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The Rootstown Local Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria on November 20, 2023. Present were Tom Siciliano, Jen Curall, Craig Mullaly, Amanda Waesch, Paul McEwuen, Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, Connie Baldwin, Treasurer. Also present: Hallie Obert, Brett Housley, Alisa Westorer Huebner, Doug & Lisa Saltsman, Jen & Dave McMurdo, Dawn McMurdo, Jeff Malone, Deanna Shaffer, Rich Shaffer, David Kennedy, Dakota Berg, Robert Campbell, Stacie Mamula. 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 2023-11-251
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

Lions' Club GOOD Award – Brett Housley and Eric Schlaubach presented the Lions' Club GOOD Award to: Brandon Sharp, Amelia Shaulis (in absentia), Alaina Huebner. The students and parents were commended for the award.

Presentation MS Robotics – Mrs. Obert's Automation & Robotics class gave a demonstration of robotic prototypes they designed, programmed and built in the class.

Presentation Five-Year Forecast – C. Baldwin presented the five-year forecast.

Community Comments:

Deanna Shaffer (3213 Cook Rd.) Feels the music boosters scheduled a spaghetti dinner fundraiser around school events. Discussed it with Mr. Waesch and Mr. Hawkins in September to find an appropriate time to host. Settled on February. Was surprised that a parent volunteer posted an upcoming spaghetti dinner fundraiser in December for the sophomore class. Feels there was a lack of communication. Also noticed that at a recent marching band show there were no teachers, administrators or board members present.

Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2023-11-252
APPROVE FINANCIALS

Motion: P. McEwuen
Second: T. Siciliano
Resolution to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the following meetings:

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October 16, 2023
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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 2023-11-253
DONATIONS

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To approve the following donation as a correction to October 16, 2023:

\$2,757.00 value

for camera equipment from the
KR Iarussi Foundation

\$9,251.00 value

for Apple iPad Pros from the
KR Iarussi Foundation

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-11-254
FIVE-YEAR FORECAST

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: J. Curall

To approve the five-year forecast as required by the Ohio Department of Education.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2023-11-255
RETIREMENT – MORGART

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: P. McEwuen

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To accept the retirement resignation of Brenda Morgart, effective July 1, 2024. The board thanks her for her service.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-11-256

HIRE – BERTA

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: J. Curall

To hire Janet Berta as Cafeteria Worker, 3 hours per day, Step 1 and a one-year contract, effective October 30, 2023.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-11-257

HIRE— SHAFFER

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To hire Melissa Shaffer as Custodian, Step 1, 260 day contract, 8 hours per day, and a one-year contract, effective December 11, 2023.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-11-258

FMLA – PAOLUCCI

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To approve FMLA for Debra Paolucci, effective August 24, 2023.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-11-259

FMLA - SHEPHERD

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

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To approve FMLA for Taylor Shepherd, effective November 20, 2023.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-11-260
APPROVE LPDC CONTRACTS

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: J. Curall

To approve the following contracts up to \$300.00 for serving on the LPDC Committee for the 2023-2024 school year:

Dakota Berg
Kim Cox
Carol Pullin

Paige Byers
Hallie Obert

Rob Campbell
Diana Pastor

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-11-261
APPROVE 2nd READING OF POLICIES

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the 2nd reading and adopt the following policies:

0141.2	Conflict of Interest	Revised
2623.02	3rd Grade Reading Guarantee	Revised
3120.08	Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/ Extra Curricular Activities	Revised
4120.08	Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/ Extra Curricular Activities	Revised
5113.01	Intra-District Open Enrollment	Revised
5310	Immunization	Revised
5337	Care of Students with Active Seizure Disorders	New
6700	Fair Labor Standards Act	Revised
7440	Facility Security	Revised
8120	Volunteers	Revised
8210	School Calendar	Revised
8330	Students Records	Revised
8650	Transportation by School Van	Revised
9160	Public Attendance at School Events	Revised
9270	Equivalent Education Outside the Schools & Participation in Extracurricular for Students	Revised

