

## Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 19, 2008

The Rootstown Local Board of Education met for a Work Session and Regular Meeting in the High School Cafeteria on May 19, 2008. Present were Robert Dunn, Tom Siciliano, Dale Hluch, Jay Kelsey, and Dean Brunner. Also present were Andrew Hawkins, Superintendent and Connie Baldwin, Treasurer, Norm Reynolds, Amanda M. Lee, Kim Lewis, Kelli Coffman, Rebecca Evans, Amy Ingram, Kim Cox, Diana Pastor, Peggy Shewell, Andrew Shonk, Andrea Nichols, Brianna Doolittle, Sharon Ebie, Makenzie Lee, Lisa Lee, Matt Collins, and Christine Wright.

- ✓ The meeting was called to order by President, Robert Dunn at 3:00 p.m.
- ✓ **Work Session:** With Bill Prenocil of the OSFC and MKC
  - Purpose of meeting:
    - 1) Process  
Bill explained the process.
    - 2) Timeline  
Looked at possible timelines.
    - 3) Master Plans  
Discussed possible master plans.
  - Next Steps:
    - 1) Assessment Review
    - 2) Master plan narrowed down to #3, 5, 6, & 8
    - 3) Bill will update with 2008 costs and add PK-6 & 7-12 building for cost comparison.
    - 4) Need meeting to discuss community involvement in master plan.
    - 5) Plan for cost update next spring (5% this year).
- ✓ Regular Meeting started at 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ✓ Roll Call: D. Brunner, R. Dunn, D. Hluch, J. Kelsey, T. Siciliano

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-01****ADOPT THE AGENDA**

It was moved by D. Hluch and seconded by T. Siciliano to adopt the agenda with the following amendment: Pull #18 under the Superintendent's recommendations.

Yes: Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner; motion carried 5-0.

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✓ **Lions Club Good Award – Presentation**

After a short presentation explaining the purpose of the Lions Club Good Award, Norm Reynolds presented the awards to Makenzie Lee, Brianna Doolittle, and Charles Cornelius. The students and their parents were recognized for their achievement. The Board thanked the Lions Club, the parents and the children.

✓ **Community Comments:**

Chris Wright, Alumni Foundation: Concerned about site survey and visitors bleachers.

Andrew Hawkins said the site planner is to look at site. He did not think soil boring is necessary. It's a possibility that the stadium could be moved in project, so he suggested a gravel base.

Dale Hluch said we need soil boring for building permit.

Chris Wright asked what's the next step.

Andrew Hawkins said to check with county on requirements for building permit.

✓ **Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations:****RESOLUTION 2008-05-02****APPROVE MINUTES**

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

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

Yes: Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner, Dunn; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-03****APPROVED DONATIONS**

It was moved by D. Brunner and seconded by J. Kelsey to approve the following donations:

\$408.55 from GE Healthcare Coils, to the Rootstown Elementary School Library.

\$100.00 from Siciliano's Pizzeria for Junior Class.

\$75.44 from Acme Grocery Store for Elementary Playground.

Yes: Kelsey, Brunner, Dunn, Hluch; Abstain: Siciliano; motion carried 4-0-1.

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**RESOLUTION 2008-05-04****THEN & NOW P.O.'S**

It was moved by T. Siciliano and seconded by J. Kelsey to approve Then & Now purchase orders #63978 & #63979 to Kline & Kavali for work completed on bus garage.

Yes: Siciliano, Brunner, Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-05****ADDITIONAL (RENEWAL) TAX**

It was moved by J. Kelsey and seconded by D. Hluch to declare it necessary to submit the question of levying an additional (renewal) tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to the electors of the Rootstown Local School District pursuant to section 5705.21 of the revised code.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rootstown Local School District, County of Portage, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board finds, determines and declares that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the District and that it is necessary to levy an additional (renewal) tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of renovating, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving school facilities and their sites in the amount of 2.50 mills for a period of 5 years. The levy is to renew all of the proceeds derived from the District's existing levy levied pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, which expires in tax year 2008 (collection year 2009).

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, there shall be submitted to the electors of the District at an election to be held on November 4, 2008, the question of levying an additional (renewal) tax, in excess of the ten-mill limitation at the rate of 2.50 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 25 cents for each one hundred dollar of valuation, which amounts to 25 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 5 years (commencing with a levy on the tax list and duplicate for the year 2009 to be first distributed to the Board in calendar year 2010) for the purpose of renovating, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving school facilities and their sites.

Section 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be immediately certified to the County Auditor of the County of Portage for the calculation by the County Auditor of the total current tax valuation of the District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the 2.50 mill renewal.

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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 such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Yes: Brunner, Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-06****FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

It was moved by D. Hluch and seconded by D. Brunner to approve the annual report and financial statements for fiscal year 2007.

