

The Johnstown-Monroe Local School District Board of Education met in a work session on February 24, 2025, at the District Office, Room 122, located at 85 W. Douglas St, Johnstown, Ohio 43031. President, Tim Swauger, called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. Responding to roll call were: Alan Benton, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, and Anne Thomas. Ruth Ann Booher was absent. Also present were Philip Wagner, Superintendent, and Felicia Drummey, Treasurer.

These written minutes, with resolutions passed and any attachments, in combination with the audio recording of work sessions of Board proceedings, which is available to the public 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 of Allegiance

Procedural: C. President calls on Treasurer to take roll

Ruth Ann Booher dialed in following roll call to listen and participate in the discussion.

Procedural: D. Reading of the Notice of the Meeting

2. Presentation of the Agenda

Procedural: A. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Add comments at the end of the agenda for discussion items the EMIS and athletic boosters.

Action: B. Resolution #25-02-044: Adoption of the Agenda
Motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion by Alan Benton, second by Anne Thomas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

3. Presentation of Prepared Remarks by the Public

Information: A. Public Remarks
None

4. Topics for Discussion

Discussion: A. 2024-2025 Board Objectives

[Presentation for Building Projects](#)

Focused on Visioning and Building Projects

HS Addition - The project status is on track and moving forward as expected. The team will construct the steel frame off-site and, once delivered, the building will come together quickly.

City Building- The bathrooms will be completely gutted and rebuilt. The utility tub area will become a janitor's closet.

PAC Building - The board was able to inspect a sample of the new seats for the auditorium. The auditorium currently seats 588, and would increase to 708 seats that will yield 120 extra seats with smaller seat widths. The target was a 700-seat auditorium. We are also getting a new carpet. The goal is to keep the PAC even if we build a new auditorium. For under \$500,000 of investment, we can get a nice upgrade. The timeline is at least 12 weeks from selecting colors and seats. Most likely, this can be accomplished over the summer given the 8-9 weeks of break.

MPB Building - Experiencing some scope creep. Option to increase size from 9000 sq ft to 12 sq ft because the smaller version does not provide for seating.

If we build a larger building also need increase comfort facilities. It has a mechanical system outside the building, which is typical for this type of building. Currently has 56 parking spaces. MPB will become the face of the district because it is closest to the road. This is a pre-engineered building. The board wants aesthetics that are pleasing and functional. The wider building is \$4.5M, and the smaller building is \$3.5 M without the cost of the seating. The most economical option would be to keep to the firewall construction instead of installing sprinklers. A walking track would be very small at approximately 10th of a mile. Jeremy suggested floating the size of the track past the coach to see if it would meet their needs. He believes an elevated walking track also has potential ADA issues that would require an elevator that cost approximately \$250K. Lastly, the elevated height necessary to accommodate the track might create a code issue as well as an aesthetic issue as the building gets taller. It was suggested that perhaps the walking track could also be put on a lower level outside the court with no seating. The project timeline is 8-10 months from the time the materials are ordered and 12 months from the time the order is placed. Board members were more interested in the \$4.5 with an alternate to extend the length and walking track on the lower level.

Baseball/Softball - The architects advised that we need a retaining wall to build up 2-3 feet on average to level off the site and allow water runoff along the outer edge of the field. Reviewed site plans for concessions, bathrooms, storage, and masonry backstop wall. Need to secure private utilities but no tap fees to pay. The architects have a lot of engineering to do and haven't started yet. They would need 3-4 months for permitting before bidding, then start in July for seeding in Sept./October. That would provide for building over the winter. The Board requested a timeline for which part of the project should go first. Jeremy suggested doing all site work first, draining and building up the site, and retaining wall before the fall so we can seed in the fall.

North Field - Construct a soccer field building including a changing room, concession, mechanicals, and bathrooms that is 900 to 1000 Sq Ft. The project includes sodding the entire field if immediate use is desired. Otherwise, we will lose a season of use on the field while we let the grass grow. Grass will have a lot of wear and tear and will require a lot of maintenance. Much interest in obtaining an alternate for turf at the North Field.

Mr. Benton stated the if we want a centralized campus then we need to allocate funds to buy land in favor of building at the North Campus at this time. Mrs. Booher agrees that acquiring the land is more important. Mrs. Thomas prefers to not invest in North Field at this time.

The Board weighed the options and costs to determine priorities and eliminated the PAC, Walking Track, and turf but agreed to provide restrooms at the North Field only. Estimates do not include design costs. The Board also has an interest in approaching the Babcock Foundation for grants to assist with the PAC.

EMIS - Dr. Wagner shared that while we have been pleased with outsourcing of EMIS, it is expensive and we are ready to post to fill the position.

Athletic Boosters - Dr. Wagner stated that we might bring a recommendation to revoke the recognition of the boosters. Two of the four booster board members have resigned, leaving no quorum for a vote and no elections scheduled until June. The boosters have proposed a change in the by-laws. The boosters operate at the pleasure of the board. The board needs to know what the by-laws represent.

5. Meeting Closing

Action: A. Resolution #25-02-045: Adjournment

Motion that the Board of Education meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Motion by Anne Thomas, second by Alan Benton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Board President

Treasurer