

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
February 10, 2020

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The Rootstown Local Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library on February 10, 2020. Present were Tom Siciliano, Amanda Waesch, Scott Krieger, Steve Vasbinder, and Eric Kline. Also present were Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, and Connie Baldwin, Treasurer, Bridget, Kylie & Kelsie Hamrick, Christine Wright, Denny Pickens, Melissa, Jerry & Aiden Justice, Peggy Shewell, Gail Piscitani, Dan Paulus, Tom Weese, Gary Riemenschneider, Tammy Brode, Morgan Jones, Kim Rodstrom, Ron Coleman, Craig Wise, Joe Ely, Brad Symms, Alan Marzec, Jim Conley, Jeff Turner, Chad White, Bob Stary, Barb Stary, Ben Rantilla, Brenda Giebel, Marianne Glenn, Matt Collins, Terri Hrina-Treharn, Robert Campbell, and Diana Pastor.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**RESOLUTION 2020-02-025**  
**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by E. Kline to adopt the agenda.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**Lions Club Good Award:** After a short presentation explaining the purpose of the Lions Club Good Award, Brett Housley and Ann Maggard presented the awards to Aiden Justice, Eric Baughman, and Kelsie Hamrick. The students and their parents were recognized for this achievement.

**Community Comments:**

Carol Pullin – HS Teacher – Reported high school staff is asking/recommending an additional guidance counselor. State requiring additional hours for meetings and mental health screenings.

A. Waesch – Thank you to our teachers. Mrs. Sandburg does a phenomenal job.

A. Hawkins – Mrs. Sandburg does a tremendous job. Student needs are increasing. Over the last 15 years have added Coleman Counselors, Children's Advantage, a county social worker ½ time, and an MCECSC career counselor. However, the need is there, especially for mental health.

Denny Pickens – 4041 Sabin Dr. – President of Alumni Foundation– Have been working 15 years to fund a new track. Would like to reach out to the board to get some quotes for a new track. Has \$210,000 ready for the project. Wants to fundraise the rest as a grass roots effort.

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S. Vasbinder – Has been working on this and feels the cost would be under \$300,000. Township will rough grade and remove cinders. Wants to move forward. Feels the project is popular with the community. Citizens will donate potentially 70% of project. Board's share would be about \$80,000.

S. Krieger – Businesses would be interested in naming rights.

S. Vasbinder - Feels there is tension in the community over funding issues. It is still there but feels community wants this project. Feels the track benefits all sports and the community can use it as well. Hopes this can heal the community from the divide by the township, school, and groups working together. Feels passionately about this.

Al Marzec – 3776 Tallmadge – President of Sports Boosters – People want to donate and see action on this project. Is asking the board to fast track it. Businesses are willing to donate. Feels the track is a safety issue. Track team has to run in the parking lot and could be hit by a new driver. The kids deserve a new track.

E. Kline – Feels this is a good idea. Agrees it could bring the community closer together. It is a good step forward in working together.

A. Waesch – Thank you to everyone who has spent time working on this. It is a positive step. The board must follow the process of Ohio law with insurance, etc. Hesitant to commit funds based on the earlier presentation by the teachers. Supports the grass roots effort.

S. Vasbinder – The funds would be from PI

Gail Piscitani – 4857 Kelly Ave – Invitationals could give potential income. Many area schools do this.

Dan Paulus – 3217 Bent Oak Trail – What is the rule on sponsorship for signs? Does the board have a policy? Has heard the board is opposed.

A. Waesch – The board does have a policy. Sponsorship must be approved by the board. Has been discussed at meetings. The board is open to it.

E. Kline – Agrees. The board is open to it.

A. Waesch – Has been discussed for two years. Strategic planning meeting in March. That could be part of the plan on finances, which were discussed in January.

E. Kline – Yes, it was discussed.

S. Krieger – Must show where the money goes (for example, the new track)

Dan Paulus – Did Coke offer to sponsor a sign?

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Matt Collins – Pop companies don't sponsor signs any more. There is no money in schools due to the "no sugar" laws.

S. Vasbinder – Our attorneys say if we have a proposal they can review. Also is looking for an architect or engineer to approve the plans.

Matt Collins – Feels he would like to see a percentage of gate receipts and fees go to a special fund for resurfacing in 15 or so years. Not the general fund. Feels the same about the football field.

