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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 March 28, 2016. Present were Tom Siciliano, Jay Kelsey, Amanda Waesch, and Stephanie Langguth. Also present were Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, and Connie Baldwin, Treasurer, Diana Pastor, Robert Campbell, Terri Hrina-Treharn, Brett Housley, Jeff Turner, James Conley, Matt Collins, Keith Waesch, Delia Paulus, Caren Karp, Dan Karp, Brad Derteen, Cindy Polack, Katie Sanilty, Lori Bender, and Gary Bender.

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, S. Langguth and A. Waesch.

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-34**  
**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

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

Yeas: S. Langguth, T. Siciliano, J. Kelsey, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 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 Kyle McColloch, Ryan Bender, Kyle Borbely. The students and their parents were recognized for their achievement.

**Community Comments:** None

**Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:**

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-35**  
**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by A. Waesch to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the following meetings:

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

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, J. Kelsey, S. Langguth

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-36**  
**APPROVE DONATIONS**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by S. Langguth to approve the following donations:

\$1377.00	from Rootstown Elementary PTA for Kindergarten Count-a-thon.
\$350.00	from Rootstown Lions Club for the Class of 2017 – Prom Committee.
\$50.00	from Teresa & David Smith for the Mark Klima Fund
\$50.00	from Patricia Boyle for the Mark Klima Fund
\$100.00	from Carol Klima for the Mark Klima Fund
\$50.00	from Kay Thomas for the Mark Klima Fund
\$50.00	from Mrs. Robert Moser for the Mark Klima Fund
\$25.00	from Joan McQuown for the Mark Klima Fund
\$50.00	from Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Thoburn for the Mark Klima Fund

Yeas: T. Siciliano, S. Langguth, J. Kelsey, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-37**  
**APPROVE GAS PURCHASE PROGRAM**

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by T. Siciliano to the execution and delivery of an amended and restated agreement regarding the natural gas purchase program in connection with the natural gas program of the Ohio Schools Council and authorizing and approving related matters.

WHEREAS, the boards of education of certain school districts located in northeastern Ohio, including the board of education of this School District

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(the "District") have established the Ohio Schools Council as a regional council of governments, pursuant to Revised Code Chapter 167 ("Council"), for the purpose of carrying out a cooperative program for the purchase of natural gas, carrying out cooperative purchase programs and promoting cooperative arrangements and agreements among its member school districts and government agencies or private persons; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreement Regarding the Natural Gas Purchase Program, the Council has undertaken and operated a program on a cooperative basis for the purchase of natural gas on behalf of its members of the Council and others whose governing Boards approved participation in the natural gas purchase program under the terms of that Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined to secure a firm supply of natural gas through a prepaid purchase of natural gas for participating boards of education under contractual terms favorable to such participating boards, including but not limited to, financial security to assure performance and to undertake and operate a program on a cooperative basis for the purchase of natural gas pursuant to such arrangements (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District wishes to participate in the Program and now desires to authorize the execution and delivery by the District of an Amended and Restated Agreement Regarding the Natural Gas Purchase Program between the Council or its designee, and the District (the "Program Agreement"), pursuant to which the District, along with members of the Council and certain others (the "Participants"), will purchase substantially all of the natural gas it uses for participating school facilities through the Program and will share the administrative and operating costs of the Council in establishing, operating and administering the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Program Agreement provides that each participating school district will make monthly payments to the Council or its designee and that the rights in such payments will be assigned to a trustee authorized to exercise trust powers under Ohio law (the "Trustee") under the terms of a trust agreement to be entered into between the Council, or its designee, and the Trustee in (the "Trust Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Program provides for the Council to assist in arranging for the issuance and sale of securities the proceeds of which will be used to

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prepay for a firm long-term supply of natural gas, and debt service payments associated with such securities will be paid, in part from the gas purchase payments by participating school districts which have been assigned to the Trustee pursuant to the Trust Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROOTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

**Section 1.** The Board authorizes and directs the Treasurer to execute and deliver, in the name of the District and on its behalf, the Program Agreement, substantially in the form now on file with this Board, with any changes that are not inconsistent with this resolution and that may be acceptable to the Treasurer whose acceptance shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such document by the Treasurer.

**Section 2.** The Treasurer is authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary or proper in connection with the Program and to carry out the actions contemplated by the Program Agreement, including, without limitation, the preparation, execution and delivery of such other documents, certificates and agreements as may be necessary or proper to the above-stated purposes or other agreements not inconsistent with this Resolution or as may be required by the Ohio Revised Code to set forth assurances and representations with respect to the District's ability to meet its obligations under the Program Agreement.

**Section 3.** Following execution on behalf of this Board of the Program Agreement, the Treasurer is authorized and directed to make monthly payments to the Fiscal Agent of the Council or its designee in accordance with the terms of such Program Agreement. The Fiscal Agent of the Council is hereby appointed to act as payment servicer for natural gas purchased by the District pursuant to the Program Agreement and report to this Board concerning all payments made on behalf of this Board under the Agreement.

