Minutes of Special Meeting
January 24, 2018

The Rootstown Local Board of Education met in special session at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria on January 24, 2018. Present were Tom Siciliano, Amanda Waesch, Eric Kline, and Scott Krieger. Also present were Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, and Connie Baldwin, Treasurer, Terri Hrina-Treharn, Judi Krieger, Rob McCarthy, Nick Hammerschmidt, Brad Derteen, Paula Barthol, Bob Hurd, Dorothy Hurd, Stacie Mamola, Ralph Paulus, Roger Carpenter, Joe Paulus, Briana Barton (Record Courier), Janet Coon, John Wray, Mike Trickat, Ron Coleman, Gary Slocum, John Lallathon.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

RESOLUTION 2018-01-29
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

Discussion with Rootstown Township Trustees

INTRODUCTIONS: Rob McCarthy Attorney with Bricker & Eckler, Eric Kline, Scott Krieger, Amanda Waesch, Andrew Hawkins, Tom Siciliano, Connie Baldwin, Joanne Townsend, Brett Housley, Dave McIntyre, Joe Paulus, Chad Murdock, Attorney.

TOM SICILIANO: Thank you all for being here. After the November election, we held two working sessions where we discussed the results of the election and the possible reasons for its failure. The JEDD was certainly a reoccurring theme during our community meetings and levy campaign. We believe that the JEDD discussion negatively impacted our levy in November, which is unfortunate. There are certainly other factors that we are examining and we are executing on some additional action items that came out of our working sessions, but one of our key action items was to reach out to the Trustees and hold a joint meeting to discuss the JEDD, ask additional questions, and come to a common understanding of how the JEDD impacts the school district.

We feel that it is important for the School Board and the Trustees to hold an open meeting to publicly discuss the JEDD and how the JEDD impacts the school. As a school board, our fiduciary duty is to the school and it is our responsibility to, first, understand the impact a JEDD could have on the school district. And, second, to ensure that the community receives and understands this information to dispel any inaccurate information regarding the levy and the JEDD's impact on a facilities project.
To that end, we have engaged, Robert McCarthy, from the law firm of Bricker & Eckler in Columbus. He is a public finance attorney and is very experienced in JEDD projects. We have asked him to educate us as a Board and a community. We believe that he will be very helpful in this process today.

Here are some questions for the JEDD attorney. I may ask some of these questions and they should be prepared to give an overview and answer these from us or the audience. Also - did we give them a copy of the JEDD Agreement?

DAVE MCINTYRE: Happy to be here to open communication to improve the community
JOE PAULUS: Thanks for meeting with us
TOM SICILIANO: This meeting is between our boards with community comments at the end
AMANDA WAESCH: We had questions posed to the attorney and would like to ask them publically here.

1. What is a JEDD, what is it used for, and what is your personal experience with JEDD’s? 2. How does it impact a school?
ROB MCCARTHY: Thanks for having me. Involved in 15 to 20 JEDDs himself and the firm, in central and SW Ohio, closest district is Walton Hills. Is working with Aurora for the Geauga Lake property. JEDD’s are very flexible so all are very different from each other. For example, Sagamore Hills is very small and used to beef up infrastructure (road and sewers). In Union county, they are designing a JEDD to provide sewer expansion.
AMANDA WAESCH: How does a school participate?
ROB MCCARTHY: Primarily, the idea of a JEDD is to avoid annexation battles with cities and townships, to allow muni income tax and to agree on infrastructure. Role of a school is rare. Generally, parties are municipalities and townships. Counties are no longer parties. Often there is land in township who partners with municipality to collect up to highest tax rate. The tax is levied on employees and net profits of businesses, then the parties agree on infrastructure—mostly roads and sewers. Schools have separate agreement and are not party to the JEDD. There can be a cooperative agreement but the school is not party to the JEDD.
AMANDA WAESCH: In general, what is the purpose of a JEDD? How often are they used to fund a school?
ROB MCCARTHY: In the statutes, the purpose is economic development, creating jobs and increasing property values. Schools help grow economic development. There was a recent change in law. Community needs to have an economic plan, which needs to document the need for JEDD revenue. Why and what the community will do with revenue and how is the school related. School would need to be referenced in the document plan.
JOE PAULUS: The school is referenced in the economic development plan.
AMANDA WAESCH: Have you reviewed this JEDD agreement? And can you explain this JEDD?
ROB MCCARTHY. Yes, I have read the draft. This JEDD sets forth the revenue and how it will be spent and creates a JEDD board, which governs the JEDD. The board consists of representatives from the municipality, township, employees, and business owners and one selected by the others. This JEDD sets the board powers. The revenue is used in 2 phases: a. if or until the district passes a bond and b: after the district passes. Specifically, a. The board has discretion to provide funds to the school. b. The board is required to provide contributions to the district. The lesser of $700,000 or a %. Not guaranteed income stream. Could be higher or lower.
CHAD MURDOCK: The part that is not being discussed is, along with bond, is the schools relocation for community development.

