

Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 11, 2021

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The Rootstown Local Board of Education met in regular/virtual session at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria on January 11, 2021. Present were Tom Siciliano, Amanda Waesch, Eric Kline, Craig Mullaly, and Paul McEwuen. Also present: Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, and Connie Baldwin, Treasurer. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The meeting was broadcast over the district Youtube channel. No visitors were in attendance due to COVID restrictions.

Roll Call: E. Kline, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch

RESOLUTION 2021-01-013
ADOPT THE AGENDA

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by E. Kline to adopt the agenda, tabling Item #7 under the Superintendent's report.

Yeas: A. Waesch, E. Kline, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly
Nays: T. Siciliano
Motion Carried: 4 to 0

Community Comments:

Cleopatra Clifford (3362 Sandy Lake Rd)

I know I am only one parent, but having the structure is so important for the kids and the staff. I would love to hear the discussion of staying hybrid for a regular amount of time. I worry and see first hand the stress in all areas, of going back and forth from everyday, to hybrid and then remote and so forth. I do feel that if a schedule is put into place for 4 plus weeks the families and community members can work from there.

I am hopeful that things will improve by Feb. but still a consistent schedule is best for everyone involved! Hybrid offers the inclass environment, where kids can be social (and staff) but also can be at home and complete work and lessons.

Rootstown has done a great job of offering help.

A. Hawkins responded that he is working with the Health Dept

Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2021-01-014
APPROVE FINANCIALS

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

December 21, 2020 - Board Meeting

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

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Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, E. Kline

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2021-01-015
RESOLUTION TO PROCEED

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by E. Kline to the following:

RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO PROCEED WITH ELECTION ON THE
QUESTION OF RENEWAL OF A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION
(R.C. Sections 5705.194 – 5705.197)
Renewal Emergency Levy

WHEREAS, this Board of Education at its meeting on the 20th day of December 21, 2020, by resolution duly adopted (“Resolution of Necessity”), determined the necessity of renewing all of an existing levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of this School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District, to provide proceeds of \$1,045,000 per year for a ten (10) years, upon the entire territory of the School District, and provided that the question of levying said renewal tax shall be submitted to the electors of said School District at an election to be held on May 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor of Portage County has certified to this Board of Education the total tax valuation of the District and that the estimated average annual levy (assuming that the amount of the tax list of this School District remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year) required to produce said annual amount is four and fifty-nine hundredths (4.59) mills for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to forty-five and nine-tenths cents (\$0.459) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rootstown Local School District, Portage County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members elected thereof concurring that:

Section 1. The Board desires to proceed with the submission of the question levying the renewal emergency tax levy (“the Emergency Levy”) described in the preambles hereto.

Section 2. The question of the renewal of the Emergency Levy shall be submitted to the electors in the entire territory of the School District at the election to be held on May 4, 2021. All of the territory of the School District is in Portage County.

Section 3. That the form of ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Rootstown Local School District, **FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE EMERGENCY**

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REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, in the sum of \$1,045,000 per year, and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average four and fifty nine hundredths (4.59 mills) for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to forty-five and nine-tenths cents (\$0.459) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of ten (10) years?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 4. That the Treasurer is hereby directed and shall simultaneously certify to the Portage County Board of Elections the following not later than February 3, 2021 (which date is not less than 90 days prior to the election date): (a) a copy of the Resolution of Necessity; (b) a copy of this Resolution; (c) the amount of the average tax levy, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation as well as in mills for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, as calculated and certified by the Portage County Auditor, and (d) the number of years said levy is to run and to notify the Portage County Board of Elections to cause notice of such election to be given as required by law.

Section 5. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Education concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Education; and that all deliberations of this Board of Education 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, E. Kline, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, T. Siciliano

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2021-01-016
HIRE - COOPER

It was moved by E. Kline seconded by T. Siciliano to hire Jack Cooper as a Bus Driver, 4 ¼ hours per day, 1 year contract, Step 0, effective January 4, 2021.

