing additional training to teachers; and

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WHEREAS, the law firms of Peters, Kalail & Markakis Co., LPA and Frantz Law Group, APLC ("Law Firms") have offered to jointly represent the Rootstown Local School District in a potential mass tort and nuisance action against the social media companies to rectify and compensate schools in Ohio and other States for injuries, harms, and damages caused by their conduct (the "Lawsuit"); and

WHEREAS, the Law Firms have presented an Attorney-Client Fee Contract ("Agreement") to represent the District in the Lawsuit, and a copy of the Agreement has been attached and is fully incorporated herein; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Rootstown Local 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; and

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; and

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.

Yeas: A. Waesch, T. Siciliano, P. McEwuen, J. Curall, C. Mullaly

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-04-087
APPROVE SUMMA CONTRACT

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To approve an agreement with Summa for athletic training services.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, J. Curall, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

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A. Hawkins gave an update on facilities. The board previously discussed using Hasenstab Architects and the OFCC to explore a building a 7-12 project segment of the master plan. The storm shelter waiver was approved. Based on the number of students could possibly house 6-12 in a new building at 134,000 sf. Next step – how to divide up the space and then discuss possible renovations in the elementary school. The timeline will necessitate a special meeting between the May and June board meetings and July and August dates for the November ballot. J. Curall asked if the grade levels can be segregated by age. A. Hawkins said this can be part of the design discussion.

The building principals reported on building activities. J. Turner invited the board to visit the new mural in the elementary school library designed by Jen Dougherty honoring Justin Coffman, Kelli Coffman's late son.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

P. McEwuen asked about setting an age limit on textbooks. The board tasked the superintendent and treasurer with coming up with a policy for textbook age limits as well as a recommendation for setting aside funds for textbook adoption.

The board also indicated the superintendent and treasurer should complete self-evaluations to be discussed in executive session at the May board meeting.

RESOLUTION 2023-04-088
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To adjourn the meeting at 7:04.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, J. Curall, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Craig Mullaly, President

Connie Baldwin-Guinto, Treasurer