AMANDA WAESCH: For the school to receive funds, the district must pass a bond levy, and relocate. Does ours qualify?

ROB MCCARTHY: Yes.

AMANDA WAESCH: The board explored relocation and it is not an option. Explored over last year and half. What would you expect to see on the development side from township and school? Do we have to secure land? Do you expect a developer to be involved to be feasible?

ROB MCCARTHY: One question is, the facility is subject to income tax but is only getting grants from JEDD. The school must pay the income tax, but no guarantee of getting back that income. Also, there is the question of the land. One thing to consider is that the petition process can take some time.

DAVE MCINTYRE: There is no JEDD and no petition.

ROB MCCARTHY: Using the OFCC [Ohio Facilities Construction Commission], the district needs to be ready to go. If you have property, the process could take a few months, but securing property would take more time. The JEDD petition needs signatures of business and property owners. Also, a hearing process and notice process. One consideration is you don’t want this to tie up the OFCC process. Tying them together not good. The district cannot borrow against JEDD revenues. Even if you could, the income is variable based on employers. Investors will not invest in an unguaranteed income stream. Must have securitization. Cannot have general obligation debt for JEDD. The district cannot secure the local share using JEDD funds. One possibility could be tying the JEDD to only the .5 mill maintenance levy. Some districts can meet with the .5 mill requirement with other revenue. Could potentially use the JEDD to meet the .5 mill levy requirement.

AMANDA WAESCH: Would the district still have to pass a levy regardless of the JEDD?

ROB MCCARTHY: JEDD revenue could be used to pay down bonds but the OFCC will not count it as the local share.

DAVE MCINTYRE: Could the port authority put the money up for the bond?

ROB MCCARTHY: One district did it. However, it is still considered debt of the district.

AMANDA WAESCH: Even using the port authority, the district still has to guarantee the funds by passing a levy.

ROB MCCARTHY: Even with a private investor, the school would still have to pass the levy.

AMANDA WAESCH: Feels this was a misunderstanding during the election and we should have been more clear. The bottom line is regardless of the JEDD, we still have to pass a levy.

DAVE MCINTYRE: You have asked 4 or 5 questions but we didn’t get to ask these questions. This was a draft for a reason—to get ideas from both sides. We never got feedback from you. This attorney has only heard one side. We are not here to justify why or why not. Here to see how we are working together as a community.

AMANDA WAESCH: I agree with working together. However, the JEDD was the elephant in room. Feels people felt why should they support the levy if someone else will pay for it? And, that is not true. We want to educate all the leaders of the community as to how the JEDD impacts the schools.

BRETT HOUSLEY: Wants to work together.

AMANDA WAESCH: We are learning too. This is the first time we have heard this as well. We met the attorney when he spoke at a session in Columbus at the Ohio School Boards
Conference. I have not spoken to him since. It is important to educate all of us together. This is an education for me as well as everyone.

ROB MCCARTHY: I am not biased; I am just here to provide info. The district would need bond issue to secure a JEDD.

JOE PAULUS: What about the port authority? If they back the bond? Say I win the lottery and hand the school $40 million. Does that mean you can’t accept it as the local share?

ROB MCCARTHY: Can’t accept it as local share unless you had the money in hand. Port authority bonds are cross-collateralized. Must agree to meet this way. So you still have a missing link. They are creative and may have another way. But generally, you still need that security piece.

DAVE MCINTYRE: Can’t you petition the bonding company? Can you petition to get the JEDD funds, which would be pretty secure?

