

Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 20, 2023

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The Rootstown Local Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria on March 20, 2023. Present were Tom Siciliano, Jen Curall, Craig Mullaly, Amanda Waesch, Paul McEwuen, Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, Connie Baldwin, Treasurer. Also present: David Kennedy, Carrie Rivera, Gabriel Rivera, Dakota Berg, Robert Campbell, Eric Schlaubach, Ruthann Francis, Joyeanna Jones, Peggy Shewell, Ben Rantilla, Keith Waesch, Rhonda Richardson (LWV), Karen Bartholomy. 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 2023-03-045
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

Lions' Club GOOD Award – Eric Schlaubach presented the Lions' Club GOOD Award to: Izabella Wilson, Gabriel Rivera, and Nadia Lough. The students and parents were commended for the award.

Community Comments: N/A

Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2023-03-046
APPROVE FINANCIALS

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

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

February 13, 2023 – Regular 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, J. Curall, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-03-047
DONATION

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: J. Curall

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To approve the following donation:

\$450.00 from the Rootstown United Methodist Church

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-03-048

RATES AND AMOUNTS

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To approve the rates and amounts as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, per attached resolution.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-03-049

APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: P. McEwuen

To approve the following appropriations adjustments based on the increase and decrease in corresponding revenue adjustments:

018	Public Service	Increase	\$22,500.00
300	Athletics	Increase	\$30,000.00
599	Misc Federal Grant	Increase	\$100,000.00
006	Food Service	Increase	\$152,824.79
009	School Supplies	Increase	\$8,000.00
200	Student Activities	Increase	\$13,482.68

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-03-050

OHSAA WRESTLING COMPENSATION

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the following workers to be compensated (reimbursed by OHSAA) for working at the OHSAA Wrestling Tournament, as follows:

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Todd Ricks	Official Scorer	\$100.00
Diane Carman	Official Scorer	\$100.00
Steve Matheos	Official Scorer	\$100.00
Larry Bailey	Clock Operator	\$100.00
Matt Just	Clock Operator	\$100.00
Kenneth Motz	Clock Operator	\$100.00
Gerry Griffin	Ticket Taker	\$100.00
Matt Collins	Gatekeeper/Weigh-in Official	\$125.00
James Richner	Official Scorer	\$200.00
Keith Waesch	Site Manager/Announcer	\$400.00

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

Abstains: A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-03-051
RENEW IT COORDINATOR

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: P. McEwuen

To approve a one-year renewal agreement with SPARCC for an IT Coordinator, effective 7/1/2023.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2023-03-052
RESIGNATION – DUVAL

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To accept the resignation of Christy Duvall, 4th Grade Teacher, effective March 8, 2023.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-03-053
RESIGNATION – MYERS

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: T. Siciliano

To accept the resignation of Summer Myers, Bus Aide, effective March 10, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-03-054
RESIGNATION – REED

Motion: P. McEwuen
Second: J. Curall
To accept the resignation of Tara Reed, Bus Driver, effective February 26, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-03-055
FMLA – BURRELL

Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: A. Waesch
To approve FMLA for Aubrey Burrell, Elementary Teacher, effective February 8, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-03-056
FMLA – HOLLOWAY

Motion: P. McEwuen
Second: J. Curall
To approve FMLA for Michael Holloway, Asst. Mechanic, effective January 7, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-03-057
HIRE – JONES

Motion: P. McEwuen
Second: T. Siciliano
To hire Joyeanna Jones as Special Services Director, with a two-year contract, 204 days per year, \$78,000 salary, effective the 2023-2024 school year.

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

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Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-03-058
APPROVE SUPPLEMENTALS

Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: A. Waesch
To approve the following supplementals:

Jacob Klicman	Fishing Club Advisor
James Gerren	HS Asst. Baseball Coach
Emily Pierson	HS Asst. Softball Coach - 1/2 contract
Sheena Raab	HS Asst. Softball Coach - 1/2 contract
Matt Collins	Volunteer Baseball Coach
John Gerren	Volunteer Baseball Coach
Denny Pickens	Volunteer Track Coach

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

RESOLUTION 2023-03-059
APPROVE SUBSTITUTES

Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: P. McEwuen
To approve the following substitutes:

Eric Morgan	Substitute Teacher
Samantha Hopkins	Substitute Educational Aide, effective 3/6/23
Nicholas Malek	Student Summer Help

