

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
JULY 31, 2023  
5:00 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. Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

1. Resolution to approve a resolution to proceed as follows:

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN ADDITIONAL 2.5-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERAL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE.**

WHEREAS, this Board intends to submit to the electorate of the School District the question of the renewal of a 2.5-mill tax levy for general permanent improvements, including renovating, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping, and otherwise improving school facilities and their sites for a continuing period of time, commencing with the 2024 tax list and to be first collected in calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2023, this Board adopted Resolution No. 2023-07-179, determining that 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, declaring it necessary to renew the levy of an additional 2.5-mill tax levy for the purpose of general permanent improvements, including renovating, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping, and otherwise improving school facilities and their sites for a continuing period of time, and requesting the Portage County Auditor to certify the certifications set forth in Section 5705.03(B)(2), as applicable to the proposed 2.5-mill additional levy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that Resolution and Section 5705.03(B), the Portage County Auditor certified, by DTE 140R dated July 26, 2023, provided to the District on July 27, 2023, that (i) the estimated property tax revenue that will be produced by the stated millage (2.5 mills), assuming the tax valuation of the School District remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$425,000 per year, (ii) the total taxable value of the School District used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue is \$259,436,210 and (iii) the millage for the requested levy is 2.5 mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$47 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor's appraised value.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Rootstown Local School District, County of Portage, Ohio, at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, 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 Tax Levy. This Board hereby finds, determines and declares that 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, and that it is necessary to levy a renewal of a tax in excess of that limitation at the rate of 2.5 mills, for a continuing period of time, for the purpose of general permanent improvements, including renovating, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping, and otherwise improving school facilities and their sites.

Section 3. Submission of Question of Tax Levy to the Electors. The question of the renewal of an additional 2.5-mill ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation, for a continuing period of time, for the purpose of general permanent improvements, including renovating, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping, and otherwise improving school facilities and their sites beginning with the tax list for the year

2024, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to the School District in calendar year 2025, shall be submitted under the provisions of Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code to the electors of the School District at an election to be held therein on November 7, 2023, as authorized by law. That election shall be held at the regular places of voting in the School District as established by the Portage County Board of Elections, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 4. Notice of Election. The Treasurer of this Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of that election as provided by law.

Section 5. Delivery of Materials to Board of Elections. The Treasurer be and is hereby directed to deliver or cause to be delivered (i) a certified copy of Resolution No. 2023-07-179, adopted on July 24, 2023, referred to in the sixth preamble to this Resolution, (ii) the certificate of the Portage County Auditor referred to in the seventh preamble to this Resolution and (iii) a certified copy of this Resolution, to the Portage County Board of Elections before 4:00 p.m. (or the earlier close of business) on August 9, 2023.

Section 6. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 7. 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.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Curall\_\_\_\_\_McEwuen\_\_\_\_\_Mullaly\_\_\_\_\_Siciliano\_\_\_\_\_Waesch

VI. Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:

1. Recommend the Board hire Emily Ganzhorn as HS Counselor, with a Master's degree, Step 3, and a 1 year contract, effective the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Curall\_\_\_\_\_McEwuen\_\_\_\_\_Mullaly\_\_\_\_\_Siciliano\_\_\_\_\_Waesch

2. Recommend the Board hire Alexis Gearhart as HS Technology Teacher, with a Master's degree, Step 6, and a 1 year contract, effective the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Curall\_\_\_\_\_McEwuen\_\_\_\_\_Mullaly\_\_\_\_\_Siciliano\_\_\_\_\_Waesch

3. Recommend the Board hire Caleb Abell as HS Intervention Specialist, with a Bachelor's degree, Step 1, and a 1 year contract, effective the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Curall\_\_\_\_\_McEwuen\_\_\_\_\_Mullaly\_\_\_\_\_Siciliano\_\_\_\_\_Waesch

4. Recommend the Board hire Shannon Woolard as an Educational Aide, 186 day contract, 7 hours per day, Step 2, effective the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Curall\_\_\_\_\_McEwuen\_\_\_\_\_Mullaly\_\_\_\_\_Siciliano\_\_\_\_\_Waesch

5. Recommend the Board hire Kelly Wilson as a Bus Aide, 186 day contract, 3-¾ hours per day, Step 1, effective the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Curall\_\_\_\_\_McEwuen\_\_\_\_\_Mullaly\_\_\_\_\_Siciliano\_\_\_\_\_Waesch

6. Recommend the Board hire the following as Permanent Substitute Teachers, for the 2023-2024 school year:

Debbie Ravine

Katti Simkanin

May Abdlrasul

Moved \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Curall \_\_\_\_ McEwuen \_\_\_\_ Mullaly \_\_\_\_ Siciliano \_\_\_\_ Waesch

7. Recommend the Board approve the following substitutes:

Arthur Lloyd

Tara Langston

Jersey Rollyson

Substitute Teacher

Substitute Teacher, Secretary  
and Educational Aide

Substitute Custodian, effective  
July 24, 2023.

Moved \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Curall \_\_\_\_ McEwuen \_\_\_\_ Mullaly \_\_\_\_ Siciliano \_\_\_\_ Waesch

8. Recommend the Board approve the MOU with OAPSE.

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Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Curall \_\_\_\_ McEwuen \_\_\_\_ Mullaly \_\_\_\_ Siciliano \_\_\_\_ Waesch

- VII. Motion to go into executive session to consider the evaluation of a public employee.

Moved \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Curall \_\_\_\_ McEwuen \_\_\_\_ Mullaly \_\_\_\_ Siciliano \_\_\_\_ Waesch

- VIII. Adjournment @ \_\_\_\_\_.

Moved \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Curall \_\_\_\_ McEwuen \_\_\_\_ Mullaly \_\_\_\_ Siciliano \_\_\_\_ Waesch