Yes: Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-07****FIVE YEAR FORECAST**

It was moved by J. Kelsey and seconded by T. Siciliano to approve the five-year forecast as submitted as required by the Ohio Department of Education.

Yes: Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner, Dunn; motion carried 5-0.

✓ **Superintendent Reports/Recommendations:**

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-08****RESIGNATION – M. GEIS**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by D. Hluch and seconded by T. Siciliano to accept the resignation of Mark Geis, High School Intervention Specialist, effective July 31, 2008.

Yes: Brunner, Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-09****RESIGNATION – H. CEBULLA**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by J. Kelsey and seconded by T. Siciliano to accept the resignation of Heather Cebulla, Elementary Tutor, effective the 2008-2009 school year.

Yes: Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner; motion carried 5-0.

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**RESOLUTION 2008-05-10****HIRED – H. CEBULLA**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by D. Hluch and seconded by D. Brunner to hire Heather Cebulla as Title I Teacher, with a Bachelor's +12 and 2 years experience and a one-year contract, effective the 2008-2009 school year.

Yes: Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner, Dunn; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-11****HIRED – M. THRASHER**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by J. Kelsey and seconded by D. Brunner to hire Miriam Thrasher as a Speech & Language Pathologist with a Masters and 3 years experience, effective the 2008-2009 school year.

Yes: Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner, Dunn, Hluch; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-12****HIRED – C. BEDARD**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by T. Siciliano and seconded by D. Brunner to hire Cassandra Bedard as an Elementary Teacher with a Bachelor's degree and 0 years experience, effective the 2008-2009 school year.

Yes: Siciliano, Brunner, Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-13****HIRED – D. MOSHER**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by J. Kelsey and seconded by D. Brunner to hire Daniel Mosher as a H.S. Math Teacher with a Bachelor's degree and 1 year experience, effective the 2008-2009 school year.

Yes: Brunner, Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-14****HIRED – R. HINDMAN**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by T. Siciliano and seconded by J. Kelsey to hire Robert Hindman as an Elementary Teacher with a Bachelor's degree and 0 years experience, effective the 2008-2009 school year.

Yes: Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner; motion carried 5-0.

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**RESOLUTION 2008-05-15****LACK OF MOTION – J. BOWERS**

Recommend the Board approve a leave of absence for Julie Bowers for the 2008-2009 school year. This item died for lack of a motion.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-16****RESIGNATION – M. DULANEY**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by D. Hluch and seconded by T. Siciliano to accept the resignation of Misty Dulaney as a 2-hour Cafeteria Worker only, effective April 25, 2008.

Yes: Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner, Dunn, Hluch; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-17****YEAREND SECURITY**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by D. Brunner and seconded by T. Siciliano to contract with the Portage County Sheriff's Department to provide end of the year security for the dates previously submitted, not to exceed \$960.00.

Yes: Siciliano, Brunner, Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-18****ASSESSMENT DAY**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by T. Siciliano and seconded by J. Kelsey to approve payment to the following teachers for participating in the Visual & Performing Arts Assessment Day on Saturday, April 19, 2008:

Dianne Forsythe	3 ¾ hours @ \$15.00 per hour
Diane Oliva	3 ¾ hours @ \$15.00 per hour
Grant Richardson	3 ½ hours @ \$15.00 per hour
Noelle Eibler	4 hours @ \$15.00 per hour

Yes: Brunner, Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-19****HIRED SUBSTITUTES**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by J. Kelsey and seconded by T. Siciliano to hire the following substitutes:

Daniel Baniecki	Substitute Café. Custodian, effective May 13, 2008
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Yes: Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner; motion carried 5-0.

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**RESOLUTION 2008-05-20****ADJUST SUPPLEMENTALS**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by D. Hluch and seconded by T. Siciliano to adjust the following supplementals:

Michelle Workinger	Elementary Enrichment Advisor, 1 yr. Exp. @ 1.5%
Rebecca Evans	Elementary Enrichment Advisor, 1 yr. Exp. @ 1.5%

Yes: Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner, Dunn; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-21****HIRED SUPPLEMENTALS**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by T. Siciliano and seconded by J. Kelsey to approve the following supplementals for the 2008-2009 school year:

Cassandra Bedard	Head Volleyball Coach, 2 yrs. Exp. @ 8.5%
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Yes: Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner, Dunn, Hluch; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-22****CASUAL LABOR**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by D. Brunner and seconded by T. Siciliano to approve that we employ casual labor to clean the buses, for bus inspections, at a rate of \$9.36 per hour for up to 84 hours.

Yes: Siciliano, Brunner, Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-23****EXTENDED TIME**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by J. Kelsey and seconded by T. Siciliano to approve the following for extended time for the 2008-2009 school year:

M.S. Guidance Counselor	10 days
H.S. Guidance Counselor	20 days
Elem. Guidance Counselor	6 days
H.S. Guidance Office	14 days
Elementary Secretary	2 days

Yes: Brunner, Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey; No: Siciliano; motion carried 4-1.

