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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 January 25, 2016. Present were Tom Siciliano, Jay Kelsey, Amanda Waesch, Stephanie Langguth and Norm Reynolds. Also present were Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, and Connie Baldwin, Treasurer, Robert Campbell, Terri Hrina-Treharn, Brett Housley, Jeff Turner, James Conley, Matt Collins, Peggy Shewell, Delia Paulus, Ayl Bridges, Bonnie Klusty, Amy Brunty, Brenda Morgart, Jeanna Yohman, Tom Dupree, Dan & Carol Yohman, Stacy Simera, Toni Mervine, Caren Karp, Dan Karp, Dornetta Curgil, Brad Derteen, and Cindy Sladkey.

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Kelsey at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: J. Kelsey, T. Siciliano, N. Reynolds, S. Langguth and A. Waesch.

**RESOLUTION 2016-01-13**

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

It was moved by S. Langguth seconded by T. Siciliano to adopt the agenda.

Yes: S. Langguth, T. Siciliano, J. Kelsey, N. Reynolds, A. Waesch; motion carried 5-0.

**Lions Club Good Award - Presentation**

After a short presentation explaining the purpose of the Lions Club Good Award, Delia Paulus and Brett Housley presented the awards to Addison Yohman, Zephaniah Curgil, and Hohan Jones. The students and their parents were recognized for their achievement.

**Community Comments:**

Ayl Bridges: Is considering moving into the district and has concerns regarding bullying issues. Harassment should be reported semi-annually and the federal law referenced on the website. The process is not spelled out in the student handbook. Recommends bullying review process be clearly shown on the website and in student handbook.

Andrew Hawkins: Responded he heard Mr. Bridges' concerns and would speak more about how the school is addressing bullying in his later report.

Cindy Sladkey: Question regarding the middle school allowing a Muslim student to have a statue and release from class time to worship daily. Doesn't believe the child should be given prayer time.

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Andrew Hawkins: Is not aware of any statue. School does allow any student time for prayer if it is requested as part of their religious practice.

Stacy Simera: Spoke regarding the National conference for Safe Routes to School. Believes more grants will available possibly for sidewalks. Reminds board about healthy school start times.

Norm Reynolds: The Lions' Club investigated putting in a sidewalk but there was an issue with 44 being a state route.

Stephanie Langguth: The board voted not to pursue changing start times as it was not feasible.

Amy Brunty: Supports tutoring in the middle school by older students. Suggests a crosswalk for BioMed students and signage for turning on St. Rt. 44.

**Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:**

**RESOLUTION 2016-01-14**

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, it was moved by T. Siciliano and seconded by N. Reynolds to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the following meetings:

December 14, 2015 – Regular Meeting  
January 11, 2016 – Special Meeting

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

Yes: T. Siciliano, N. Reynolds, J. Kelsey, A. Waesch S. Langguth; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2016-01-15**

**APPROVE DONATIONS**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by A. Waesch to approve the following donations:

\$ 95.42	from Chuck E Cheese Entertainment to Rootstown Elementary School.
\$100.00	value of clothing from Donna Difiore for the Rootstown Elementary School.

Yes: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, S. Langguth, J. Kelsey, N. Reynolds; motion carried 5-0.

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**RESOLUTION 2016-01-16**

**APPROPRIATION ADJUSTS.**

It was moved by N. Reynolds seconded by S. Langguth to approve the following appropriations based on the increase or decrease in corresponding revenue adjustments:

300-902H Athletics	Increase	\$20,936.00
026-0000 Employee Flexible Spending	Increase	\$10,000.00

Yes: N. Reynolds, S. Langguth, J. Kelsey, A. Waesch, T. Siciliano; motion carried 5-0

**Superintendent Reports/Recommendations:**

**RESOLUTION 2016-01-17**

**HIRE - KATAF**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by N. Reynolds to hire Ikhlass Kataf as a Bilingual Consultant, on a part-time basis, 3 hours per day, as needed, effective 1/8/2016.

Yes: T. Siciliano, N. Reynolds, A. Waesch J. Kelsey, S. Langguth; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2016-01-18**

**STUDENT TEACHER STIPENDS**

It was moved by S. Langguth seconded by T. Siciliano to approve the following teachers to be compensated for hosting a student teacher during the 2015-2016 school year:

Rebecca Nezbeth	Kent State University	\$375.00
Kelly Morris	Akron University	\$200.00
Eric Daniels	Akron University	\$100.00
Ann Ritchie	Akron University	\$320.00
Ryann Kavali	Akron University	\$320.00
Kim Lefoer	Akron University	\$320.00
Sylvia Karolewski	Akron University	\$320.00
Brenda Morgart	Akron University	\$320.00
Amy Ingram	Akron University	\$320.00
Matt Just	Akron University	\$320.00
Allison Sutton	Akron University	\$320.00
Sarah West	Akron University	\$320.00
Bronwen Scarberry	Akron University	\$320.00
Toni Mervine	Akron University	\$320.00
Laura DeBos	Akron University	\$320.00

