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The Rootstown Local Board of Education in regular session at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria on July 17, 2023. Present were Tom Siciliano, Jen Curall, Craig Mullaly, Amanda Waesch, Paul McEwuen, Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, Connie Baldwin, Treasurer. Also present: Ruthann Francis, Deanna Shaffer, Richard Shaffer, Maria Fowler, Jason & Aubrey Burrell, Brenda Giebel, David M. Bass, Toni Mervine, Rhonda Richardson (LWV). The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-07-156
ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: P. McEwuen

To approve the agenda

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

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Facilities Discussion – C. Mullaly spoke regarding the board’s ongoing discussion regarding new buildings and the PI levy. The board is not ready to move forward with a November ballot for new facilities. A. Hawkins reminded the board 2 resolutions are needed before August 9 for the PI levy. C. Baldwin gave an explanation of the PI levy as a 2.5 mill levy for permanent improvements outside of operations, currently collecting at 1.4 mills. The board has the option to do a straight renewal or replace the levy, which would bring the tax revenue back to 2.5 mills. P. McEwuen added that for a \$100,000 home the current collection is about \$41 per year. Replacing the levy would bring it back to \$87 per year or an additional \$46 per year. For a \$400,000 home, the cost of the replacement levy would be an additional \$13 per month. T. Siciliano feels the board should not ask for more money now and then turn around and ask for new money for facilities in two years. Is in favor of extending the levy from 5 years to 10 or make it continuing. P. McEwuen agreed. A. Waesch feels a replacement levy would not pass in the current economy. Agrees with extending at least 10 years. P. McEwuen expressed that a replacement would bring in only \$1 million over five years. A. Waesch feels that is an uphill battle. J. Curall indicated the board is looking at other options. Community needs to know the overall plan before they are asked for new money. C. Mullaly wants new buildings but the plan is not there. The board was presented with a plan but were not comfortable because it was more money than originally anticipated. Feels the board needs to wait to get what we really need. Asked for cost of replacement so the board could compare. T. Siciliano doesn’t feel the board should ask for more money if it is not enough to get our facilities out of the woods. Do need to

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get out of the constant levy renewal cycle. A. Hawkins expressed there is a pressing need for repairs, especially the middle school roof and then the high school roof. The high school roof can be patched but will soon need replaced. Even if a bond issue passed today, there is still a need for repairs while the current buildings are open. If new money isn't raised, repairs may need to come out of the general fund, jeopardizing programs. The roofs need to be addressed. May have to go without other things such as new buses or the gym floor replacement. Hope that the gym floor patch will be enough to last ten years, but it may not. C. Mullaly asked the board for consensus. A. Hawkins expressed that a replacement would get two new roofs over the next five years. A. Waesch felt the board needs more discussion on facilities rather than attack it piecemeal. P. McEwuen feels the board shouldn't sink money into the middle school with a band-aid approach. J. Curall feels if there is an endgame, then we can allocate funds. A. Waesch felt the next steps should be to discuss an overall plan and that the board needs more options to consider. T. Siciliano asked about the term of the levy. A discussion was held regarding the term of the levy. The board will hold a special meeting on July 31 at 5:00 pm to pass the second levy resolution after the county auditor certifies. P. McEwuen made a motion as follows:

RESOLUTION 2023-07-157
APPROVE LEVY RENEWAL

Motion: P. McEwuen
Second: T. Siciliano

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERAL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS AND REQUESTING THE PORTAGE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03 AND 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School District is currently levying a 2.5 mill, five-year permanent improvement levy for the purpose of general permanent improvements, including renovating, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping, and otherwise improving school facilities and their sites (the "Existing Levy"), which Existing Levy was approved by the voters in the School District on May 7, 2019, and first placed on the tax list and duplicate in the 2019 tax year for collection in years 2020 through 2024, and

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WHEREAS, the levy proposed by this Resolution is a renewal of the proceeds derived from the Existing Levy levied pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Ohio Revised Code which expires in tax year 2023 (collection year 2024).