ROB MCCARTHY: I’ll put it this way, if I am investing, I want a guarantee of income. Say it was a private deal such as a shopping mall. You would want a coverage ratio of 1.5 times debt service for the shopping mall rent to loan payment.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: But is it a possibility?

ROB MCCARTHY: You would have to confirm with the OFCC. But they have not done it before.

CHAD MURDOCK: Here’s our experience in this so far. Property owners and business owners have to agree. Largest business, which is NEOMED, won’t agree until this property is available for development. If this property is not viable for development, then it is a short discussion.

TOM SICILIANO: The board worked with a real estate agent who looked at 12 properties, 2 were suitable—The Cline farm (he said he absolutely would not sell) and Bingham, which sold to Don Smith. Nowhere to go. JEDD discussion is a moot point.

JOE PAULUS: I don’t agree. Property is worth something to someone. If you offer to match or beat the price.

TOM SICILIANO: There was a right of first refusal. We did ask.

JOE PAULUS: If you don’t offer, then they can’t refuse. Owners said no one offered.

AMANDA WAESCH: We can’t make an offer without the financing to support it. And everyone knows the price goes up when looking for property.

Whether there was a right of first refusal or purchase option, there was a contract between them and someone exercised their rights. We are not in a position to make an offer without the finances. They are not willing to sell. There are no other properties.

JOE PAULUS: Can we go to the family and ask if we can buy it? Think outside the box.

Everyone has a price.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: You ask how are we coming up with the money. You have 5 years with the JEDD, in the first year you could have the money.

AMANDA WAESCH: In theory, yes. But practically, no. Everyone has a price but we have to back that with a levy. We cannot put a 15 mill levy on just to make someone an offer. We still have to back it with a levy. Agree in theory but in practically must have a feasible plan

TOM SICILIANO: We cannot wait five years because our number is up with the OFCC. We can’t wait around and let the state money go.

AMANDA WAESCH: It’s not that we don’t believe in JEDD, we want to work with the township, must make sure our plan is good for the school district. And good for the taxpayers.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: You can’t wait for the JEDD?

AMANDA WAESCH: We can’t wait five years to be on the ballot. We have renewal levies coming up.
DAVE MCCINTYRE: How about three entities? Can we do it with 3? And how fast?
ROB MCCARTHY: Maybe 60 days? And the JEDD can grow.
DAVE MCCINTYRE: I just did some quick figures. The school could get $600,000 between 3 entities (the township, the school, and NEOMED) with the potential of having other non-profits who have shown interest.

JOE PAULUS: If you move, must have a developer
ROB MCCARTHY: This taxes the employees and the net profits of businesses. A JEDD doesn’t have to be all the parcels. This is taxing the school employees but they are not getting that money back. One consideration is to make the school district exempt from the income tax unless there is some condition of the school getting the money long term.
DAVE MCCINTYRE: This is not a dictatorship. This should be a discussion but it never got that far.

SCOTT KRIEGER: Your position sounds like NEOMED is not part of the JEDD unless we move. And we must enter into some kind of contract to move. Can you see the board’s perspective that we would have to start the process without the JEDD in place?

JOE PAULUS: It doesn’t make a difference. But what if the community knows we have a five-year plan. The money starts rolling in. Then pass the levy pass, pass the bond stuff. Then you can see the money coming into the community.

CHAD MURDOCK: Form the JEDD, give the school 5 years, have a commitment from the school. They get the money if/when pass the levy. If so, here’s some money for relocation. If not, let’s look at it. For the property owners to buy in, this property must be vacant.

TOM SICILIANO: We can’t wait, we need to move forward. That is what we tried with levy.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: If we had the JEDD 2 years ago, we have lost on 2% on the money where the school would end up, out of $32,000,000.

AMANDA WAESCH: The JEDD funds aren’t guaranteed. The only money we know for sure is the money guaranteed by the community. We can’t ask for a levy without a guarantee of funds. Would love the JEDD money, but it can’t be the leading force. It is our duty to the community.

CHAD MURDOCK: This is going three ways: 1. Nowhere. 2. Talk to NEOMED and convince them to be a part of the JEDD, or 3. Form without NEOMED, on a limited basis.

TOM SICILIANO: It’s not legal for the school to form a JEDD.

CHAD MURDOCK: If you don’t move, you are not going to get the buy in. Maybe convince them otherwise.

