

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
March 18, 2024

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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 March 18, 2024. Present were Tom Siciliano, Jen Curall, Craig Mullaly, Amanda Waesch, Paul McEwuen, Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, Connie Baldwin, Treasurer. Also present: Toccara Ball, Jay Kelsey, Laura Kelsey, Gary McColloch, Barb Sary, Bob Sary, Doug Saltsman, Lisa Saltsman, Deanna & Andy Day, Tammy & Morgan Jones, Janet Berta, Keith Waesch, Ralph Iarussi. 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, J. Curall

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-053**  
**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: Lyla Kelsey, Paisley Day, Anya Michlberger. The students and parents were commended for the award.

**Community Comments:**

Craig Wise (3881 Pfile Rd) Has supported wrestling program over the years. Feels there is a hostile and unsafe work environment for staff and kids. Feels deserves an explanation. It is a one year contract. C. Mullaly responded Coach Wise resigned prior to the end of the season on 2/6. Superintendent was copied on the text. Attorney said it was a valid resignation. Craig Wise feels he was not asked why and should have been asked why. C. Mullaly stated Coach Wise was never asked to resign.

Tom Nichols (Hartville Rd.) – Feels coaches report to A. Hawkins and Keith Waesch. There was no letter or email resignation. Board should work in the best interest of the school. Supports Craig Wise.

Travis Linton (Stroup Rd) – Craig Wise has the kids' interest at heart. Athletes have gotten scholarships because of Craig Wise. Feels confused as to why the board acted.

Richard King (Lynne Rd) – Trusts the board to do what's in the best interest of student athletes. Feels Craig Wise has given so much to the program. Feels this should have been handled differently.

Lisa Saltsman (4635 Lexington Place) – Spoke regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to DC. Was a wondererful trip and students well behaved. Disappointed this is not school sponsored event. Feels there should be additional field trips.

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Tammy Jones (3649 Industry) – Thanked the board for standing up for the law and a text is legal. Continues going through public records requests and more will come out. Prayers and blessings for the Board.

Toccarra Ball (3795 Heron Creek Rd) – Cheerleaders have won many trophies. Feels there needs to be an additional trophy case. Would like to donate one if there is a spot for it. A. Hawkins will follow up.

Angela Long (3051 Bird) – Supports Coach Wise. Helped her son go to state.

Doug Saltsman (4637 Lexington Place) – Feels there was a misstep in procedures not being followed. Resignation should go to the AD. Feels there is a procedural problem.

**Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:**

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-054**  
**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

Resolution to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the following meetings:

February 26, 2024

Regular Board Meeting

Approve the monthly financial reports as submitted, with the authorization for the payment of bills and appropriation modifications as necessary.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-055**  
**RATES AND AMOUNTS**

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the rates and amounts as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, per attached resolution

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-056**  
**GRANT PARTICIPATION**

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: P. McEwuen

To approve the participation in the following grants with the necessary appropriations and revenue increase:

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587	Early Childhood Sped	\$4,567.62
551	Title III	\$965.24

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-057**  
**SPARCC PERSONNEL SERVICES**

Motion: T. Siciliano  
Second: A. Waesch  
To approve a 1 year renewal agreement with Sparcc for an IT Coordinator and a 2 year renewal agreement with Sparcc for a Payroll Coordinator, effective 7/1/2024.

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-058**  
**SPARCC INTERNET SERVICES**

Motion: A. Waesch  
Second: T. Siciliano  
To approve the contract with Sparcc for Internet Services in the amount of \$15,626.85 from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-059**  
**OHSAA WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**

Motion: P. McEwuen  
Second: T. Siciliano  
To approve the following workers to be compensated (reimbursed by OHSAA) for working at the OHSAA Wrestling Tournament, (February 24th) as follows:

Diane Carmen	Official Scorer	\$100.00
Steve Matheos	Official Scorer	\$100.00
Jordan Ely	Official Scorer	\$50.00
Taylor Banks	Official Scorer	\$50.00
Larry Bailey	Clock Operator	\$100.00
Matt Just	Clock Operator	\$100.00
Nathan Waesch	Clock Operator	\$100.00

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Gerry Griffin	Ticket Taker	\$100.00
Matt Collins	Gatekeeper/Weigh-in Official	\$125.00
Andrew Bayless	Gatekeeper/Weigh-in Official	\$125.00
Aaron Weingart	OHSAA Merchandise	\$100.00
James Richner	Official Scorer	\$200.00
Keith Waesch	Site Manager/Announcer	\$400.00

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

Abstains: A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-060**  
**OHSAA GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: P. McEwuen

To approve to approve the following workers to be compensated (reimbursed by OHSAA) for working at the OHSAA Girls Basketball Sectional Tournament Games vs. Lakeview (February 21st) and Orrville (February 24th) as follows:

Kristine Moore	Ticket Taker	\$100.00
Aaron Weingart	Ticket Scanner	\$100.00
Ruth Pickens	Official Scorer	\$100.00
Nathan Waesch	Clock Operator	\$100.00
Denny Pickens	Statistician	\$100.00
Keith Waesch	Site Manager/Announcer	\$200.00

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

Abstains: A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:**

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-061**  
**COACH RESIGNATIONS**

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To accept the following resignations:

Chris Knopick	Head Football Coach
Courtney Eveleth	HS Cheerleading Coach

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-062**  
**SUBSTITUTE - ABDLRUSAL**

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the agreement with May Abdlrusal as a Long-Term Substitute, effective March 4, 2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-063**  
**TRANSFER - LYNCH**

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: T. Siciliano

To transfer Katie Lynch, Elementary Teacher to 8th grade Science Teacher, effective the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-064**  
**TRANSFER - STANLEY**

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: P. McEwuen

To transfer Summer Stanley from Bus Aide to Educational Aide, effective March 5, 2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-065**  
**OPEN ENROLLMENT 2024-2025**

Motion: J. Curall

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve participation in Inter-District Open Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Nays: None

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**REPORTS:**

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

**Old Business:**

A. Waesch asked about naming the softball field. A. Hawkins reported Keith Waesch is working on a date and signage. A. Waesch asked about an update on facilities. A. Hawkins responded it is at the end of state of the schools.

**New Business:**

A. Hawkins presented a slide deck on the state of the schools report cards, programs, and facilities survey of the staff.  
Naim Malek (4305 Tallmadge) – Feels academics at Rootstown are very good. Feels sports program is more than winning trophies. Asked Board to support Craig Wise next season. C. Mullaly responded he was never asked to leave or resign.

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-066**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: P. McEwuen

To meet in Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G) for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee. Invited in: N/A

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2024-03-067**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: P. McEwuen

To adjourn the meeting at 8:11.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

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Craig Mullaly, President

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Connie Baldwin-Guinto, Treasurer