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

RESOLUTION 2023-03-060
APPROVE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Motion: A. Waesch
Second: T. Siciliano
To approve participation in the Inter-District Open Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-03-061

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APPROVE 1ST READING OF POLICIES

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the first reading of the following policies:

#	Policy	Type
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

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O131.1	Technical Corrections	New
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Yeas: P. McEwuen, T. Siciliano, J. Curall, C. Mullaly, A. Waesch
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-03-062
APPROVE COURSE CATALOG

Motion: A. Waesch
Second: P. McEwuen
To approve the Middle School Course Catalog for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-03-063
APPROVE ADMIN CONTRACTS

Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: P. McEwuen
To approve the following Administrative contracts, effective the 2023-2024 school year:

Dakota Berg	3 year
Robert Campbell	3 year

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

RESOLUTION 2023-03-064
APPROVE 8TH GRADE TRIP

Motion: J. Curall
Second: T. Siciliano
To approve the 8th grade Washington DC Trip for Friday March 24, 2023 through Sunday, March 26, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-03-065
APPROVE HS SOFTBALL TRIP

Motion: P. McEwuen

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Second: A. Waesch

To approve the HS Softball Team to travel to Florida, April 3, 2023 through April 7, 2023.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-03-066
APPROVE JUUL RESOLUTION

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board is a plaintiff in a pending multi-district litigation entitled In re JUUL Labs, Inc. (the "JUUL litigation"); and

WHEREAS, the Board's legal counsel in the JUUL Litigation has apprised the Board of a proposed settlement of the pending litigation, including the general terms and conditions of the proposed settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Board's legal counsel recommends the Board approve the proposed settlement, subject to final legal review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it is in the District's interest to proceed with the proposed settlement of the JUUL Litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Rootstown Local Schools as follows:

1. The Board hereby authorizes its legal counsel, in the JUUL Litigation, Frantz Law Group, to consent to the proposed settlement of said litigation on behalf of the Board, subject to legal counsel's final review and approval of the terms and conditions of the settlement agreement as being consistent with the terms and conditions legal counsel previously discussed with the Board.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
3. The Board finds that this resolution was approved at a regular meeting open to the public in accordance with the provisions of Section 122.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Nays: None

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REPORTS:

A. Hawkins reported on school events, new website is live on the website with a few hiccups to be ironed out, and facilities survey to go out this week. The principals reported on district and building activities

Old Business:

Facilities Discussion: Ben Rantilla informed the board that to be on the ballot in November, a decision needs to be made soon. There are 3 decisions to be made:

- 1) Be on the ballot in November 2023 or not.
- 2) Build new or renovate the old building(s).
- 3) Use the OFCC or not.

A decision needs to be made by mid-April if the Board intends to use the OFCC. There is some new legislation to eliminate the storm shelter through the OFCC at a cost savings of roughly \$600,000. Also, if renovation is the answer, the district will need a waiver and a walk-through by the OFCC (if using their program). A. Hawkins noted the facilities survey will go out this week and will end on April 5. Also, C. Baldwin commented the PI levy will expire this year with the first chance to renew in November 2023. Decisions for this ballot initiative should be decided by June. The board discussed meeting on April 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the results of the community survey. The board will also meet at 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2023 to discuss curriculum.

New Business:

Athletic League: A discussion was held regarding the athletic league. Southeast is leaving the conference which leaves 5 teams in the PTC. There are two options: 1) Join the Mahoning Valley Conference if there is an opening. 2) Form a new league. Nine or ten superintendents met discuss the possibility of a new league. K. Waesch commented this has been ongoing and there have been some roadblocks, which has been frustrating. The board will wait for further exploration from the districts.

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS: A. Hawkins presented the district report card, enrollment, and planned next steps to improve the district.

A. Waesch commented she would like to see curriculum as a separate report on the agenda. Can move to old business. P. McEwuen commented on the new website.

RESOLUTION 2023-03-067

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve executive session under ORC Section 121.22(G) to consider the employment of a public employee at 7:23 p.m. Invited in: A. Hawkins

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

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Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

The president called the meeting back into regular session at 7:50

RESOLUTION 2023-03-068
APPROVE TRANSFER

Motion: P. McEwuen
Second: T. Siciliano
To approve the transfer of Karen Bartholomy to Elementary Art Teacher, effective the 2023-2024 school year.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-03-069
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: A. Waesch
To adjourn the meeting at 7:52.

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