

Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 19, 2018

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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 19, 2018. Present were Tom Siciliano, Amanda Waesch, Eric Kline, and Scott Krieger. Also present were Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, and Connie Baldwin, Treasurer, Dan Paulus, Judi Krieger, Peggy Shewell, Aubrey & Jason Burrell, Betty Ostrowski, Ron Rex, James Conley, Tom Weese, Robert Campbell, Mark & Sandy Short, Jeff Turner, Joe Ely, Terri Hrina-Treharn, Al Marzec, Dan Nichol, Brad Derteen, Steve Vasbinder, and Diana Pastor.

The meeting was called to order by President T. Siciliano at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: E. Kline, S. Krieger, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch.

RESOLUTION 2018-03-49
ADOPT THE AGENDA

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by S. Krieger to adopt the agenda.

Yeas: A. Waesch, S. Krieger, T. Siciliano, E. Kline

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

Board Members Legal Training – Maria Markakis lead the board in a legal training session.

Auditor of State Award – Jim Shaw of the Auditor of State's office presented Connie Baldwin with an award for excellence in financial reporting.

Lions Club Good Award - Presentation

After a short presentation explaining the purpose of the Lions Club Good Award, Brett Housley presented the award to Owen Burrell, Gyllien Anderson, and Nathan Moore. The students and their parents were recognized for this achievement.

Community Comments:

Dan Paulus: Spoke regarding the student demonstration. Feels middle school parents should have been notified. Believes a teacher is selling anti-gun t-shirts and must teach both sides. Kids should not be pushed on gun control. Wants to know the board's policy on 2nd Amendment.

Andrew Hawkins: The demonstration was a student-lead discussion due to the recent Parkland school shooting. Participation was optional and students were required to stay indoors. Middle school participation was late. Apologized for not calling but did not know beforehand that students would participate.

James Conley: Believes purchase of t-shirts against gun violence was circulated by teacher only for adult co-workers.

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Steve Vasbinder: Voiced concerns about high school language arts curriculum. Students are listening to the podcast Serial, a black history month lesson included a speech by Malcolm X, and is against reading the novel All American Boys, which is politically biased following a narrative of police brutality inflicted on colored people. Is ok for college but not for 9th grade.

Andrew Hawkins: Will speak with the teacher to learn both sides

James Conley: The teacher is trying to gain students' attention and engage them. Has observed the teacher who does allow classroom disagreement. The lesson is about persuasive writing and the teacher encourages challenging these ideas. Has personally listened to the podcast. Some writing is slanted but the context of the lesson is to decipher this.

Andrew Hawkins: Should discuss with the teacher first

Steve Vasbinder: Feels the writing is overwhelmingly in one direction and feels the teacher is pushing the narrative.

Tom Weese: What is the counterbalance to the argument?

James Conley: Videos and articles on the other side. Could do a presentation to follow up on appeal.

Eric Kline: My son is in this class. Has read most of the book and feels disappointed in the use of profanity.

Scott Krieger: Is it possible to set up a meeting with the teacher?

Sherry Adams: Her son wants to be homeschooled due to recent school violence and racial prejudice. Does not believe racialism is part of common core. Stick to the basics instead of black + white = black. This is teaching our kids to be afraid of police and causing kids to separate from each other.

Andrew Hawkins: Will look into the situation. We do teach to the Ohio Learning Standards. Will set up a meeting with the teacher and the principal.

Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2018-03-50
APPROVE FINANCIALS

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, it was moved by A. Waesch and seconded by E. Kline to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the following meetings:

February 12, 2018 – Regular Meeting
February 26, 2018 – Special Meeting

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

Yeas: A. Waesch, E. Kline, S. Krieger, T. Siciliano

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

RESOLUTION 2018-03-51
APPROVE FY17 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by E. Kline to approve the financial statements and audit for FY17.

Yeas: A. Waesch, E. Kline, T. Siciliano, S. Krieger
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 4 to 0

RESOLUTION 2018-03-52
APPROVE RATES AND AMOUNTS

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by S. Krieger to approve the rates and amounts as determined by the Budget Commission and authorize necessary tax levies and certify them to the County Auditor, per attached resolution.

Yeas: A. Waesch, S. Krieger, T. Siciliano, E. Kline
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 4 to 0

RESOLUTION 2018-03-53
APPROVE SCESC CONTRACT

It was moved by S. Krieger seconded by A. Waesch to approve a 2 year contract renewal with Stark County ESC for technology and fiscal services, from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

Yeas: S. Krieger, A. Waesch, E. Kline, T. Siciliano
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 4 to 0

Superintendent Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2018-03-54
RESIGNATION – MARK GEIS

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by E. Kline to approve the resignation of Mark Geis, Intervention Specialist, effective August 16, 2018.

Yeas: A. Waesch, E. Kline, S. Krieger, T. Siciliano
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 4 to 0

RESOLUTION 2018-03-55
LEAVE OF ABSENCE -- HINDMAN

It was moved by E. Kline seconded by A. Waesch to approve a leave of absence for Rob Hindman, effective April 17, 2018.

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Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

RESOLUTION 2018-03-56
APPROVE FMLA - NEZBETH

It was moved by S. Krieger seconded by A. Waesch to approve FMLA for Rebecca Nezbeth, effective March 2, 2018.

Yeas: S. Krieger, A. Waesch, T. Siciliano, E. Kline

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

RESOLUTION 2018-03-57
APPROVE OPEN ENROLLMENT

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by E. Kline to approve participation in Inter-District Open Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year.

Yeas: A. Waesch, E. Kline, T. Siciliano, S. Krieger

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

RESOLUTION 2018-03-58
APPROVE COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

It was moved by S. Krieger seconded by A. Waesch to approve the College Credit Plus agreement with Akron University and Youngstown State for the 2018-2019 school year.

Yeas: S. Krieger, A. Waesch, E. Kline, T. Siciliano

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

RESOLUTION 2018-03-59
APPROVE PRE-BOND ARCHITECTS

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by S. Krieger to approve the agreement with Hasenstab Architects for pre-bond services.

Yeas: A. Waesch, S. Krieger, E. Kline, T. Siciliano

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

RESOLUTION 2018-03-60
APPROVE NON-TEACHING SUPPLEMENTALS

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It was moved by S. Krieger seconded by E. Kline to approve following non-teaching supplementals:

Keith Boedicker

HS Head Football Coach

Yeas: S. Krieger, E. Kline, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

REPORTS:

Terri Hrina-Treharn reported on curriculum.

Old Business: Andrew Hawkins following up on advertising policy

New Business: Eric Kline will speak to the 5th grade about being a board member

State of the Schools Presentation – Andrew Hawkins presented an update on the district.

RESOLUTION 2018-03-61

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by S. Krieger and seconded by E. Kline to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Yeas: S. Krieger, E. Kline, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

Jay Kelsey, President

Connie Baldwin, Treasurer