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January 10, 2022

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The Rootstown Local Board of Education met for the organizational session at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria on January 10, 2022. Present were Tom Siciliano, Craig Mullaly, J. Curall, Paul McEwuen, and Amanda Waesch. Also present were Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, and Connie Baldwin, Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by President Pro-Tem C. Mullaly at 5:32 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: J. Curall, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch

Public Hearing on the 2023 Fiscal Year Tax Budget: C. Baldwin

ROOTSTOWN LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

RESOLUTION 2022-01-001
APPROVE AGENDA

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by T. Siciliano to amend the agenda to reflect no motion is needed for the Oath of Office.

Yeas: A. Waesch, T. Siciliano, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, J. Curall
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2022-01-002
APPROVE BOARD PRESIDENT

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by P. McEwuen to nominate C. Mullaly for Board President for 2022.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, P. McEwuen, J. Curall, A. Waesch, C. Mullaly
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2022-01-003
APPROVE BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by C. Mullaly to nominate P. McEwuen for Board Vice President for 2022.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, J. Curall
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURES

Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2022-01-004
APPROVE 2023 TAX BUDGET

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by A. Waesch to approve the FY2023 tax budget as presented.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, J. Curall
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2022-01-005
AUTHORIZING THE TREAS.

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by A. Waesch to:

Recommend the Board pass a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to obtain tax advances when necessary.

Recommend the Board pass a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay bills within appropriation limits.

Recommend the Board pass a resolution to authorize the Treasurer to invest interim funds when available, at the best responsible rate of return at her discretion, in eligible obligations including Star Ohio, Star Plus, or US Government securities as per O.R.C.

Recommend the Board authorize the Treasurer to modify, transfer an advance within the adopted appropriations as necessary within the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources.

Recommend the Board authorize the Treasurer to transfer between funds subject to approval at the next meeting.

Recommend the Board authorize the Treasurer to issue salary notices based upon negotiated agreements and placement on the salary schedule as approved by the Board and signed by the Board President.

Recommend the Board authorize the Treasurer to determine fiscal materiality when the invoice amount exceeds the purchase order amount excluding shipping and handling, for all funds as follows (materiality is for purchases and it is understood that shipping costs are excluded):

\$0 – \$500 – 30%	\$501 - \$1,000 – 20%
\$1,001 - \$5,000 – 10%	\$5,001 – up – 5%

Student activity materiality is 10% for all levels.

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Recommend the Board authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to \$250,000.00 in increments not to exceed the immediate cash flow obligations. Such borrowing is to be reviewed and approved by the Board at its next meeting.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, J. Curall, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2022-01-006
AUTHORIZING THE TREAS.

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by T. Siciliano to authorize the Treasurer to submit proposals, establish fiscal accounts, receive, appropriate, advance, transfer funds, and begin program operations when Board approval cannot be provided prior to grant deadlines. In such cases, specific grant information will be presented for Board approval at the next regular Board meeting.

Yeas: A. Waesch, T. Siciliano, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, J. Curall

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2022-01-007
AUTHORIZING THE TREAS.

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by A. Waesch to authorize the Treasurer or Designee to act as an alternate trustee for the Superintendent at the Portage Area School Consortium, as necessary.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, J. Curall, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Superintendent Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2022-01-008
APPROVE BOARD MEETING DATES

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by A. Waesch to establish the time, dates, and location of regular Board meetings for the 2022 calendar year as follows:

January 10, 2022 – Special Meeting
January 24, 2022
February 14, 2022
March 21, 2022

July 18, 2022
August 15, 2022
September 26, 2022
October 17, 2022

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April 18, 2022
May 16, 2022
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November 21, 2022
December 19, 2022

Meetings will be conducted in the High School Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, J. Curall
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2022-01-009
AUTHORIZE THE SUPT.

It was moved by P. McEwuen seconded by T. Siciliano to:

Recommend the Board pass a resolution authorizing the Superintendent to spend within appropriations effective with the 2023 fiscal year budget.

Recommend the Board pass a resolution authorizing the Superintendent to approve attendance and reimbursement for allowable expenses at professional meetings by staff members, within appropriations.

Recommend the Board pass a resolution authorizing the Superintendent, during periods when the Board is not in session, to make offerings of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of the Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of the Board subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by the Board. Employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer. Nothing in this resolution will require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a satisfactory criminal records check or who has not satisfied the employment prerequisites created by law or Board Policy.

Recommend the Board pass a resolution authorizing the Superintendent, on behalf of the Board, to accept resignations, which have been submitted by employees when the Board is not in session, however, upon ratification by the Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

Yeas: P. McEwuen, T. Siciliano, C. Mullaly, J. Curall, A. Waesch
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2022-01-010
AUTHORIZE THE SUPT.

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by T. Siciliano to recommend the Board pass the following resolution approving limited authority of Superintendent to approve change orders:

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WHEREAS, the Board seeks to ensure that bid projects can be completed in a timely and efficient matter;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to sign any change order for the project, provided that any single change order exceeding \$10,000.00 in cost shall require the specific approval of this Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including the Ohio Revised Code.

Yeas: A. Waesch, T. Siciliano, C. Mullaly, J. Curall, P. McEwuen

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2022-01-011
APPOINT LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

It was moved by P. McEwuen seconded by C. Mullaly to appoint T. Siciliano as the Legislative Liaison for 2022.