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a renewal of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, this Board must certify to the Portage County Auditor a resolution requesting that the County Auditor make certain certifications as described in Section 5705.03(B)(2); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B)(1), the resolution of this Board as described immediately above must state all of the following, as applicable to the levy: (a) the proposed rate of the tax, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value, or the dollar amount of revenue to be generated by the proposed levy; (b) the purpose of the tax; (c) whether the tax is an additional levy, a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, a renewal or replacement of an existing tax with an increase or a decrease, a reduction or decrease of an existing tax, or extension of an existing tax to additional territory; (d) the Section of the Revised Code authorizing the submission of the question of the tax; (e) the term of years of the tax or that it is for a continuing period of time; (f) that the tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of the School District; (g) the date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot; (h) that the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of the School District; (i) the tax year in which the tax will first be levied and the calendar year in which it will be first collected; and (j) each county in which the School District has territory; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B)(2), upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board as described immediately above, the County Auditor is to certify each of the following, as applicable to the levy; (a) the total current tax valuation of the School District; (b) the number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value that is required to generate a specified amount of revenue; (c) either of the following, calculated using the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the County Auditor to the County Budget Commission: (i) if the levy is to renew, renew and increase, renew and decrease, reduce or decrease, or extend to additional territory an existing levy that is subject to reduction under Section 319.02 of the Revised Code, the levy's estimated effective rate, calculated using the rate described in Section 5705.03(B)(2)(b) or (d), express in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value, or (ii) for all other levies, the levy's rate, described in Section 5705.03(B)(2)(b) or (d), expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value; (d) the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by a specified number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value; and (e) an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the

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tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the County Auditor to the County Budget Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rootstown Local School District, Portage County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Definition. As used in this Resolution and in accordance with Section 5705.03(B)(1)(a) of the Revised Code, "mills" refers to mills for each one dollar of taxable value.

Section 2. Declaration of Necessity of Renewal of Tax Levy. This Board finds, determines and declares that (i) the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District, (ii) it is necessary to levy a renewal of the 2.5-mill ad valorem property tax outside the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of general permanent improvements, including renovating, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping, and otherwise improving school facilities and their sites, (iii) it intends to submit the question of the renewal of the tax levy to the electors of the entire territory of the School District at an election to be held on November 7, 2023, as authorized by Sections 5705.03 and 5705.21 of the Revised Code, and (iv) the School District has territory only in the County of Portage. If approved, that tax will be levied upon the entire territory of the School District for a ten-year period of time, commencing in tax year 2024, for first collection in calendar year 2025.

Section 3. Request for Certification. This Board requests the Portage County Auditor to certify to it the certifications set forth in Section 5705.03(B)(2) as applicable to the proposed renewal levy.

Section 4. Certification and Delivery of Resolution to County Auditor. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to the Portage County Auditor.

Section 5. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 6. 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.

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Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Community Comments: N/A

Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2023-07-158

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: J. Curall

Resolution to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the following meetings:

May 15, 2023 Board Meeting

June 26, 2023 Board Meeting

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-07-159

APPROVE DONATION

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the following donation:

Cushman Commander 280SE

\$4,500.00

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

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-07-160

INVENTORY AND CAPITAL ASSETS

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Motion: A. Waesch

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve to approve the additions and deletions to the following inventory:

Deletions:

FILE CABINET 03791

Additions:

SILVER 3/4 PICK-UP 2022 VIN#IGCH24K18E111868	O1041	\$45,288.50
2020 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN VIN#2C4RDGCG5LR153240	O1042	\$42,270.50
CUSHMAN COMMANDER #1404186	O1043	\$4,500.00
MYERS SNOW PLOW 2023	O1045	\$8,699.12
FIELD HOUSE HVAC W ELECTRICAL	O1046	\$69,500.00
HS DOORS AND SECURITY	O1047	\$153,090.00
MS DOORS AND SECURITY	O1048	\$80,190.00
ES WINDOWS, DOORS AND SECURITY	O1049	\$273,065.00
BUS CAMERAS	O1050	\$51,101.08
CAFETERIA TABLES	O1051	\$27,742.06
CONCRETE REPAIRS	O1052	\$43,450.00
ROCKS AND GRAVEL	O1053	\$10,856.90
MS ROOF REPAIRS	O1054	\$11,610.00
MULCH FOR PLAYGROUND	O1055	\$6,536.25

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-07-161
APPROVE BREAD AND MILK BIDS

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Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: J. Curall

To approve the bread bid to be awarded to Nickles Bakery, the dairy bid to be awarded to Smith Dairy and the ice cream bid to be awarded to Hersheys, effective the 2023-2024 school year as provided by Ohio Schools Council bid process.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-07-162
APPROVE SHRED-IT CONTRACT

Motion: A. Waesch
Second: T. Siciliano

To renew the contract with Shred-It Stericycle for the 2023-2024 school year for the base amount of \$104.18 minimum pickup and \$14.88 per container per service.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-07-163
APPROVE PETTY CASH