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**RESOLUTION 2008-05-24****GRADUATING SENIORS**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by J. Kelsey and seconded by D. Brunner to approve the tentative list of graduating seniors for the 2007-2008 school year:

Silas Adkins	Jeremy Alberico	Evan Allison
Spencer Andrei	Christopher Ayers	Ashley Battaglia
Breanna Begue	Nathan Brunner	Bethann Bryant
Kendall Bryte	Charles Burger	Kallie Burger
Johnny Carson	Ashley Christani	Kelly Christensen
Don Chudanov	Mariah Clement	Alicia Colage
LanaRae Corron	Christopher Custer	Christina Dabney
Raymond Davison	Courtney Deubel	Corey Devitt
Bobbi Jo Dice	Dana Dillon	Chelesse Doolittle
Thomas Doolittle	Ricky Dorsey	Jillayne Dreher
Kali Dunlap	Joseph Farrah	David Fiser
Derek Freeland	Chase Fryer	Michael Gardner
Steven Gay	Anthony Giulitto	Gary Goodpaster
Ian Hawk	Craig Heckert	Valerie Helmling
Matthew Hendrickson	Erin Ingram	Aaron Irvin
Lee James	Katherine Jenior	Brittini Jenkins
Kandis Kole	Michael Kohl	Valerie Konkle
Ryan Kramer	Elizabeth Lambert	Jeremy Lamovsky
Melany Leek	Danicia Lohmier	Angela Long
Nathan Lorenz	Chad Luckie	Ashley Markopoulos
J. Collin Marozzi	Jordyn Mazzola	Kyle McCully
James McGall	Kellie Miley	Ryan Mills
Monica Mims	Kyle Noland	Scott Padrutt
Brittany Paliscak	Jeffery Pantalone	Zachery Parr
Robert Pauley	Cody Pawlus	Ashley Petro
Heather Pickens	Anthony Pocci	Daniel Pocci
Samantha Ponick	Megan Prater	Mason Preston
Tiffany Proudfoot	Sarah Ralston	Renae Ravine
Cortney Reed	Nicholas Revels	Kyle Robison
Ashley Rothermel	Josh Russ	Dominic Scott
Kayla Sellers	Brett Siglow	Lauren Shaw
Alisha Smith	Troy Spiker	Thomas Staats
Kelly Swauger	Alyssa Trocchio	Christina Turner
Christopher Turner	Jeremi Turner	Samantha Tuttle
Kaileen Vair	Justin Valenti	Alexis Vanaman
Kyle Veon	Shelby Veppert	Erin Walton
Richard Watters	Jason Webb	Rachael Welch
Cheryl Williams	Cindy Williams	Stacey Wilson
Amber Yaw	Michael Zema	

Yes: Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner; motion carried 5-0.

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**RESOLUTION 2008-05-25****OHSAA MEMBERSHIP**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by D. Brunner and seconded by T. Siciliano to approve membership to the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the High School/Middle School for the 2008-2009 school year.

Yes: Kelsey, Siciliano, Brunner, Dunn, Hluch; motion carried 5-0.

**✓ Reports:**

Linda Paulus: Communicator has been sent to the printer. Standardized testing is complete. The teachers and students worked hard this year. Passed all 5 OGT tests.

Mike Ferguson: Spoke about events in the High School: Senior Awards—many scholarships were awarded. Graduation is Tuesday at Kent State, and scheduling is complete.

Mike Capitena: Spoke about events in the Elementary: Dare Program Graduation, "Walking Wednesday", Safety Town is scheduled, and Kindergarten screening.

Neal Beans: Spoke about events in the Middle School: Awards & Honors, Tech Show, 2 Math Tournaments, Art Show, FPS International Competition, Dare Program, and strong track performance at PTC.

Matt Collins: Any suggestions for summer schedule?

Dean Brunner spoke about the awards at NEOUCOM and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation.

Dale Hluch said the retirement dinner was great as well as the Senior Awards. He also thanked Dee Plecko. He spoke about HB270 retire/rehire, HB57 special ed. vouchers, and HB521 consolidation.

Jay Kelsey talked about the Maplewood Auction on May 24<sup>th</sup> and their Awards on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Siciliano talked about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation.

Dale Hluch asked about the visitors' bleachers. Andrew Hawkins will check with county on permits. Foundation can present in June.

Chris Wright said there was a robbery next door, and was concerned about security. Would like to see the doors locked. Andrew Hawkins said security manual protocol must be ready, and drills monthly.

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- ✓ **Old Business:** None
- ✓ **New Business:** None

**RESOLUTION 2008-05-26**

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by T. Siciliano and seconded by D. Brunner to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Yes: Siciliano, Brunner, Dunn, Hluch, Kelsey; motion carried 5-0.

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Robert C. Dunn, President

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Connie Baldwin, Treasurer