Yeas: E. Kline, T. Siciliano, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2021-01-017
HIRE - PEPPER

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It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by E. Kline to hire Abigail Pepper as an Elementary Teacher, Step 0, 1 year contract, effective January 4, 2021.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, E. Kline, P. McEwuen, A. Waesch, C. Mullaly

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2021-01-018
FMLA – MALONE

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by T. Siciliano to approve FMLA for Sara Malone, Elementary Teacher, effective January 25, 2021.

Yeas: A. Waesch, T. Siciliano, E. Kline, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2021-01-019
APPROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

It was moved by E. Kline seconded by T. Siciliano to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar.

Yeas: E. Kline, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2021-01-020
STUDENT TEACHER HOSTS

It was moved by E. Kline seconded by T. Siciliano to approve the following teachers to be compensated for hosting a student teacher during the 2020-2021 school year:

Aubrey Burrell	University of Akron	\$320.00
Misty Bing	University of Akron	\$320.00
Dawn Coffman	University of Akron	\$320.00
Ryann Kavali	University of Akron	\$320.00
Kim Lewis	University of Akron	\$320.00
Angie Stackpole	University of Akron	\$320.00
Alison Svenson	University of Akron	\$320.00

Yeas: E. Kline, T. Siciliano, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2021-01-021
APPROVE SUBSTITUTES

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

Barbara May
Joanne Duran

Substitute Bus Aide & Educational Aide
Substitute Teacher

Yeas: T. Siciliano, E. Kline, A. Waesch, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2021-01-022
HIGH SCHOOL COURSE CATALOG

It was moved by E. Kline seconded by A. Waesch to approve the High School Course Catalog or the 2021-2022 school year.

Yeas: E. Kline, A. Waesch, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, T. Siciliano

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2021-01-023
KENT STATE MOU

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by T. Siciliano to approve the College Credit Plus memorandum of Understanding with Kent State University for the 2021-2022 school year.

Yeas: A. Waesch, T. Siciliano, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, E. Kline

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

REPORTS:

A. Hawkins – Discussed hybrid learning model, meeting with health dept on Thursday. Friday is all staff in service. Vaccinations will be offered to all employees as schools are 1B status. Will be given on site by the health dept free of charge.

C. Mullaly – Has received his vaccination and feels this is a great opportunity for the district

C. Baldwin – Reported meal pick up would be move to Tuesday January 19 due to the MLK holiday

A. Waesch – Building reports were submitted electronically

Old Business:

Strategic Plan:

Community Committee – Has been on hold due to holidays, will start conversations again. P. McEwuen reached out to NEOMED and T. Hrina-Treharn.

Student Success – T. Hrina-Treharn updated in report.

Facilities – A. Hawkins updated the board on ongoing evaluation by Plugsmart. Have received costs on renovations such as windows and door.

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Finance – C. Baldwin and A. Hawkins discussed the upcoming levy. Committee is outside organization from the school district. Has a treasurer but needs a chair. Tentative meeting date January 25 at 7:00 pm in the high school. A. Hawkins will reach out to Chad White. Corona Relief Funds – Deadline was extended for both CRF and Broadband Connectivity.

New Business:

School Board Recognition Month – A. Hawkins read a proclamation honoring the work of board members. Each received a certificate.

Audit Exit Interview: C. Baldwin asked if the board wanted a conference with the auditors. The audit is clean and there were no citations or management letter. A. Waesch said she needed to see the paper audit to verify.

A. Waesch – Reported the governor has updated mask policy for in person meetings. Also brought up the FFCRA. C. Baldwin reported the board only needed to vote to extend the program voluntarily at district expense.

A. Hawkins asked if the board will approve the success committee's new logo. A. Waesch has information from legal counsel and will discuss in executive.

RESOLUTION 2021-01-024
EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by E. Kline and seconded by P. McEwuen to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment or compensation of a public official and also to discuss items required to be kept confidential. Invited in: n/a

Yeas: E. Kline, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

The President called the Board back into regular session at 7:24

RESOLUTION 2021-01-025
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by T. Siciliano and seconded by E. Kline to adjourn the meeting at 7:24.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, E. Kline, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Craig Mullaly, President

Connie Baldwin, Treasurer