Motion: P. McEwuen
Second: T. Siciliano

To petty cash and change for the 2023-2024 school year:

Petty Cash:

Treasurer's Office	\$100.00
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Change:

Cafeteria	\$150.00
Athletic Department	\$500.00

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

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RESOLUTION 2023-07-164
APPROVE FEDERAL GRANT

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: P. McEwuen

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

584924A	Stronger Connections	New	\$9,726.15
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Yeas: A. Waesch, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, J. Curall, T. Siciliano

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-07-165
APPROVE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve payment in lieu of transportation for the 2022-2023 school year for the following private school students residing in Rootstown. It has been deemed impractical due to the cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel and administration:

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Julian Lilley

Rachel Testa & Brian Lilley-Longville

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-07-166
APPROVE EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: J. Curall

To approve the agreement with Educational Alternatives, to provide transportation services for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Nays: None

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Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2023-07-167
RESIGNATION – CLINE

Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: A. Waesch
To accept the resignation of Jamie Cline, Educational Aide, effective June 29, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-07-168
RESIGNATION – RICHNER

Motion: P. McEwuen
Second: T. Siciliano
To accept the resignation of JR Richner, HS PE Teacher, effective 8/31/2023.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-07-169
RESIGNATION – SANDBURG

Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: A. Waesch
To accept the resignation of Kathy Sandberg, HS Guidance Counselor, effective August 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-07-170
RESIGNATION – CUTTINGS

Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: A. Waesch

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To accept the retirement resignation of Kathie Cuttings, Educational Aide, effective August 6, 2023.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-07-171
APPROVE SUPPLEMENTALS

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To accept the following supplementals for the 2022-2023 school year:

Dawn Coffman	Elementary Enrichment
Kyle Fitzpatrick	Elementary Enrichment - 1/2 contract
Marina Nelson	Elementary Enrichment - 1/2 contract
Bernadette Shultz	Elementary Enrichment

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-07-172
APPROVE SUPPLEMENTALS

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: P. McEwuen

To approve the following supplementals:

Sandra Stanley	Substitute Aide Caller
Alan Vancerink	HS Asst. Football Coach
Mark Knopick	HS Asst. Football Coach
Al Hodakievic	HS Asst. Football Coach
Tom Hannan	HS Asst. Football Coach
Aaron Miracle	HS Asst. Boys Soccer Coach
Marc Stroom	HS Asst. Girls Soccer Coach
Kyle Barkhurst	HS Asst. Golf Coach
Victoria Just	HS Asst. Volleyball Coach
Kyle Rodstrom	HS Asst. Cross Country Coach
Jacob Klicman	MS Football Coach
Gaige McIntyre	MS Football Coach
Kristin Kamenash	MS 8th Grade Volleyball Coach

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Paige Byers	MS 7th Grade Volleyball Coach
Krissy Moore	HS Faculty Manager
Gerry Griffin	MS Faculty Manager
Kyle Fitzpatrick	Fitness Coordinator
Ben Sherman	Volunteer Football Coach
Brandan Nicholas	Volunteer Football Coach

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-07-173
APPROVE SUBSTITUTES

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the following substitutes:

Richard Routt

Substitute Teacher

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-07-174
CHILDREN'S ADVANTAGE

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: J. Curall

To approve an agreement with Children's Advantage to provide weekly prevention case management services, for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$38,500.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-07-175
ADMINISTRATIVE INCREASE

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: P. McEwuen

To approve a 2.5% salary increase for the following administrative positions beginning the FY24 contract:

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Director of Teaching and Learning
MS Principal
Director of Facilities
Board Secretary/EMIS Coordinator
Accounts Payable/Attendance

HS Principal
ES Principal
Director of Athletics
Director of Food Service

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

Abstains: A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

REPORTS:

A. Hawkins thanked the maintenance and custodial staff for their hard work over the summer maintaining the buildings. Several positions are still open.

Curriculum: C. Baldwin reported that Mr. Campbell is on summer break but he continues to work on reporting, etc. J. Curall asked that field trips also be included as a supplement to the curriculum.

Old Business:

New Business: C. Baldwin advised the board to start thinking about delegates for the capital conference. A discussion was held regarding using Final Forms to include nonresidential parents and students at Biomed. A. Hawkins will look into it further. Aubrey Burrell asked how the HVAC at the field house was paid and C. Baldwin indicated it was paid with federal COVID funds.

RESOLUTION 2023-07-176

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To adjourn the meeting at 5:50.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Craig Mullaly, President

Connie Baldwin-Guinto, Treasurer