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The Rootstown Local Board of Education met in Regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria on December 18, 2023. Present were Tom Siciliano, Jen Curall, Craig Mullaly, Amanda Waesch, Paul McEwuen, Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, Connie Baldwin, Treasurer. Also present: Brenda Giebel, Missie Moore, Justin Meonske, Kali Willilams, Robert Campbell, Morgan Jones, Tammy Jones, Joel Thomas, Claudia Shimer, David Kennedy. 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 2023-12-272 ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion: P. McEwuen Second: T. Siciliano To approve the agenda

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

**Lions' Club GOOD Award** – Brett Housley and Eric Schlaubach presented the Lions' Club GOOD Award to: Pierce Meonske, Adelaide Morris, Anthony Cambareri. The students and parents were commended for the award.

# RESOLUTION 2023-12-273 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: T. Siciliano Second: P. McEwuen Resolution to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of personnel.

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

#### RESOLUTION 2023-12-274 AMEND AGENDA

Motion: T. Siciliano Second: A. Waesch Resolution to remove the girls wrestling coach from the agenda due to procedural issues with posting the position.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, J. Curall, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly Nays: None 1946 Motion Carried: 5 to 0

#### **Community Comments:**

Tammy Jones - 3649 Industry Rd – Presented the board with a list of concerns regarding employees as well as a public records request for insurance and bond information. Brenda Giebel - 3176 Bird --Thanked the board for bringing new opportunity to girls. Finds it so encouraging to see the morale and health of teenagers through the new program. Looks forward to watching it grow. Parents hear about how wrestling catapults boys to the next level and now that is available for girls.

#### **Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:**

#### RESOLUTION 2023-12-275 APPROVE FINANCIALS

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

November 20, 2023	Board Meeting
December 4, 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 2023-12-276 DONATIONS

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

\$400.00 value

French Horn from Laurie Sober

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

#### RESOLUTION 2023-12-277 POLICY & PURPOSE STATEMENT

Motion: P. McEwuen

1947 Second: J. Curall To approve the adjusted Policy & Purpose Statement for Class of 2026.

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

## RESOLUTION 2023-12-278 SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE PROGRAM

Motion: P. McEwuen Second: J. Curall To approve participation in the following grants with the necessary appropriations and revenue increases:

4999224 School Bus Purchase Program \$135,000

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

#### RESOLUTION 2023-12-279 OSBA MEMBERSHIP

Motion: T. Siciliano Second: P. McEwuen To approve membership to the OSBA for the 2024 calendar year, in the amount of \$4,669.

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

#### RESOLUTION 2023-12-280 OSBA LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Motion: A. Waesch Second: P. McEwuen To approve participation in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund:

Whereas, the Rootstown Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions, and,

Whereas, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose,

Therefore, the Board hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA LAF for the calendar year 2024 and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the

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LAF \$250.00

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

## **RESOLUTION 2023-12-281** APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

Motion: T. Siciliano Second: A. Waesch To approve the following appropriation adjustment based on the increase or decrease in corresponding revenue adjustments.

572Title ICarryover\$442.52XTCLLL

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

## RESOLUTION 2023-12-282 STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

Motion: P. McEwuen Second: T. Siciliano To approve the renewal of the client agreement with Strategic Management Solutions for Category I eRate consulting services for the 2024, 2025, and 2026 funding years. The rate is unchanged.

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

## RESOLUTION 2023-12-283 EMERGENCY LEVY REVENUE

Motion: T. Siciliano Second: P. McEwuen To approve the recording Emergency levy property tax revenue into the 001 General Fund account instead of the 016 Emergency Levy fund account, effective January 2024.

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

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# RESOLUTION 2023-12-284 HIRE – SIMKANIN

Motion: A. Waesch Second: T. Siciliano

To hire Katti Simkanin as a Gifted Intervention Specialist, with a Master's+8, Step 2, 60 day contract, effective January 8, 2024.

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

#### RESOLUTION 2023-12-285 HIRE – WASKIEWICZ

Motion: T. Siciliano Second: P. McEwuen

To hire Briana Waskiewicz as a Bus Driver, Step 3, 4-1/4 hours per day, 1 year contract, effective January 2, 2024.

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

#### RESOLUTION 2023-12-286 HIRE— SUPPLEMENTALS

Motion: T. Siciliano Second: A. Waesch

To approve the following supplementals:

Kyle Rodstrom Larry Bailey Denny Pickens Ryan Boyle Michael Colman Dan Gnabah Marty Coontz Sonny Marchette Corey Wise Matt Damsa Volunteer Indoor Track Coach Volunteer Indoor Track Coach Volunteer Indoor Track Coach Volunteer Wrestling Coach

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

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## RESOLUTION 2023-12-287 APPROVE SUBSTITUTES

Motion: T. Siciliano Second: A. Waesch

To approve the following substitutes: Wendy Johnson

> Alexandrya Ramsdell Nicholas Matos

Substitute Cafeteria Worker and Educational Aide Substitute Teacher Substitute Teacher

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

#### RESOLUTION 2023-12-288 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Motion: T. Siciliano Second: P. McEwuen

To set the Organizational Meeting for January 8, 2024 in the High School Cafeteria at 6:00 pm.

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

## RESOLUTION 2023-12-289 PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Motion: A. Waesch Second: T. Siciliano

To elect Craig Mullaly as President Pro Tem for the period from January 1, 2024 through January 8, 2024 until the election of officers at the Organizational Meeting.

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

#### REPORTS:

A. Hawkins: Updated the board on the evacuation drill. Also reported on upcoming events.

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

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# Old Business: None

New Business: None

# Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 School Calendar

## RESOLUTION 2023-12-290 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: T. Siciliano Second: P. McEwuen To adjourn the meeting at 6:57.

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