

Minutes of Special Meeting
October 9, 2023

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The Rootstown Local Board of Education met in special session at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria on October 9, 2023. Present were Tom Siciliano, Jen Curall, Craig Mullaly, Amanda Waesch, Paul McEwuen, Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, Connie Baldwin, Treasurer. Also present: Shannon White, Chad White, Brenda Giebel, Debbie Gruening, Ben Rantilla, Barb Stary, Bob Stary, David Kennedy, Ralph Iarussi, Toni Mervine, Jeff Turner, Jason & Aubrey Burrell, Robert Campbell, Dakota Berg, Matt Just, Maryann Stevenson, Amanda Kortright, Alan Marzec, Stephanie Farkash. 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 2023-10-233

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: A. Waesch
To approve the agenda

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

Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2023-10-234

APPROVE INVENTORY DISPOSALS

Motion: J. Curall
Second: T. Siciliano
Resolution to remove the following items from inventory for disposal:

Bus #11	2015 International	4DRBUAAN7FB794517
Bus #5	2004 Thomas	4UZAAXAKX4CM17796
Bus #7	2004 Thomas	4UZAAXDC84CM61610

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

Facilities Work Session:

A. Hawkins introduced Ben Rantilla of Hasenstab and Lindsey Myers of FSM. Goal of this committee is to present plan for the board to vote on in February. Ben Rantilla to

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present an overview of previous options. Then building tours of key spots. Return and brainstorm ideas on what students need. Next meeting November 8. Goal tonight is to get ideas. Compile ideas and present on Nov 8. Will also survey staff. On the 8th will develop some possible options. The committee will come back Dec 4 to add the financial piece to the options. More meetings to be determined. Goal is to report plan to board in February for a November 2024 ballot.

Ben Rantilla – In 2018, Hasenstab Architects brought on board. Recap of how we got here:

2017 – Ballot issue for a new building Prek-12, 165,685 sf. Included track and field, field house, admin offices and auditorium. OFCC project.

2018 – Ballot issue for a new Prek-12, 165,685 sf. similar project and same size building. Included HS gym, track, field house, admin, and auditorium.

2019 – Ballot issue to build “segmented” project to address older buildings. Included a Prek-8 building, new track, auditorium, and ADA in the high school.

2023- Now we are revisiting all options. Can take track off the project. Possible options could be: a Renovation of all buildings, Renovation with addition at the HS, or Renovate the elementary to include middle school, Demo middle school, or Some hand-picked projects only. It could be a new building.

Federal covid funds have been used to make enhancements to elementary and high school with a vestibule, new doors, boilers, windows, etc. Have reviewed every possible option. Keep rethinking what community will support. What is the pathway forward? Basically there are two options:

1) An OFCC project, which could include new, renovations, or renovation with an addition. This is 39% state fund so for every \$1 of taxpayer money spent equals \$1.63.

The other option is:

2) 100% local funded project. \$1 = \$1 of taxpayer cost. Can be any size project. The community needs to decide what should be done. Maintenance is here tonight who really knows these buildings.

Ben reviewed how the OFCC options works. Advantage is state funds 39%.

If Local – 2 choices:

1) Is scope-based project. What is absolutely needed? If AI says boilers and six other things, then define budget from that. So, (for example) all lights, what’s that cost, etc. Define pots of money.

2) Is a budget-based project. We collect \$10,000,000 (for example) and decide what we can do with that. What pieces of the project do we address?

Important to note: If only addressing part of project, there is still much that is not done. Not resetting the clock on a 57 year old or 106 year old building. Immediate needs are met but in five years still have needs to address a 111 year old building.

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The pro of a local project is balancing budget and scope.

Hitting reset button tonight.

The community committee toured the three buildings. After the tour, community members answered survey questions on post-it notes, which were placed on a board under each question. The results will be tabulated for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION 2023-10-235

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To adjourn the meeting at 7:37.

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