**Section 4.** The Board of Directors of the Council is hereby authorized to establish additional procedures which are not inconsistent with the Program Agreement and are not substantially adverse to the interests of the District and which it determines are necessary to implement the Program, including procedures to be followed by this Board in the determination of amounts of, and payments for, this District's natural gas requirements and to enter into cooperative agreements with other Participants, including, the Bay Area Council

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of Governments and Lake Erie Regional Council of Governments, to assist in implementing the Program.

**Section 5.** Monies adequate to pay amounts due under the Program Agreement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 are hereby appropriated for that purpose.

**Section 6.** The Board expressly acknowledges that it is the intention of the Council to assist in arranging for the Trustee and Seanson & Mayer, Cincinnati, Ohio (the Underwriter) to structure and complete the issuance, sale to others and public underwriting of the securities to be used to prepay a firm long-term supply of natural gas, to be repaid, in part by the District as set forth in the Program Agreement and, to the extent required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Board hereby approves the Council's actions in assisting in arranging for such issuance and sale.

**Section 7.** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Yeas: A. Waesch, T. Siciliano, S. Langguth, J. Kelsey

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-38**  
**SPARCC AGREEMENT**

It was moved by S. Langguth seconded by T. Siciliano to approve the Internet Service Agreement with Sparcc beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$9,142.00.

Yeas: S. Langguth, T. Siciliano, J. Kelsey, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-39**  
**SPARCC AGREEMENT SCHEDULE EF**

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It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by T. Siciliano to approve an addendum to the Sparcc agreement for Schedule eF Fiscal Services with an initial deposit of \$5,000.00.

Yeas: A. Waesch, T. Siciliano, S. Langguth, J. Kelsey

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-40**  
**RATES AND AMOUNTS**

It was moved by S. Langguth seconded by T. Siciliano to approve 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: S. Langguth, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, J. Kelsey

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-41**  
**APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by A. Waesch to approve the following appropriation adjustments based on the increase or decrease in corresponding revenue adjustments:

018-9001	ES Principal Bldg. Fund	Increase	\$ 5,931.00
026	Employee Flex Spending	Increase	\$ 6,000.00
200	Student Activities	Increase	\$ 3,100.00
300-902H	Athletics	Increase	\$13,985.00
516-9216	IDEA Part B	Decrease	\$ 3,266.51
572-9216	Title I	Decrease	\$ 797.88
590-9216	Title II A	Decrease	\$ 2,853.00

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, J. Kelsey, S. Langguth

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-42**  
**KLIMA SCHOLARSHIP BASIS**

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It was moved by S. Langguth seconded by T. Siciliano to approve to reaffirm for audit purposes that the basis of the Klima Scholarship fund is \$17,297.65. (A. Waesch noted the investment is held in a mutual fund which is not allowed by a school district but was received as part of the gift. The board understands this comment in the audit but agrees to continue to hold the investment.)

Yeas: S. Langguth, T. Siciliano, J. Kelsey, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**Superintendent Reports/Recommendations:**

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-43**  
**FMLA - ABNEY**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by A. Waesch to approve FMLA for Luanne Abney, effective February 19, 2016.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, J. Kelsey, S. Langguth

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-43**  
**FMLA - KAVALI**

It was moved by S. Langguth seconded by T. Siciliano to approve FMLA for Ryann Kavali, effective April 12, 2016.

Yeas: S. Langguth, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, J. Kelsey

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-44**  
**FMLA - SMITH**

It was moved by S. Langguth seconded by T. Siciliano to approve FMLA for Terrie Smith, for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

Yeas: S. Langguth, T. Siciliano, J. Kelsey, A. Waesch

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Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-45**  
**HLUCH SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by A. Waesch to approve an adjustment of payment to the salary schedule for Paul Hluch in the amount of \$7,854.54.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, S. Langguth, J. Kelsey

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-46**  
**APPROVE SOFT DRINK CONTRACT**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by S. Langguth to approve the soft drink contract with Dr. Pepper Snapple Group.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, S. Langguth, J. Kelsey, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-47**  
**INTER DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT**

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by T. Siciliano to approve participation in Inter-District Open Enrollment.

Yeas: A. Waesch, T. Siciliano, S. Langguth, J. Kelsey

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-48**  
**APPROVE SUBSTITUTES**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by S. Langguth to approve the following substitutes:

Heather Miller

Substitute Teacher, effective  
3/7/16

Kindra Johancen

Substitute Teacher



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Yeas: T. Siciliano, S. Langguth, A. Waesch, J. Kelsey  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-49**  
**APPROVE COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS**

It was moved by S. Langguth seconded by A. Waesch to approve the agreement with Kent State University and University of Akron for the 2016-2017 school year.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, S. Langguth, A. Waesch, J. Kelsey  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-50**  
**APPROVE SUPPLEMENTALS**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by S. Langguth to approve the following supplementals:

WHEREAS, Section 3313.53 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the employment of WHEREAS, Section 3313.53 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the employment of non-teachers and/or non-district teachers as coaches and supervisors of student activity programs, and

WHEREAS, this Board has posted the positions as being available to the employees of the district who hold teaching certificates and no such employee qualified to fill the position has applied for, been offered and accepted such position, and

WHEREAS, this Board then advertised the positions as being available to certificated individuals not employed by the district, and thereafter received applications from the following individuals who are experienced and otherwise qualify to serve in the position.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the following individuals be employed under extra curricular contracts in said positions for the 2015-2016 school year at the stipend amount of such positions as set forth in the current negotiated agreement, contingent upon satisfactory completion of the state's criminal record check as required by law. Said employees shall complete any additional requirements, as necessary.