AMANDA WAESCH: I’m happy to meet with NEOMED and tell them that moving is not an option. Fiscally, it is not an option. Rich Lewis and John Wray reached out to me asking for a meeting but I told them to wait until after this meeting. But I am more than happy to meet.

JOE PAULUS: What about a land swap? This is prime real estate. NEOMED has developers chomping at the bit to get in here. What if we could find 50 or 80 acres to move to? I’m feeling the board just doesn’t want to move. It’s short sighted. Look down the road ten years. You’re just going to be stuck here.

TOM SICILIANO: Stuck here? We have been here for 100 years. We are not stuck. We have been here.

JOE PAULUS: Things can change.

TOM SICILIANO: You are telling us that we have to move.

JOE PAULUS: It is an option. It’s a carrot and stick. There could be development to bring in money for all of us.
TOM SICILIANO: Feels this is being pushed on us. The facilities committee could not decide definitively to move or stay. But you say to pass the levy and move. It’s a Catch 22. We can’t just sit here and not make decisions. It was going to cost $5 million more to move (on the low side) and the community is going to pay for it.

JOE PAULUS: What if the levy doesn’t pass? Other communities aren’t passing.

TOM SICILIANO: It is because of leaving the JEDD out there. People think the JEDD will pay for it all. We need to make a decision.

ERIC KLINE: One thing I learned in running for the board, was that there was a lot of jumbled information out there.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: If I sell a house, or say, buy a house and sell mine. I can make it contingent. Why is this not the case?

AMANDA WAESCH: There are too many contingencies here. Huge. And no developer.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: What developer?

AMANDA WAESCH: We have no developer interested.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: I have already had 3 calls this year from developers. Lynn and New Milford just got parcelled. We now have Dunkin Donuts. Is the development going to be sporadic or should we try to make it pleasing to the community?

ROB MCCARTHY: The district must certify the funds. If contingent, there are zero funds to guarantee the contingency. Would the property owner want to be on the hook? If the developer offers them a better price? Could be, but that is not usual.

JOE PAULUS: What if our groups had a plan? This is what we want to do. Can we work as a group? Do you think the community would be ok? Say we hash out the JEDD and the bond and hash all this out, and we tell the community this is what we are going to do. Do you think we have a chance to pass?

DAVE MCCINTYRE: At the end of the day, the levy was an income tax and a property tax

ANDREW HAWKINS: Earned income tax

DAVE MCCINTYRE: It is still at a lot of money and people are looking for relief. We are trying to save money.

AMANDA WAESCH: We are looking to save money as well. We do have a plan for facilities. We are at a crucial time. Our facilities are in bad shape. We are on a trajectory to be on the ballot for next November. That is our plan. We could work together on additional plans to benefit community. But I don’t want to put our plans on hold to start from scratch.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: Their recommendation was 50/50 stay or go. The group was right down the middle. With no JEDD on the table. The Apex survey 3 years ago showed you it was 50/50 on staying or going. When you added the JEDD it pushed it over the top to pass.

AMANDA WAESCH: We had both a facilities and a finance committee. The facilities committee was split 50/50 on moving. However, the finance committee was not split. Over 80% voted on a certain on the budget limit. That budget was $32,000,000. Relocating would put us over budget. That is a hard fact. I feel the old survey had some significantly leading questions that brought back stuff that was misleading. I said this a couple of months ago. I want all the facts out there. Want to work together. We have been working on our facilities plan for 2 years.

JOE PAULUS: How would JEDD fit in? Where is the economic development if you don’t move?

SCOTT KRIEGER: Are there other areas available for economic development?

CHAD MURDOCK: Minimally

SCOTT KRIEGER: Why?
DAVE MCCINTYRE: On our back roads? I don't want development down our back roads. I want to keep it in this corridor.

CHAD MURDOCK: There is no infrastructure for developing outside this [Rt 44] corridor and bringing in infrastructure will cost money.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: It sounds like you don't have answers but this is a good start. Try to see what other options are out there. Rumors kill us all.

AMANDA WAESCH: Rob McCarthy can you answer what if we don't relocate?

ROB MCCARTHY: You can be creative in economic development. You could argue that educating students for the future is a form of economic development. If the JEDD is formed around existing development, then where is the increased benefit? Adding infrastructure could be a benefit. The district needs benefits greater than the tax. The employees in the bargaining units will want increases in wages to offset the taxes they are paying, so it is not a net positive unless the district gets money back to cover that.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: Unless the inside millage grows.