Kim Rodstrom – 429 Jennifer – As a parent feels this is an outdoor opportunity for students. This track is the same she ran on. Feels this is an extension of the classroom for all PE students in K-12. Students have to do a one mile run and end up running circles in the gym. All sports teams would use the track for conditioning. Fully supports a new track.

S. Krieger – Also there is no other track in the area. The community and senior citizens do not have an opportunity to walk elsewhere.

Eric Schlaubach – 3179 Bent Oak Trail – Wants to see the process starting. Doesn't want this to wait until March or later. Wants to see board action. The school would not have to contribute much money.

A. Waesch – Feels board is not unwilling, is unable and wants to embrace the grass roots effort. There is a strategic planning meeting in March. There is nothing for the board to vote on tonight. There are budgets, timelines, bids and partnership with the town to be discussed.

S. Vasbinder – proposed that he be allowed to continue working on this project.

T. Siciliano – will need specs.

S. Vasbinder – needs to get specs approved

Al Marzec – What is the plan for PI?

T. Siciliano – Does support the track but the buildings need roofing. Wonders how much the school will need to contribute. Agrees with a new track and is excited but the board has to look at the big picture.

A.Waesch – It is not in the budget

Al Marzec – Is frustrated the community is so divided. How did Mogadore get \$5.5 million stadium and the school didn't have to pay anything? Wants to see some action.

A.Waesch – Recommends a subcommittee of two board members. S. Vasbinder and S. Krieger have volunteered as discussed in January to work with sports boosters, alumni and township. This is not a new conversation. Wants to move forward as well.

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Eric Schlaubach - Will the board vote?

A. Waesch – Will set up a subcommittee

S. Krieger – Need to go step by step. First step is the cost. Doesn't want to put it off until March. Feels superintendent should proceed for bids. Need apples to apples comparison to estimate cost.

A. Hawkins – Anything over \$50,000 must go to bid. Need to verify scope of work and the timeline. Bids must be published within a certain timeframe. There will be architect fees and attorney fees.

S. Krieger – Feels the community wants to hear support for the project.

Tammy Brode – 4826 Dock Dr. – Feels this is more kicking the can down the road. Understands there is a big picture. Why not support if they are going to pay for it and get it started. Feels could affect the levy renewal. May vote it down to get the board's attention.

A. Waesch – Suggests S. Krieger and S. Vasbinder set up a subcommittee meeting before March 9. Need input from administrators

T. Siciliano – Is in favor of and encouraged by the amount raised.

A. Waesch – Does not want the board to make any missteps legally.

Dan Paulus – If you get bids, then maybe can raise 100%. Why a subcommittee? Get this rolling. Doesn't want to wait.

A. Waesch – Asked attorneys to explain the bid process

S. Vasbinder – Feels he is familiar with the bid process

Scott Peters - Peters, Kalail, Markakis – Specs are the key. Need architect to approve. Then the timeline to submit bids is about 30 days. Can reject the bids. Informal quote is not good enough in this situation. Cannot just call a contractor.

A. Waesch – Is there an architect?

S. Vasbinder – Is working on it.

Tom Weese – 5051 Wilkes Rd – Mr. Paradise may do it for us. He is a civil engineer. Feels there is always a delay.

Brenda Giebel – 3176 Bird – Need an action plan. What are the next steps? Feels the board needs to show they are interested.

**RESOLUTION 2020-02-026**

**APPROVE SUPT TO PURSUE TRACK SPECIFICATIONS**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by S. Krieger to approve allowing the superintendent to pursue specifications for the track replacement project.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Eric Schlaubach – Asked if the superintendent has authority to spend money on the specifications.

A. Hawkins – Responded he has board authority to spend up to a certain dollar amount. Feels this would be covered.

Gary Riemenschneider – 4868 Campbellsport – Handed \$500 donation to Alumni Foundation

A. Waesch – Thanked everyone for coming. Hopes they return next month. Thanks for everyone's efforts and support.

**Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:**

**RESOLUTION 2020-02-027**  
**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

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

January 13, 2020 – Regular Meeting

February 3, 2020 – Special Meeting

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:**

**RESOLUTION 2020-02-028**  
**RETIREMENT - DER**

It was moved by E. Kline seconded by T. Siciliano to approve the retirement resignation for Martin Der, Maintenance Worker, effective January 31, 2020. The board thanks him for his service.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2020-02-029**  
**FMLA - HLUCH**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by E. Kline to approve FMLA for Paula Hluch, Elementary Teacher, effective December 16, 2019.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2020-02-030**  
**FMLA – LULI**

