

BOARD MEETING
APRIL 17, 2023
Work Session
5:00 P.M.
Board Meeting
6:00 P.M.
HS CAFETERIA

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

_____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

IV. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

V. Work Session - Curriculum

VI. Lions Club Good Award

VII. Presentation - IDEA-B - Connie Baldwin

VIII. 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 for a total of 20 minutes for all speakers. When addressing the board, please, state your name and address. Finally, we ask that all speakers conduct themselves in a respectful and peaceful manner.

IX. Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

1. Resolution to:

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

March 20, 2023 - Board Meeting
April 10, 2023 - Special Board Meeting

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

Moved _____ Seconded _____
_____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

2. Resolution to approve the following donation:

\$200.00 Anonymous

Moved _____ Seconded _____
_____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

3. Resolution to approve the participation in the following grants with the necessary appropriations and revenue increases:

516 923A	ARP IDEA	\$31,400.05
587 9223	ARP Early Childhood	\$3,730.71

Moved _____ Seconded _____
_____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

4. Resolution 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.

Moved _____ Seconded _____
_____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

5. Recommend the Board 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.”

Moved _____ Seconded _____
 _____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

X. Superintendent’s Reports/Recommendations:

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

Moved _____ Seconded _____
 _____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

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

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

Moved _____ Seconded _____
 _____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

- 3. Recommend the Board 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

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

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

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

5. Recommend the Board approve the following supplementals:

Emily Pierson Asst. Softball Coach - full contract

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

6. Recommend the Board approve the following supplementals for the 2023-2024 school year:

Joe Leonard Head Girls Basketball Coach

Moved _____ Seconded _____

_____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

7. Recommend the Board approve the following substitutes:

Janet Berta Substitute Cafeteria Worker,
Effective 4/10/2023

Brittany Rodman

Substitute Teacher

Moved _____

Seconded _____

____Curall____McEwuen____Mullaly____Siciliano____Waesch

8. Recommend the Board 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

Moved _____ Seconded _____
 _____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

- 9. Recommend the Board enter into an agreement with the ESC of the Western Reserve for the provision of Naviance Consortium for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved _____ Seconded _____
 _____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

- 10. Recommend the Board approve the Rootstown Youth Soccer Club and Youth Football to use school property during the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved _____ Seconded _____
 _____Curall_____McEwuen_____Mullaly_____Siciliano_____Waesch

- 11. Recommend the Board 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

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.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

____Curall____McEwuen____Mullaly____Siciliano____Waesch

12. Recommend the Board enter into an agreement with Summa for athletic training services.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

____Curall____McEwuen____Mullaly____Siciliano____Waesch

XI. Reports

- Curriculum

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

XIV. Adjournment @ _____.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

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