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Anthony Testa

Volunteer Baseball Coach

Yeas: T. Siciliano, S. Langguth, A. Waesch, J. Kelsey

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**REPORTS:**

Connie Baldwin: Reported on records retention and cleaning out the storage area. Thank you to Andy Craig for his help in moving so many boxes.

Jeff Turner:

Mr. Turner expressed gratitude for all of the volunteers and the PTA for their efforts with Race for Education that was held on March 17th. At the time of this meeting, they have raised nearly \$15,000.

Mr. Turner reviewed Special Visitor's Night that was held March 16th. The visitors/students had the opportunity to view art work organized by Miss Horvath in the gym, sing in the music room with Mr. Richardson, visit their child's classroom for literacy activities or drop off books for our annual Book Swap. Thank you to all of our visitors for coming this night as well as our PTA for providing refreshments.

The TBTs (Teacher Based Teams) and the BLT (Building Leadership Team) have been meeting on a regular basis to discuss/share student data and examine strategies for Rover PRIDE PBIS (positive behavior intervention support) program. Mr. Turner thanked the teachers for their dedication to these initiatives.

Terri Hrina-Treharn:

**IOWA Results** – The results are in and we had 11/19 pass the Alternative Reading Test. Students will have up to four more opportunities to meet the 3GG requirement in order to be promoted to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Since the 3GG requirement has been put into place, we have not had to retain any students.

**Other Testing News** – We have recently wrapped up our OGT testing at the HS, AASCD at all three buildings and OELPA testing at the ES and MS. Ohio's State testing will commence on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Textbook Committees** – Our math presentations are coming to an end and will conclude on April 4<sup>th</sup>. We have two more presentations and then hope to have a recommendation soon thereafter. Moving forward with Phonics, we have planned to provide teachers professional development on both Words Their Way as well as looking at their entire Language Arts block. They will be meeting with a consultant from Mahoning Co ESC for the Words Their Way and Dr. Denise Morgan from Kent State University to look at their literacy block. Lastly, a consultant from MCEC will be coming out to meet with our Physics teacher and I to review and do a standards' alignment with a new Physics book we are looking to adopt.

**Outstanding Educator Achievement Award** – I am very excited to announce that one of our middle school teachers will be receiving an Outstanding Educator Achievement Award. This award includes nominees from Portage, Summit, and Medina counties. He was nominated in the area of Systems

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Leadership for his work with the Ohio Improvement Process. One awardee will earn the top spot to represent our region and go to Columbus. This will be announced at awards presentation on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We certainly wish him the best of luck!

Rob Campbell:

James Conley:

Report Cards will be sent home Friday April 1st  
Gabbi's Game will be held on April 1st at 7PM in the High School Gymnasium  
April 7th Distracted driving assembly sponsored by AT&T and ODOT  
April 9th Steelers vs. Staff Basketball game to help our Girls Basketball team

Keith Waesch:

Congratulations to winter sports award winners, especially in wrestling. Coach Wise named conference coach of the year. Josh McGrath did well in the bowling tournament. Winter sports awards are April 10. Spring sports starting soon.

Andrew Hawkins:

Jay Kelsey (Maplewood Career Center): Thanked Andrew Hawkins for his work on the task force.

New Business: T. Siciliano reported there is a meeting of the Comprehensive Land Use Committee on Thursday at the high school at 6 p.m. It is open to the public.

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-51**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by S. Langguth seconded by T. Siciliano to approve an executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee.

Yeas: S. Langguth, T. Siciliano, J. Kelsey, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

Jay Kelsey called the meeting back into public session at 8:19 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-52**  
**APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS**

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It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by S. Langguth to approve renewing administrative contracts for three years for the following: Peggy Shewell, Matt Collins, and Kelly Varga.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, S. Langguth, J. Kelsey, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-54**  
**APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT**

It was moved by S. Langguth seconded by T. Siciliano to approve renewing the administrative contract for three years for Keith Waesch.

Yeas: S. Langguth, T. Siciliano, J. Kelsey

Abstains: A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 3 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2016-03-55**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by T. Siciliano and seconded by S. Langguth to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, S. Langguth, A. Waesch, J. Kelsey

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

**Meeting of the Records Retention Committee**

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Jay Kelsey, President

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Connie Baldwin, Treasurer