It was moved by E. Kline seconded by T. Siciliano to approve FMLA for Cheryl Luli, Elementary Secretary, effective February 26, 2020.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2020-02-031**  
**APPROVE SUBSTITUTES**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by E. Kline to approve the following substitutes:

Veronica Brown	Substitute Teacher
Cindy Hazelett	Substitute Teacher, effective February 5, 2020
Laura Townsend	Substitute Teacher, effective January 24, 2020
Alyssa Potenzini	Substitute Teacher, effective January 30, 2020
Tyler Conley	Substitute Teacher, effective February 4, 2020
Rae Hamilton	Substitute Teacher
Amanda Callahan	Substitute Educational Aide, Library Aide, Playground Aide, & Secretary

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2020-02-032**  
**AMEND COURSE CATALOG**

It was moved by S. Krieger seconded by T. Siciliano to approve the following amendment to the HS Course Catalog for the 2020-2021 school year:

Biology will be a 9<sup>th</sup> grade course and Physical Science will be a 10<sup>th</sup> grade course

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2020-02-033**  
**APPROVE CBIP STUDENT**

It was moved by E. Kline seconded by S. Krieger to approve Nathaniel Fulmer to be paid through the CBIP program in the high school.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2020-02-034**  
**APPROVE CCP**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by S. Krieger to approve the College Credit Plus memorandums of Understanding with University of Akron and Stark State for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2020-02-035**  
**BLCSI PARTNERSHIP STIPENDS**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by E. Kline to approve the following Host Teacher and District Field Leader compensation for the BLCSI Partnership with Kent State University:

Dawn Coffman	Host Teacher	\$500.00
Terri Hrina-Treharn	Field Leader	\$1,500.00

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

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**RESOLUTION 2020-02-036**  
**APPROVE SUPPLEMENTALS**

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

Matt Collins	HS Asst. Baseball Coach
Dawn Freeland	MS Girls Track Coach
Jenna Paisley	MS Boys Track Coach

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2020-02-037**  
**APPROVE PROPERTY USE**

It was moved by E. Kline seconded by T. Siciliano to approve the Rootstown Hot Stove to use school property during the 2020 calendar year.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

**REPORTS:**

A. Hawkins: Reported the district is in the process of long-range financial planning and has defined three priorities: 1) address the deficit, 2) avoid levy renewal fatigue, and 3) address facilities. Next month will give the state of the schools address. Also discussed PTC changes.  
T. Treharn, R. Campbell, J. Conley and J. Turner reported on curriculum and building activities.  
S. Krieger (Legislative Liaison): Reported on EdChoice vote postponement  
C. Baldwin: Reported the district is in the process of replacing a high school boiler and the new bus was delivered and is awaiting inspection.

**OLD BUSINESS: N/A**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

S. Vasbinder: Proposes Matt Collins get estimates for sidewalk repairs for the March meeting. Also, is interested in costs associated with replacing buses with vans for special education routes. Wonders if there is a cost savings. Would like an estimate for the March meeting.  
Matt Collins: Reported the current van has approximately 75,000 miles on it.  
A. Waesch: Reviewed the board meeting schedule: Rockmill on March 16 at 4:30. State of the schools to follow. March 9 is the strategic planning meeting. Agenda items should be submitted one week prior.  
S. Vasbinder asked if public comments are allowed at the state of the schools  
A. Hawkins responded: absolutely, yes



**RESOLUTION 2020-02-038**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by S. Krieger to go into executive session to prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment: and to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes. Invited into executive session: A. Hawkins, C. Baldwin, T. Treharn, R. Campbell, Scott Peters, Esq. and Maria Markakis, Esq.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, S. Krieger, A. Waesch, S. Vasbinder, E. Kline  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

The board president called the meeting back into regular session at 9:06

**RESOLUTION 2020-02-039**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by T. Siciliano and seconded by S. Vasbinder to adjourn the meeting at 9:06.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, S. Vasbinder, E. Kline, S. Krieger, A. Waesch  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

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Amanda Waesch, President

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Connie Baldwin, Treasurer