

The Johnstown-Monroe Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on January 13, 2025 at the Johnstown Middle School, Library located at 401 S. Oregon Street, Johnstown, Ohio 43031. President, Tim Swauger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Responding to roll call were: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas. Also present were Philip Wagner, Superintendent and Felicia Drummey, Treasurer.

These written minutes, with resolutions passed and any attachments, in combination with the video recording of regular meetings and audio recording of work sessions of Board proceedings, which is available to the public <https://www.youtube.com/@jmsdyoutube5802> together constitute the official minutes of the meeting of the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District Board.

1. Opening of Meeting

Procedural: A. Silent Prayer

Procedural: B. Pledge to the Flag

Action, Procedural: C. President Calls on Treasurer to Take Roll

Procedural: D. Reading of the Notice of the Meeting

2. Presentation of the Agenda

Procedural: A. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
Dr. Wagner Added Presentation 3. B. Update: Building Projects - GMP 02
Presented by Philip Wagner

Action: B. Resolution #25-01-008: Adoption of the Agenda
Motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

3. Presentation of Prepared Remarks by the Public

Information: A. Public Remarks
None

4. Presentations

Information: A. District Spotlight - Dr. Wagner
Presentation - A. The district included each school building presenting their respective initiatives for Board Member Appreciation Month.

Johnstown Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Wagoner, along with teachers and students shared information and appreciation of the new curriculum "Wit and Wisdom".

Johnstown Intermediate School Principal, Mr. Wehrman, and 5th Grade teacher, Mrs. Shaffer, and students shared elements of the new Science curriculum "Amplify".

Johnstown Middle School Principal, Mr. Hancock and teacher, Mr. Dorsten, shared information about the new STEAM Lab and 3-D printing.

Johnstown High School Principal, Mr. Shipton and Mr. Mitchell, and student Max Mitchel (not related), shared an overview of the new electrical trades program. Mr. Barnhard leads the Model UN Convention but due to illness. Staff members Ms. Cox and Mr. Foxall stepped forward to oversee the Convention on Dec 8th, 9th, and 10th. The student teams represented three countries during the convention. Senior Miles Kuhn shared that the experience helped him push through adversity and learn to work with different kinds of people.

Special Guest Mark Bobo of the Ohio School Boards Association presented a certificate to the board members and thanked the board for their service. Mr. Bobo also thanked the Board Member, Ruth Ann Booher, for her 25 years of service with the Board of Education. He also said she will be honored at the OSBA Capital Conference during the opening session on November 16, 2025.

Dr. Wagner shared that Ruth Ann Booher was first appointed in 1975, then she was elected in 1976 and served through 1989, then in March 2013 appointed to the board and subsequently elected and has served to the present day.
Dr. Wagner read a statement of appreciation to the board and shared a reflection on 2024 school accomplishments.

Presentation - B. Building Projects Update
Jeremy Johnston from Robertson Construction and Mike Vala from BSHM Architects presented on the 2nd Guaranteed Maximum Price referred to as GMP 02

Mr. Johnston reviewed each of the four (4) alternates and obtained favorable Board feedback for Alternate A: Proposed Parking Spaces Southeast of School for \$19,973 and Alternate 02: Larger openings of classrooms between classrooms for \$68,500. Mr. Johnston stated that that none of the loose furnishing's expenses are included in the GMP#02 nor are any of the alternates.

5. Discussions

Information: A. Board Committees

Committee	Board Member	Board Member	Alternate	Meeting Date
Athletics & Extracurricular Activities	Tim Swauger	Anne Thomas		
Buildings, Grounds & Safety	Ruth Ann Booher	Anne Thomas		
Curriculum	Amanda Davis	Anne Thomas		
Finance	Alan Benton	Ruth Ann Booher		
Insurance	Anne Thomas	Ruth Ann Booher		01/09/2025
Policy	Amanda Davis	Alan Benton		
Strat. Plan./Econ. Dev./Const. Proj.	Tim Swauger	Ruth Ann Booher		
Technology	Alan Benton	Amanda Davis		

Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC)	01/21/2025
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6. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): A. Resolution #24-12-009: Approval of Consent Agenda
 Resolution: To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Alan Benton, second by Anne Thomas.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carried
 Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): B. Unpaid Days
 Resolution: To approve the following unpaid days.

