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The Rootstown Local Board of Education met in Regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria on April 17, 2024 Present were Tom Siciliano, Jen Curall, Craig Mullaly, Amanda Waesch, Paul McEwuen, Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, Connie Baldwin, Treasurer. Also present: Lisa Saltsman. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-04-068
ADOPT THE AGENDA

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

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

J. Curall asked about posting the agenda and the minutes. A. Hawkins responded the agenda was not posted because his secretary was out of the office Friday. It is not board policy that the agendas have to be posted in advance. The minutes are posted on the website after they are approved by the board. Typically, one month in arrears.

Presentation - Ohio School Board Association – Tom Siciliano for 35 years of service on the Rootstown Local Schools Board of Education

Presentation - IDEA Federal Funding – C. Baldwin gave the annual presentation on IDEA funding to provide public input.

Community Comments:

Doug Saltsman (4637 Lexington) – Asked about posting the agenda before the board meeting. Would like to be more involved.
A. Waesch recommended he join the levy committee.

Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2024-06-069
APPROVE MINUTES & FINANCIALS

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2024-04-070

DONATIONS

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the following donations:

\$750.00

Gangle Excavating LLC

\$1500.00 value

Tenor Saxophone from Kurt England

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2024-04-071

GRANT PARTICIPATION

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: P. McEwuen

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

019922B

Storm water Grant

Increase

\$95.24

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2024-04-072

RESCIND OFCC RESOLUTION

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: J. Curall

To approve rescinding request for the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost & local share in the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (Lapsed):

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rootstown Local School District, Portage County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on May 15, 2023 and adopted this

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Resolution seeking new conditional approval of a lapsed project pursuant to ORC Section 3318.054 requesting the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (Commission) establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) of the basic project cost prior to submitting the ballot measures to the electors; and

WHEREAS, the School District now desires to rescind the previously submitted resolution dated September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the School District understands that with rescission of the previously submitted resolution seeking the approval to establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget) and estimated school district portion (local share), the School District will no longer receive approval at the previously requested time from the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rootstown Local School District, Portage County, Ohio the School District, after further deliberation, rescinds the previous Resolution that sought to have the Ohio School Facilities Commission establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) of the basic project cost for the Classroom Facilities Assistance project in accordance with the provisions of ORC Section 3318.054.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2024-04-074
OFCC RESOLUTION

Motion: J. Curall

Second: P. McEwuen

To approve a resolution requesting the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost & local share in the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (Lapsed):

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rootstown Local School District, Portage County, Ohio, met in Regular session on May 15, 2023 and adopted the following Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the conditional approval of the School District has lapsed and, as provided in ORC Section 3318.054, the School District seeks a new conditional approval of the project; and

WHEREAS, ORC Section 3318.054, provides that a lapsed School District may request that a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget),

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and estimated school district portion (local share) be established by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (Commission); and

WHEREAS, the School District is requesting that the Commission establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) of the basic project cost prior to resubmitting the ballot measures to the electors; and

WHEREAS, the project scope and estimated costs established shall be valid for one year from the date of approval by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the School District acknowledges the Commission recommendation that the School District engage a design and construction professional to assist in the review of the information presented in the Facilities Assessment Report. The School District has provided any information available to aid in the identification of any areas of concern for conditions, which cannot be readily observed by standard assessment procedures throughout the School District's facilities and the School District acknowledges that the scope of services provided by the professional authoring the Facilities Assessment Report does not include invasive facilities and grounds investigation; and

WHEREAS, the School District acknowledges that neither the School District nor the Commission have control over conditions which are hidden or otherwise unknown at the conclusion of the assessment report and master facilities plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rootstown Local School District, Portage County, Ohio requests the Commission establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) of the basic project cost for the Classroom Facilities Assistance project in accordance with the provisions of ORC Section 3318.054, at the August Commission meeting.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2024-04-075
PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING DESIGNEE

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: J. Curall

To approve a Resolution to appoint the Treasurer as designee to attend the Auditor of State certified public records training on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-04-076
TITLE III CONSORTIUM

Motion: P. McEwuen
Second: J. Curall
To approve a resolution to approve a contract with Stark County ESC to join the Title III Consortium effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-04-077
STUDENT TEACHER STIPENDS

Motion: T. Siciliano
Second: A. Waesch
To approve payment of stipends for hosting a student teacher paid through Kent State University for the following teachers:

Angela Stackpole	\$375.00
Kim Lewis	\$375.00
Althea Kent	\$325.00

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

RESOLUTION 2024-04-078
APPROVE SUMMIT ESC

Motion: P. McEwuen
Second: J. Curall
To approve the agreement between Summit County ESC and Rootstown Local Schools, for services rendered for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:

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RESOLUTION 2024-04-079
RESIGNATION – BATES-RIDENOUR

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To accept the resignation of Donna Bates-Ridenour, Bus Driver, effective August 31, 2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2024-04-080
RESIGNATION – STAUDT

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: J. Curall

To accept the resignation of Robert Staudt, HS Math Teacher, effective August 31, 2024.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2024-04-081
HIRE – HANNAN

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To hire Tom Hannan, as HS Football Coach, effective the 2024-25 school year.

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

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2024-04-082
TEST COORDINATORS

Motion: A. Waesch

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the following counselors to be compensated for serving as Building Test Coordinators during the 2023-2024 school year:

Taylor Shepherd	\$500.00
Amy Mohan	\$500.00
Emily Ganzhorn	\$500.00

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

Nays: None

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Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2024-04-083
ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the following administrative contracts effective the 2024-2025 school year:

David Kennedy	MS Principal	2 year
Jeff Turner	ES Principal	3 year

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2024-04-084
CLASSIFIED CONTRACTS

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: A. Waesch

To approve the following classified contracts, effective the 2024-2025 school year:

Janet Berta	Cafeteria Worker	2 year
Rosalie Cadle	Educational Aide	2 year
Deanna Day	Monitor	2 year
Mark Dye	Bus Driver	2 year
Tina Flinn	Aide	2 year
Walter Froelich	Maintenance	2 year
Jill Klicman	Aide	2 year
Briana Mounts	Bus Driver	2 year
Heather Rader	Secretary	2 year
Brittany Rodman	Monitor	2 year
Samantha Sandy	Bus Driver	2 year
Erica Smart	Aide	2 year
Summer Stanley	Educational Aide	2 year
Bruce Vandergrift	Bus Driver	2 year
Lisa Whitely	Educational Aide	2 year
Kelly Wilson	Bus Aide	2 year
Shannon Woolard	Educational Aide	2 year

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

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RESIDENT EDUCATORS

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Motion: A. Waesch

Second: P. McEwuen

To approve the following Resident Educator Mentors for the 2023-2024 school year:

Grant Richardson
Brenda Morgart
Kyle Barkhurst

Katie Lynch
Blaine Kelsey

Ken Ruley
Margaret Barzellato

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2024-04-086

SUPPLEMENTALS

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve the following supplementals:

Matt Just
Bernadette Shultz
Erika Avers

HS Asst. Baseball Coach
Elementary Enrichment
Elementary Enrichment

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2024-04-087

SCHOOL PROPERTY USE

Motion: P. McEwuen

Second: T. Siciliano

To approve approve the Rootstown Youth Soccer Club and Youth Football to use school property during the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

REPORTS:

A. Hawkins reported on a Rootstown student Alaina Huebner receiving the Franklin B. Walter Scholarship.

Old Business:

J. Curall asked about the levy next steps. A. Waesch asked what administration recommends.

P. McEwuen asked if that wasn't a new PK-12? A. Hawkins responded that yes, that was the

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recommendation and the board approved the OFCC resolutions tonight. J. Curall asked about scheduling committee meetings. P. McEwuen stated the process is new to this board. C. Baldwin stated the OFCC resolutions will allow us to get updated numbers (cost sets, etc.) After she sends in the resolutions, the next step will be an enrollment projection completed with input from the superintendent. A. Waesch stated that the last work sessions established the timeline when the resolutions are passed. C. Mullaly stated two resolutions are needed in July. T. Siciliano suggested meeting May 13 for a work session and completing evaluations before the regular meeting. P. McEwuen agreed with meeting on May 13 at 5 pm for a refresher on facilities and evaluations. A. Waesch suggested advertising to get attendees. Then decide in June for the July votes. The board will tentatively schedule a special meeting May 2 at 5 pm. to discuss evaluations of the superintendent and treasurer.

New Business:

C. Baldwin presented the district Student Wellness and Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Updated Plan.

C. Mullaly asked if the AD has a cheer coach. A. Hawkins said it is posted internally so far.

RESOLUTION 2024-04-088

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: T. Siciliano

Second: P. McEwuen

To adjourn the meeting at 6:20.

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