ROB MCCARTHY: Well, that would be hard to estimate without new businesses, but it’s possible it could happen.

AMANDA WAESCH: Our fear is that we would have to go back to taxpayers for a property tax to make up 2% that the employees have to pay.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: That is our fear as well. We are looking to help you and, in reality, help ourselves. We don’t have a road levy or a park levy.

TOM SICILIANO: Why don’t we have a road or park levy?

DAVE MCCINTYRE: We want other alternatives. And other alternatives for school levies as well.

TOM SICILIANO: There isn't much time.

TOM SICILIANO: We missed our chance in November. Now we have to get recertified by the state.

ERIC KLINE: The % of money from state fluctuates each year. So it creates time constraints.

ANDREW HAWKINS: The % of funding from the state does fluctuate. Was 41% and next year goes to 42%. State gives funds based on our equity rank in state. And by our enrollment. Every child is a sq. ft. Right now enrollment is 1,194. So we are locked in for state funding next year. Could drop if we lose students or change in equity rank.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: I'm doing some quick math. You are worried about change in %. That is $600,000. We are telling you we are going to give you that money in year one. Is it really worth rushing it through?

JOE PAULUS: It is on the back end of the bond. 30-year bond could be 15 or 10.

TOM SICILIANO: We can't tell people to pass a 30 year bond and maybe it will be less. Maybe we won't collect the entire levy. I am not asking taxpayers to pass a levy and tell them maybe we won't have to collect it all. I am not going to do that.

JOE PAULUS: But we can just pay it off early.

TOM SICILIANO: We have to tell taxpayers the amount when we put it on the ballot. We can’t come back later and change what we told them.

CONNIE BALDWIN: There have been changes to the law regarding the advance refunding of bonds.

ROB MCCARTHY: Each year the district tells county auditor how much they need. To paid off the debt service, as Connie mentioned, is there the ability refund early. With the new tax law it
is now harder to do. Have to work that out with your financial consultant. You will pay more interest to pay the debt off early.

JOE PAULUS: But can you refinance bonds?

ROB MCCARTHY: Used to be 6 to 10 years out but now 10 to 14 years out. Must pass the levy for the total amount borrowed, regardless of refunding opportunities.

Dave McIntyre: Speaking as a citizen, why not sit a year to be part of the JEDD as a trial run. You should ask voters whether they want to or not. No guarantees. It’s a good investment especially if you hold off a year to see what money comes in.

SCOTT KRIEGER: Who serves on the JEDD board?

DAVE MCCINTYRE: A representative from business, a trustee, a city business, and a worker in district and the board chooses the fifth.

SCOTT KRIEGER: You just promised us $600,000. Was that from you as a member of the JEDD board?

CHAD MURDDOCK: It is part of the JEDD.

SCOTT KRIEGER: The JEDD board guarantees the money?

Chad: It’s in the contract

ROB MCCARTHY: If school doesn’t pass then the JEDD board controls the money.

AMANDA WAESCH: The school can be taken out of the agreement because we are not part of it. The contract can’t be amended?

CHAD MURDDOCK: No, because we have a contract. An intergovernmental contract. That we would pay if these events occur. It’s simple to me. Bottom line: Pass an “x” mill levy, the alternative offer is relocation. Pass the levy at a little higher to generate funds, but then can use $6 or $700,000 from the JEDD to offset that millage. Cut collection to a half or third or whatever the math works out to be. You have chosen the first option. We gave you the choice. Bottom line, there will probably be no JEDD money.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: What is the normal % given in a JEDD?

ROB MCCARTHY: It’s all over the map. There are some where 90% goes to the township. Ideally there is some to JEDD board for economic development and some to the township. Sometimes townships get a large share

AMANDA WAESCH: I want this to be productive. The JEDD is off the table. We cannot relocate. Not an option. We appreciate the offer. We understand why you did this. We cannot do it. This is where we are at and what we have decided to. Nothing we are doing is stopping you from exploring a JEDD.

JOE PAULUS: If you stay, we understand. What are you expecting to get from a JEDD?

TOM SICILIANO: Nothing. We are staying here and moving forward.