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

RESOLUTION 2023-11-262
GIFTED POLICY AND PLAN

Motion: J. Curall
Second: T. Siciliano
To approve the Gifted Policy and Plan for the identification and service of children who are gifted for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-11-263
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: A. Waesch
To approve the contract with the Portage County Sheriff's Office for the School Resource Officer services for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-11-264
APPROVE SUPPLEMENTALS

Motion: A. Waesch
Second: T. Siciliano
To approve the following supplementals:

Adam Nelson	MS Chess Club Advisor (Pilot)
Margaret Barzellato	HS Book Club Advisor - ½ contract (Pilot)
Kelly Morris	HS Book Club Advisor - ½ contract (Pilot)

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

RESOLUTION 2023-11-265
APPROVE SUBSTITUTES

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Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the following substitutes:

Lori Metzger

Substitute Bus Driver, effective 11/1/23

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-11-266
APPROVE OSHAA WORKERS

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: J. Curall

To approve the following workers to be compensated (reimbursed by OSHAA) for working at the OHSAA Girls Soccer Sectional Tournament as follows:

Brandan Nicholas	Scoreboard Operator	\$50.00
Dakota Berg	Ticket Taker	\$50.00
Keith Waesch	Site Manager	\$100.00

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

Abstains: A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

RESOLUTION 2023-11-267
APPROVE OSHAA WORKERS

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the following workers to be compensated (reimbursed by OSHAA) for working at the OHSAA Boys Soccer Sectional Tournament as follows:

Brandan Nicholas	Scoreboard Operator	\$50.00
Mike Fillmore	Announcer	\$50.00
Gerry Griffin	Ticket Taker	\$50.00
Keith Waesch	Site Manager	\$100.00

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

Abstains: A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

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RESOLUTION 2023-11-268
APPROVE OSHAA WORKERS

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: J. Curall

To approve the following workers to be compensated (reimbursed by OSHAA) for working at the OHSAA Football First and Second Round Playoff Games as follows:

Kyle Barkhurst	Scoreboard Operator	\$150.00
Mike Fillmore	PA Announcer	\$150.00
Denny Pickens	Statistician	\$150.00
Ruth Pickens	Statistician	\$150.00
Rick Bower	Chain Crew	\$150.00
Dylan Bower	Chain Crew	\$150.00
Vince Di Tirro	Chain Crew	\$150.00
Dave Edwards	Chain Crew	\$75.00
Scott Krieger	Chain Crew	\$75.00
Christine Moore	Ticket Taker	\$150.00
Stephanie Farkash	Ticket Taker	\$150.00
Tom Coffman	Ticket Taker	\$150.00
Kelli Coffman	Ticket Taker	\$150.00
Ruthann Francis	Ticket Taker	\$150.00
Dakota Berg	Game Day Help	\$150.00
Andrew Hawkins	Game Day Help	\$75.00
Alan Marzec	Game Day Help	\$150.00
Nathan Waesch	Parking Attendant	\$60.00
Jackson Kurtz	Parking Attendant	\$60.00
Keith Waesch	Site Manager	\$400.00

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

Abstains: A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

REPORTS:

A. Hawkins: Thanked voters for passage of the PI levy. Also reported on upcoming events.

The principals and curriculum director reported on building and curriculum activities.

Old Business:

J. Curall – asked about the recent truck purchase and whether it could be utilized to pull the music trailer which is currently being towed by volunteers. A. Hawkins indicated there was an agreement in place at the time of purchase. J. Curall asked if the parents could be compensated for mileage. A. Hawkins said they could. Deanna Shaffer said transporting instruments on the bus creates a safety hazard.

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New Business:

A. Hawkins informed the board he intends to call a calamity day on April 8 during the solar eclipse. This is based on conversations with emergency responders. No sports or other events will take place that day.

P. McEwuen asked about getting a company to help with scheduling and educational spaces to help with the decision on closing the middle school. Asked about getting a quote and bringing it to the December special facilities meeting. A. Hawkins will work on this.

RESOLUTION 2023-11-269

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: P. McEwuen

To adjourn the meeting at 7:11.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Craig Mullaly, President

Connie Baldwin-Guinto, Treasurer