Bank, Lisa	JIS Intervention	1/7 - 1/8/25 (2 Days)
Rayburn, Andrea	Food Service	1/7 - 1/20/25 (10 Days)

Motion by Alan Benton, second by Anne Thomas.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carried
 Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): C. Cafeteria Substitute - 2024-2025 School Year
 Resolution: To approve the following Cafeteria Substitute for the 2024-2025 school year.

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Motion by Alan Benton, second by Anne Thomas.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carried
 Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): D. Volunteers
 Resolution: To approve the following volunteers

Name	School	Responsibility	Background Check Valid Dates
Carson, Kent	JIS	General	01/07/2025 - 01/07/2028

Cohagen, Chad	JIS	5th Grade Camp	01/07/2025 - 01/07/2028
Collins, Zachary	JES/JIS	General	01/07/2025 - 01/07/2028
Crook, Ashlynn	JES	General	01/07/2025 - 01/07/2028
Dawson, Joshua	JES/JIS	General	01/07/2025 - 01/07/2028
Forquer, Kaitlan	JES	General	01/07/2025 - 01/07/2028
Geiger, Nicole	JIS/JHS	General	01/07/2025 - 01/07/2028
Gilkey, Ryan	JIS	General	01/07/2025 - 01/07/2028
Jordan, Carmela	JIS	General	01/07/2025 - 01/07/2028
Priest, Joshua	JIS	General	01/07/2025 - 01/07/2028
Scott, Katlyn	JES/JIS	General	01/07/2025 - 01/07/2028
Stypula, Matthew	JES	General	01/07/2025 - 01/07/2028

Motion by Alan Benton, second by Anne Thomas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): E. Board Meeting Minutes

Resolution: To approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Date of Meeting	Type of Meeting
December 16, 2024	Regular Session

Motion by Alan Benton, second by Anne Thomas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): F. Monthly Financial Report

Resolution: To approve the Monthly Financial Report for December, 2024.

Motion by Alan Benton, second by Anne Thomas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

7. Action Agenda/Treasurer Recommendations

Action: A. Resolution #25-01-010: Donations

To approve the following donations.

TRC Technical Rubber Company	\$50,000	Stadium Captial Project Fund #070-9005
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Motion by Anne Thomas, second by Ruth Ann Booher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: B. Resolution #25-01-011: Approve New Funds

Note-Minutes reflect the correction of the typographical repetition of the #200-9029 SPCC for the new class funds that should be as follows:

- #200-9029 Class of 2029 (Current 8th Grade)
- #200-9030 Class of 2030 (Current 7th Grade)
- #200-9031 Class of 2031 (Current 6th Grade)
- #200-9032 Class of 2032 (Current 5th Grade)

To approve new funds for accountability and tracking of funds by each intended purpose.

#035-0000 Severance Fund
#018-930C Athletic Director Fund
#200-900I Fab Lab Fund - JHS
#200-900H Fab Lab Fund - JMS
#200-900G Fab Lab Fund - JIS
#200-900F Fab Lab Fund - JES
#200-9029 Class of 2029 (Current 8th Grade)

#200-9030 Class of 2029 (Current 7th Grade)
#200-9031 Class of 2029 (Current 6th Grade)
#200-9032 Class of 2029 (Current 5th Grade)
#007-9109 Washington, D.C. Scholarship Fund (Same Fund-New Name and Single Purpose)

Motion by Alan Benton, second by Anne Thomas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: C. Resolution #25-01-012: Approve Fund Transfers

Note-Minutes reflect the correction of the typographical error to the Capital Projects Fund #007 SPCC from #0000 to #9002

To approve the transfer of funds

From: #001-0000 General Fund	To: #300-930C Athletic Fund	\$87,000.00
From: #001-0000 General Fund	To: #070-9002 Capital Projects Fund	\$6,000,000
From: #001-0000 General Fund	To: #035-0000 Severance Fund	\$100,000
From: #200-9024 Class of 2024	To: #200-9026 Class of 2026	\$4,653.42
From: #007-9109 Washington, D.C. Fund	To: #200-9029 Class of 2029 (Current 8th Grade)	\$16,646.93
From: #007-9109 Washington, D.C. Fund	To: #200-9030 Class of 2030 (Current 7th Grade)	\$7,200.47
From: #007-9109 Washington, D.C. Fund	To: #200-9031 Class of 2031 (Current 6th Grade)	\$2,940.74
From: #007-9109 Washington, D.C. Fund	From: #007-9109 Washington, D.C. (Scholarship Fund)	\$2,427.73