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Sarah Eaton	Akron University	\$320.00
Denise Huth-Mercer	Akron University	\$320.00
Alison Svenson	Akron University	\$320.00
Cara Craig	Akron University	\$320.00
Angie Stackpole	Akron University	\$320.00
Margaret Barzellato	Akron University	\$320.00
Hallie Obert	Akron University	\$320.00
Cassie Braden	Akron University	\$320.00

Yes: S. Langguth, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, N. Reynolds, J. Kelsey; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2016-01-19**

**APPROVE SUBSTITUTES**

It was moved by N. Reynolds seconded by A. Waesch to approve the following substitutes:

Kayla Malmfeldt	Substitute Teacher, effective 1/15/16
Candace Worrell	Substitute Teacher, effective 1/12/16
Joseph Mahoney	Substitute Teacher, effective 1/22/16
Linda Griffiths	Substitute Bus Driver, effective 1/22/16
Shelby Garcea	Substitute Teacher

Yes: N. Reynolds, A. Waesch, J. Kelsey, S. Langguth, T. Siciliano; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2016-01-20**

**2016-2017 CALENDAR**

It was moved by S. Langguth seconded by T. Siciliano to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar.

Yes: S. Langguth, T. Siciliano, N. Reynolds, J. Kelsey, A. Waesch; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2016-01-21**

**JEDD NEGOTIATIONS**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by N. Reynolds to approve Brouse-McDowell to enter into discussions with the Rootstown Township Trustees, regarding the JEDD contract.

Yes: T. Siciliano, N. Reynolds, A. Waesch, J. Kelsey, S. Langguth; motion carried 5-0.

**REPORTS:**

Jeff Turner:

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1. Mr. Turner gave an update on the progress of the TBT (Teacher-based Teams) and the BLT (Building Leadership Team). He complimented the teachers on their hard work to this point.
2. Mr. Turner indicated that 6 plus teachers attend monthly Daily 3 Math (Instructional framework) discussions before school. Ms. Bubon from Mahoning ESC leads this discussion.
3. The process leading up to Race for Education is under way. Mr. Turner indicated that in years past, this event was held in the Fall. For the 2015-16 school year, the PTA decided to hold this fundraiser in the Spring. It will be held on March 17th this year from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
4. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on February 11th from 4-7 p.m.
5. Mr. Turner thanked the PTA for their purchase of the Rover PRIDE t-shirts for the students, staff, bus drivers, custodians and cooks. This idea originated last year during a BLT/PTA Meeting as part of our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Support Program) program.

Terri Hrina-Treharn:

Financial Literacy Materials – Our district received a sponsorship from Fifth Third Bank through Ramsey Solutions. With this, we received 65 student texts and 1 teacher kit for “free” for this Spring semester. This is something I will need to reapply for each semester as these are consumable books for students on Financial Literacy.

OGT Intervention – OGT intervention began today, January 25, and runs through March 4. The actual OGT tests will begin the following week – the week of March 7. We will then provide intervention for those who scored a 1 or a 2 on the Int I State test from March 7 until April 8.

University of Akron – We have 11 teacher candidates this spring semester that started last week: 6 at the elementary, 4 at the middle school, and 1 at the high school. They will be receiving professional development on the different co-teaching models this Friday when Wendy Jewell from the University of Akron comes to our campus.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade FALL ELA Results – The results will be in Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Rob Campbell:

The middle school spelling bee was held on January 14. We had 12 students participate. Eighth grader Ming Lei (two year champion) and runner up Colin Faehner will represent the middle school at the Maplewood county Bee this Wednesday evening. I would like to thank the Language arts department for conducting the RMS spelling bee.

This semester we have four Akron teacher candidates in the middle school. This is the beginning of their second week in the district and things seem to be going well thus far.

We have one international teacher through the ILEP program in the middle school this semester. She is paired with Mrs. Mervine in the 8th grade. She is from Brazil where she teaches English as a second language. She came last week for the first time and seems happy to be here and excited about the experience.

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for February 11 from 3-6 pm.  
Introduced Toni Mervine (8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts teacher) to give a report from the middle school.

Toni Mervine:

Shared with the board an instructional activity taking place in the middle school based on a book If You Find This Letter by Hannah Brencher. Ms. Brencher has also given a TED talk entitled “Love Letters to

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Strangers". During this activity, Mrs. Mervine wrote encouraging, anonymous letters to staff members and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. In turn, 8<sup>th</sup> graders wrote letters to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The next step in the project is for students to write letters to community members. The board asked her to come back and report on the experience.

