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The Rootstown Local Board of Education in regular session at 6:00 p.m. with a work session at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria on August 21, 2023. Present were Tom Siciliano, Jen Curall, Craig Mullaly, Amanda Waesch, Paul McEwuen, Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, Connie Baldwin, Treasurer. Also present: Karen Fowler, Barb Stary, Bob Stary, Rhonda Richardson (LWV). The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-08-194

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To approve the agenda

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

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**Facilities Work Session –** A. Hawkins gave a short update on the previous discussion, completed projects and the upcoming PI levy. There is a need for additional funds for any new projects. A. Hawkins recommended starting a committee of school employees and community members to decide the next steps with facilities and finance. The board discussed holding a facilities meeting on Sept. 18 after the board meeting. A. Hawkins will bring employees and each board member will recruit a couple of community members. The group will set a schedule for future meetings. A. Hawkins reviewed new guidelines on levy involvement by school personnel. Will need a chair for the levy. The board discussed the possibility of coming up with a dollar amount and working backwards from there to determine facility upgrades. Feel a smaller issue may pass or break it down into smaller pieces over a few years. The middle school needs to be addressed in some way. The next facilities discussion will take place at 7:00 pm on September 18.

The president ended the work session and called the meeting back into regular session.

**Community Comments:**

Brian Kinter (5347 Ledgerock): Raised a question regarding open enrollment and a child who was denied enrollment this coming year as a second grader. Understands there is an agreement with the teachers’ union on class size and there is a stipend paid for overage. Feels this is unfair. Offered to cover the cost of the stipend. The child’s brother was accepted into Kindergarten but no room for the second grader. Asked the board not to split the family. Feels the child would be a positive addition to the Rovers. A. Hawkins will follow up with the community member.

Katie Spaulding (1010 Glenrich Circle, Ravenna): Spoke on behalf of the child, who doesn’t understand why she was not accepted. Told her brother she would find somewhere else to go. Asks for the community to help keep students in the schools once they start at Rootstown. Feels the district needs more teachers or should charge tuition so students can stay. A. Hawkins will follow up with the parent.

**Treasurer’s Reports/Recommendations:**

RESOLUTION 2023-08-195

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

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

July 17, 2023 Board Meeting

July 24, 2023 Special Board Meeting

July 31, 2023 Special Board Meeting

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-08-196

APPROVE DONATION

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To approve the following donation:

Roundtable Organization $750.00

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-08-197

SPARCC FINAL FORMS CONTRACT

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the contract with Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium for Final Forms Hosting and Support, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of $4,836.78

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-08-198

APPROVE GRANTS

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: J. Curall

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

451 Network Subsidy Increase $138.30

584 Stronger Connections New $9,726.15

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**Superintendent’s Reports/Recommendations:**

**RESOLUTION 2023-08-199**

**RETIREMENT – JEWELL**

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To accept the retirement resignation of Staley Jewell, 6th Grade Teacher, effective March 2, 2024

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2023-08-200**

**HIRE – STAUDT**

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: J. Curall

To hire Robert Staudt as a High School Physical Education/Health Teacher with a Bachelor’s degree, Step 1, and a 1 year contract, effective the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2023-08-201**

**HIRE – FLINN**

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: T. Siciliano

To hire Tina Flinn as Educational Aide, 186 day contract, Step 1, 1 year contract, 7 hours per day, effective the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2023-08-202**

**HIRE – SMART**

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: J. Curall

To hire Erica Smart as Educational Aide, 186 day contract, step 1, 1 year contract, 7 hours per day, effective the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2023-08-203**

**HIRE – STANLEY**

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To hire Summer Stanley as Bus Aide, 186 day contract, 3 ¾ hours per day, Step 4, 1 year contract, effective the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2023-08-204**

**SALARY SCHEDULE MOVEMENT**

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: J. Curall

To approve the following teachers to move on the salary schedule due to additional college credits:

Joseph Siciliano M+8 to a M+20

Hallie Obert M+8 to a M+20

Paige Byers Master’s to a M+8

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

Nays: None

Abstains: T. Siciliano

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2023-08-205**

**APPROVE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT**

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To approve the transportation agreement with Martin & Kimberly Jenior for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2023-08-206**

**APPROVE SUPPLEMENTALS**

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

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

Naomi Randt Quiz Bowl Advisor

Ryann Kavali Ski Club Advisor

Carol Pullin Youth Safety Council Advisor

Carol Pullin Saturday Detention Monitor

Carol Pullin N.H.S. Advisor

Kelly Morris Freshman Class Advisor

Althea Kent Junior Class Advisor

Althea Kent Senior Class Advisor

Kelly Morris Student Council Advisor ½

Stephanie Adkins Student Council Advisor ½

Dana Tingler Assistant Volleyball Coach

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2023-08-207**

**APPROVE SUBSTITUTES**

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the following substitutes:

Heather Lucas Substitute Educational Aide

Briana Waskiewicz Substitute Bus Driver

Cynthia Wilson Parker Substitute Teacher

Elizabeth Miller Substitute Educational Aide and

Substitute Bus Aide

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2023-08-208**

**APPROVE LEGAL SERVICES**

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: J. Curall

To approve the agreement with Peters, Kalail, & Markakis, Co., LPA for legal services.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**REPORTS**:

A. Hawkins: Reported on opening day activities and thanked the maintenance and custodial staff, board, secretaries, counselors, etc. for their hard work over the summer. The building principals reported on opening activities and enrollment. Curriculum: Focusing on looking at data for areas of growth. MAP test is new for 4-8th grade replacing STAR. Dyslexia law requires a screener to replace DIBBLS. Project Lead the Way – 6 teachers trained in science curriculum for 2-6th grade pilot program, which will lead decision on science curriculum.

A. Marzec reported HS finished installing LED lighting, hot water system replaced was original to the building, roofed the pavilion, replaced concrete walk, fixed basketball hoops and 4 Square. UCE has done a great job on the concrete work. Gym floor is in and responsible for the volley ball team winning.

**Old Business:**

C. Baldwin discussed the Capital Conference

**New Business**:

**RESOLUTION 2023-08-209**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To adjourn the meeting at 6:30.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

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Craig Mullaly, President Connie Baldwin-Guinto, Treasurer