Motion by Alan Benton, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: D. Resolution #25-01-013: Authorize Advance Request

To authorize the treasurer to request advances of any real estate property taxes collected by the county auditor and available for distribution before the spring 2025 settlement date.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Alan Benton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

8. Action Agenda/Superintendent Recommendations

Action: A. Resolution #25-01-014: Guaranteed Maximum Price No. 2 (GMP No. 2)

Approval of GMP No. 2 to the CMR Agreement with Robertson Construction Services, Inc. for the District Improvements Project and Authorizing Negotiation and Execution of the Amendment.

The Superintendent and Treasurer recommend approval of GMP No. 2 to the CMR Agreement (the "Agreement") with Robertson Construction Services, Inc. ("Robertson") for the District Improvements Project (the "Project"). The Superintendent and Treasurer also request authority to negotiate and execute GMP Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for the Project upon satisfactory conclusion of negotiations on behalf of the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District Board of Education (the "Board").

Background

1. The Board previously approved the Agreement with Robertson as the construction manager at risk for the Project.
2. Robertson submitted GMP Proposal No. 2, which includes, among other things, pricing for eleven (11) out of seventeen (17) bid packages for the High School Addition portion of the Project. If accepted, Robertson's GMP Proposal No. 2 will be utilized as the basis of GMP Amendment No. 2. GMP Proposal No. 2 is being reviewed by district administrators and the Board's design professional for the Project prior to being formalized into GMP Amendment No. 2.
3. The Superintendent and Treasurer recommend approval of GMP Amendment No. 2 in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,031, and request authority to negotiate the terms of GMP Amendment No. 2 with Robertson and to execute GMP Amendment No. 2 at the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations on behalf of the Board.

The Johnstown-Monroe Local School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. GMP Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Robertson for the Project is approved in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,031.
2. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer, working in conjunction with other administrators and legal counsel, to negotiate the terms of GMP Amendment No. 2 and to execute GMP Amendment No. 2 and any related documents at the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations on behalf of the Board.

Resolution #25-01-013A.

To Modify the Board Agenda to add a resolution to change the cost of GMP No. 2.

Motion by Amanda Davis, second by Anne Thomas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Resolution 25-01-13B

To Modify Resolution 25-01-014 GMP 02 to change the cost from \$2,700,031 to reflect the increased amount to \$2,788,504 that includes alternate A Parking Spaces Southeast of the School \$19,973 and Alternate 01 Larger openings between classrooms (No Partition, Partition TBD) \$68,500

Motion by Anne Thomas, second by Ruth Ann Booher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: A. Resolution #25-01-014: Motion by Anne Thomas, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: B. Resolution #25-01-015: PowerSchool Contract

To approve a contract with PowerSchool in the amount of \$19,567.00, for services provided beginning February 8, 2025 through February 7, 2026.

Motion by Amanda Davis, second by Anne Thomas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: C. Resolution #25-01-016: Maintenance Vehicle Purchase

To approve the purchase of a van for use by the Maintenance Department from Montrose Ford, at a cost of \$47,990.

Motion by Anne Thomas, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

9. Board Comments

Information: A. Board Comments

Tim Swauger requested that the administration inquire about student drug testing to learn more about the cost, who pays the cost, and to consider drug testing of student-athletes so the board could discuss implementation.

10. Superintendent Comments

Information: A. Superintendent Comments

Under Misc Add - Power School Data Breach - data breach was not the responsibility of the school but rather a third-party vendor. The district continues to navigate the situation.

Under Misc Add - Dr. Wagner received some parent feedback on the January 6th calamity day and on the January 7th delayed start.

11. Meeting Closing

Action: A. Resolution #25-01-017: Adjournment

Motion that the Board of Education meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Motion by Anne Thomas, second by Ruth Ann Booher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Board President

Treasurer