Yeas: P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, A. Waesch, J. Curall, T. Siciliano

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2022-01-012
APPOINT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON

It was moved by P. McEwuen seconded by T. Siciliano to approve A. Waesch as Student Achievement Liaison for 2022.

Yeas: P. McEwuen, T. Siciliano, C. Mullaly, J. Curall, A. Waesch

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2022-01-013
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by T. Siciliano and seconded by A. Waesch to adjourn the meeting at 5:51.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, J. Curall

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

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ROOTSTOWN LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING

The Rootstown Local Board of Education met in special session at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria on January 10, 2022. Present were Tom Siciliano, Craig Mullaly, J. Curall, Paul McEwuen, and Amanda Waesch. Also present were Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent, and Connie Baldwin, Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: J. Curall, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, T. Siciliano, A. Waesch

RESOLUTION 2022-01-014
APPROVE AGENDA

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by T. Siciliano to adopt the agenda with the following amendment: New Business

Yeas: A. Waesch, T. Siciliano, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, J. Curall

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2022-01-015
LEVY RENEWAL

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by P. McEwuen to approve:

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF RENEWING ALL OF TWO EXISTING TAX LEVIES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.194 THROUGH 5705.197 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE

WHEREAS, at an election on November 8, 2016, the electors of the School District approved the renewal of an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation in order to raise the amount of \$180,000 each calendar year for a period of five (5) years for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District, the last collection of which will occur in calendar year 2022 (the "2016 Levy"); and

WHEREAS, at an election on March 17, 2020, the electors of this School District approved the renewal of an additional tax in excess of the

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ten-mill limitation in order to raise the amount of \$965,056 each calendar year for a period of five (5) years for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District, the last collection of which will occur in calendar year 2025 (the "2020 Levy"); and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that the continuation of the collection of those taxes in the combined amount of \$1,145,056 for **ten (10)** years commencing with a levy on the tax duplicate for 2022 to be first collected in 2023 is necessary for the proper operation of the schools of the School District; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds, determines and declares that the 2016 Levy and the 2020 Levy should be combined into a single renewal levy as set forth herein/

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rootstown Local School District, Portage County, Ohio, a majority of all members of the Board concurring that:

Section 1. This Board finds, determines and declares that the revenue which will be raised by all tax levies which this Board is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues available to this Board, will be insufficient to provide for the emergency requirements of the District, and that it is therefore necessary to levy a renewal of an existing tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation (constituting the renewal of two existing taxes) upon the entire territory in the District in order to raise the amount of \$1,145,056 each calendar year for a period of **ten (10)** years for that purpose.

Section 2. Pursuant to O.R.C. §5705.194 through §5705.197, there shall be submitted to the electors of the entire territory of this District (the School District has territory only in the County of Portage), at an election to be held on May 3, 2022, the question of **renewing** all of the aforesaid **two existing tax levies** in excess of the ten-mill limitation (being the 2016 Levy and the 2020 Levy) on all property in the entire territory of the School District subject to taxation by this Board, in order to raise \$1,145,056 each year, for a period of **ten (10) years** (commencing with a levy on the tax list and duplicate for tax year 2022 for first collection in 2023), for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District, at the annual tax rate necessary to raise that amount. If the electors approve the question, the two existing tax levies to be renewed shall not be levied after the year proceeding the year in which the combination renewal is first imposed. In other words, any remaining tax

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years on either of the two existing levies will not be collected after tax year 2021 (collection year 2022).

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to certify immediately a copy of this Resolution to the Auditor of Portage County and the County Auditor is requested to certify the School District's total current tax valuation and the County Auditor's calculation of the annual levy, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, as well as in mills for each one dollar of valuation, throughout the life of the levy which will be required to produce the annual amount of \$1,145,056, assuming that the amount of the tax list of this District remains the same throughout the life of the levy as the amount of the tax list for the current year (or, if that amount is not determined, the estimated amount of that tax list submitted by that County Auditor to the county Budget Commission).

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with law.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly, A. Waesch, J. Curall
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Superintendent's Reports/Recommendations:

RESOLUTION 2022-01-016
HIRE - FITZPATRICK

It was moved by A. Waesch seconded by T. Siciliano to hire Kyle Fitzpatrick as an Elementary Teacher, effective January 12, 2022 with a Bachelor's degree, Step 1 and a one year contract.

Yeas: A. Waesch, T. Siciliano, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, J. Curall
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2022-01-017
APPROVE SUBSTITUTES

It was moved by T. Siciliano seconded by A. Waesch to hire the following substitutes:

Allie Billingsley	Substitute Teacher
Kyle Fitzpatrick	Substitute Teacher

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Katelyn Wise
Barbara Ross

Substitute Teacher
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Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, J. Curall, P. McEwuen, C. Mullaly
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

New Business: P. McEwuen asked about getting a company to manage and update the district website. A. Hawkins will check with FSM to see if they are interested.

C. Mullaly reported a company is interested in relocating to Rootstown and is seeking a tax abatement. Must first go through Zoning approval then will meet to discuss on Wednesday.

RESOLUTION 2022-01-018
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by T. Siciliano and seconded by A. Waesch to adjourn the meeting at 6:24.

Yeas: T. Siciliano, A. Waesch, C. Mullaly, P. McEwuen, J. Curall
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Craig Mullaly, President

Connie Baldwin, Treasurer