BRETT HOUSLEY: Wants to meet with Amanda and with NEOMED. I look at this as a joint program. I would go with you to find win/win for you, us, and NEOMED. There is money from state and money from JEDD. Don’t want to lose the money. Glad to try to find win/win.

AMANDA WAESCH: That is a great idea.

Community Questions:

BOB HERD: Rob McCarthy can you answer regarding the petition process for JEDD. Can you go into detail? Last discussion there were lines drawn to outline the JEDD district. Option was any business in there. Can a business opt out?

ROB MCCARTHY: The school counts as “business”. The JEDD refers to property owners not the tenants of business property. Everyone gets one count in the process. It has been a hot
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topic; law changed recently and businesses can opt out. The process has not yet been tested.
A court would look to see if the business is getting benefits from the JEDD.
BOB HERD: So, if a small mom and pop in the JEDD want to opt out? It’s not a simple
process?
ROB MCCARTHY: They would likely need a lawyer. Some JEDDs are set up that some don’t
pay within territory.
BOB HERD: In your experience, in taxing a business, they increase prices. The consumer pays
higher prices. Have you found a JEDD district increases desire for businesses to move into the
district?
ROB MCCARTHY: Knows of no formal study. Idea is to provide better infrastructure so
businesses who want the services would be interested. They must get roads, sewers or police
or some benefit.
GARY SLOCUM: I believe all want the best for community and taxpayers. Sense difference of
opinion. As a tax payer, knows good schools are great for the community. To ask each trustee,
if the school doesn’t move, will you publically support their levy?
JOE PAULUS: I don’t know if I can say I will publically support it. It puts me in a corner. If I
don’t agree, I won’t support it.
GARY SLOCUM: If there was no JEDD, otherwise everything was equal?
JOE PAULUS: That’s a tough question.
DAVE MCCINTYRE: I think you need good schools to make the community. Want to see us
succeed. As far as that goes, it depends whether it is a good option. Don’t know yet. What if
the school gets more money from income tax than they need? I am not voting to put money
in anyone’s pocket.
Brett: For me, it is not a tough question. I will always support the schools and the kids. The
school board and trustees need to find win in for us, the school, and NEOMED.
GARY SLOCUM: Will you campaign against it?
JOE PAULUS: I never do
GARY SLOCUM: We must come together as a community as a whole because I have seen it
before in other areas.
JOE PAULUS: I love Rootstown. We can’t have that here. Let’s see if we can find an option.
AMANDA WAESCH: Thanks to trustees for being here. Our comments from roles as board
members are not personal attack on anyone. Respect all of you and all of your jobs.
JOE PAULUS: Right back at you
DAVE MCCINTYRE: Thank you for having us.
JOE PAULUS: Can you provide a link to the survey?
ANDREW HAWKINS: You can access it through our website at: www.rootstown.spacc.org We
will have a link on twitter and Facebook and the township page.
Next steps for both groups?
DAVE MCCINTYRE: I would like to continue doing something. Would like to go forward with
ongoing discussions to work together to save money, even if it is just how to purchase salt
together.
AMANDA WAESCH: I agree. I will meet with NEOMED with Brett Housley.
JOE PAULUS: Will you set that up and then we will reconvene.
ERIC KLINE: As a new board member I learned a lot tonight and respect the trustees passion.
And during short time on the board, can say same thing for school board. Everyone is looking
out for students and tax payers.
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SCOTT KRIEGER: I am a new board member as well. I want this school to be part of community where it is at. Not somewhere else. Would like to pass a bond levy and build new schools and work with the township as whole.

TOM SICILIANO: None of my comments were directed personally. I respect the work of the trustees and thank you for coming.

JOE PAULUS: No comments were taken personally and am not disagreeing with anyone personally.

DAVE MCCINTYRE: I am happy to finally able to meet together and talk. Hopefully can do more of this.

ANDREW HAWKINS: The old teacher in me is coming out here. This was a great civics lesson tonight. You are all leaders of the community because you were elected. You were voted in, but those with the say are those in the audience, the voters. Everyone is working to represent the voters. Please contact board and trustees with concerns. This is how government should work. Can’t be just a one-time discussion.

TOM SICILIANO: Thank you to all those in attendance tonight.

RESOLUTION 2018-01-30

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by A. Waesch and seconded by S. Krieger to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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

T. Siciliano, President
Connie Baldwin, Treasurer