James Conley:

1. January 13th- Joel Penton & Plain Cities Band Assembly- Good Choices and staying with commitments to be successful
2. Blood drive January 15th- 29 participants 22 usable units. \$500 scholarship and only 13 units away from an additional \$500 scholarship. Next drive April 8th
3. Penny War explanation of points- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society: \$110.30 (5 days)
4. February 12th Red Out- American Heart Association- \$10 T-Shirt selling at lunch starting February 1st. \$8 back to American Heart Association
5. Rover Round Table- Student/Teacher/Administrative collaborative group to discuss topics affecting the school and hopefully make a positive change in our school
6. February 11th- Parent Teacher Conferences 3-9
7. February 11th- Hidden in Plain Sight- Informative and interactive program put on by the Bath and Copley Police Departments in conjunction with the Portage County Sheriff Office. 6:30-9:00- 1/2 walk through of a mock bedroom.
8. We welcomed our ILEP scholar last Thursday January 21st. Cheikh Diouf comes to us from Senegal in Western Africa. Thank you to Mrs. Eaton for being our host teacher

Andrew Hawkins:

**School Safety**

We will be reviewing our safety procedures and policies and making any changes necessary to make our schools as safe as possible. We will be working with law enforcement and safety forces during this process. Part of this plan will be to ensure efficient and effective communication with the students, staff, parents, and community. Recently, the HS had an assembly where a speaker, Joel Penton, spoke to the student body. His presentation was titled "Stand." The HS will be hosting a night for parents on February 11th, called "Hidden in Plain Sight." Each MS grade level will be hearing a presentation by the PCSO next month regarding a variety of topics. Town Hall II will be providing presentations to the 4th graders in the next couple of weeks and they will also be in the Kindergarten and 3rd grade classrooms later this year.

**Preliminary Report Card Results**

ODE published the following report card results recently:

4-Year Graduation Rate – A

5-Year Graduation rate – A

K-3 Literacy - C

The remainder of the report card will be released next month but preliminary data indicates our district has improved on 7 areas.

**Welcome International Teachers to Rootstown!**

Cheik Sadibou Diouf – Senegal

Anna Maria Fernandes Alves – Brazil

Kent State University has a program (ILEP) where teachers from other countries come to study at KSU for a semester and also spend time in area school districts. They will serve as co-teachers to Mrs. Eaton in HS and Mrs. Mervine in MS

**JEDD Feasibility Study**

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We met with representatives from GPD, OFCC, and Hammond Construction earlier this month regarding the JEDD and feasibility study. The next meeting is scheduled for February 4th.

**Occupancy in Buildings**

Charles Corcoran, Director of Portage County Building Department, visited the HS last week to determine our occupancy limits for the gym and cafeteria areas. Chief Palmer and Fire Marshall Meonske from the Rootstown Fire Department were also present that day. The goal was to determine the occupancy limits and then have those limits posted for each building. Thanks to Matt Collins for also attending.

**Soft Drink Contract**

Keith Waesch, Matt Collins, and I have been working on negotiating a new soft drink contract as the current contract with Dr. Pepper/Snapple has expired.

**State of Schools Address**

To be presented during February Board meeting

**Zombie High II**

The HS Drama Club will premiere their movie, *Zombie High II*, on February 24th at the Kent Plaza.

**Communicator**

The winter edition of the *Communicator* should be delivered to all residents within the next couple of weeks

**Connie Baldwin:**

1. College Credit Plus textbook policy was reviewed by attorneys and is fine.
2. Erate – A program through the Schools and Libraries Support System, where we can get reimbursements for internet connectivity and telecom based on our free-and-reduced lunch count. They are now offering additional discounts for internet infrastructure. Andrew and I are working with Epiphany and SMS to determine what needs to be upgraded. SMS will submit bids for us and see if we can start replacing some switches and upgrading our WiFi. Also, Erate is phasing out the reimbursement for telecommunications so we are looking to see what we can do to improve our very antiquated phone lines.

**Norm Reynolds (Legislative Liaison):** There is movement in Every Student Succeeds Program revamping the Title I program.

**Stephanie Langguth (Student Achievement Liaison):** Quiz Bowl took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their competition. March 12 is Academic Challenge.

**Jay Kelsey (Maplewood Career Center):** Senior awards night is May 26. Inquired about board meetings going paperless.

**Old Business:** Andrew Hawkins reported on the move to Google Docs.

**New Business:**

**School Board Recognition Month:** Andrew Hawkins read a proclamation and presented the board members with a certificate of recognition.

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**RESOLUTION 2016-01-22**

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by T. Siciliano and seconded by N. Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Yes: T. Siciliano, N. Reynolds, S. Langguth, J. Kelsey, A. Waesch; motion carried 5-0.

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Jay Kelsey, President

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Connie Baldwin, Treasurer