

The Rootstown Local Board of Education met in special session at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria on November 8, 2023. Present were Tom Siciliano, Craig Mullaly, Amanda Waesch, Paul McEwuen, Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, Connie Baldwin, Treasurer. Also present: Ben Rantilla, Barb Sary, Bob Sary, Keri & Mike Hendrix, Shannon White, Brenda Giebel, Cassie Braden, Dakota Berg, Alan Marzec, David Kennedy, Matt Just. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-11-248
ADOPT THE AGENDA

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

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 4 to 0

Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2023-11-249
APPROVE SUPPLEMENTALS

Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: P. McEwuen
Resolution to remove the following supplementals:

Anthony Anderson	HS Head Wrestling Coach
Alan Marzec	HS Asst. Wrestling Coach
Nicholas Sladkey	HS Asst. Wrestling Coach
Craig Wise	MS Wrestling Coach

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

Facilities Work Session:

A. Hawkins introduced Ben Rantilla and Dennis Check of Hasenstab and Josh Gordon of FSM. Goal of this committee is to present plan for the board to vote on in February. Tonight's agenda is to: Review community input, Review enrollment projection data,

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Review / discuss educator input, Review / discussion of possible building projects. Josh Gordon presented results from the community and staff surveys. Reviewed the comments after the tour. People were surprised on the state of the interior of the buildings. Repairs more than a good maintenance plan can cover. He also presented tabulated data from the community and educator surveys. Results indicate the importance on repair or replacing the middle school. Structure, electrical, fire suppression, site conditions, technology. How soon? Results said: Immediately or within 3 years. Comments included: water leaks, no barriers to stop a school shooter. Lack of electrical for technology. Feels the state of the facilities sets the stage for apathy in the student body. The buildings present well from the street. Many people have not been inside the buildings which would open their eyes.

Next Ben Rantilla of Hasenstab presented on the Building Life Cycle. All of our buildings and additions are in the final stage of the life cycle. Presented 4 possible building options: 1 new building, 2 new buildings, full renovation with additional classrooms for the middle school students. And selective renovation (pick and choose) with added classrooms for the middle school students.

A discussion followed and raised several questions including increased property taxes. There were questions on the JEDD. Finance was not the focus of this meeting but will be discussed at the next meeting. Another question was on the savings if the middle school is taken off line. C. Baldwin will bring that to the next meeting. The committee was given Post-it notes to write which option they preferred as a solution and place it next to one of the four options. FSM will tabulate the results and present them at the next meeting. Costs will be presented on each option along with required millage.

The next meeting is December 4, 2023. The goal of that meeting will be: Review renovation and new building options in more detail. Review budget options. Understand budget options in terms of real money.

RESOLUTION 2023-11-250

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To adjourn the meeting at 7:47.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

Craig Mullaly, President

Connie Baldwin-Guinto, Treasurer