JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

September 25, 2017 **Work Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Work Session on Monday, September 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the High Media Center. Roll call was answered by Mr. Benton, Mr. Beverick, Mrs. Booher, and Mr. Dodderer. Mr. Swauger was absent.

Discussion on Renewal Levies – Becky Princehorn, Bricker & Eckler

Becky Princehorn outlined the deadlines for filing, along with the process for placing the renewals on the ballot. She also discussed the options of when to place the renewals on the ballot. She presented options for renewals or substitute and how they work. She discussed schools in the area successful in passing substitute levies and how tax rollbacks play into each type of levy. Becky fielded questions from the Board.

Mrs. Booher asked to separate item a. out separately for a vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

17-068 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to approve the following Superintendent's Recommendation as presented:

a. To approve an agreement with Executive Management Services to provide long-term custodial substitute services, as needed for Fiscal Year 2018.

Discussion after the motion: Mrs. Booher asked that these agreements need to include "without penalty" to the termination clause. Mr. Benton expressed that these substitutes are a cost savings to the district.

Aye: Mr. Benton, Mr. Dodderer, Mr. Beverick, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

Discussion before the motion: Mr. Dickson indicated that the scope amounts for the contracts in item b. are not set in stone, and can be adjusted based on work actually done. Mrs. Booher indicated that we will work closely with BSHM to determine work to be designed. Oversight Committee will meet every 2 weeks. Mr. Dickson stressed the need to move forward with high school work. Mr. Benton asked for clarification on the total cost. Mr. Dickson and Mr. Niblick gave clarification from BSHM and our attorney indicating that we will only be charged for what is designed and the scope and agreement can be amended.

17-069 Moved by Mr. Beverick, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to approve the following Superintendent's Recommendation as presented:

b. To Select A/E And CMR Firms And Approve Agreements For The Phase 3 Renovations Work. This work will be paid from the Capital Projects Fund (070). (Appendix A)

Aye: Mr. Beverick, Mr. Dodderer, Mr. Benton, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

17-070 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the following Superintendent's Recommendations as presented:

a. To accept the resignation of Kevin Adams, effective October 6, 2017.

b. To accept the resignation, for reason of retirement, for Roger Jennings, effective September 29, 2017.

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Dodderer wished good luck to leaving employees.

Aye: Mr. Benton, Mr. Beverick, Mr. Dodderer, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

Discussion – Technology Services for the District - DataServ

Mr. Dickson expressed the need for some type of replacement for Mr. Adams for IT management. He explained that our experience with DataServ has been great, and they have submitted a proposal for management of the IT Department and also to help remedy some issues in the district's network. Mr. Dickson expressed that Mr. Adams has indicated that he will make himself available to help with the transition, and thanked him for that. Mr. Dickson indicated

that he met with Jonathan Teegarden, our last remaining technician, to discuss plans going forward. Mr. Dickson outlined all components of the DataServ proposal. He asked the Board to consider passing the remediation and 1 year components to fill the gap in the IT Department. Mrs. Booher asked about a provided technician. Mr. Dickson indicated they will be providing a member with 10 years of experience. Dan Hairston of DataServ explained the tiers of technicians at DataServ. He expressed that the one provided to the district will be able to do break-fix work, supervise, and manage on-site needs. Mr. Dickson explained that in the past, when we have had issues, we have had to outsource services to fix issues. DataServ would handle a lot of this "extra work" for us. They will also help in decision making and keeping inventory. Mr. Beverick asked what is included in the Video Surveillance package. Mr. Hairston explained that this is a comprehensive plan to move all video recordings to the new servers, improving frame rate, and creating proper storage to maintain proper coverage. Mr. Benton asked who will handle E-Rate now. Mr. Niblick indicated that he has been handling this responsibility and will continue to. Mr. Dickson expressed that this "bridge" agreement will get us through the school year until we can decide what to do for next year and beyond. Mrs. Seibel expressed that a lot of issues cannot be fixed by anyone currently on staff, and the problems would need to be outsourced. Mr. Benton asked about how the movement to the new high school will work and whether it is included. Mr. Dickson indicated that it is not, and special "project" work will still be needed for occasions like that. Mr. Hairston indicated that DataServ will always provide substitutes if their technician or Mr. Teegarden are absent from work for any reason. Mr. Dickson asked about special times, like testing, and if they would ensure that devices are ready. Mr. Hairston indicated this is true, and they will ensure everything is proper and ready. Mrs. Booher asked if there is a penalty or roll-over at the end of the contract. Mr. Hairston indicated there is none.

17-071 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the following motion:

a. To approve the DataServ agreements for Assessment Remediation, Server Migration Planning & Consolidation, Video Surveillance Consolidation, Remote Technical Support, Resource as a Service, and Management & Monitoring as a Service for the 2017-2018 school year.

Aye: Mr. Benton, Mr. Beverick, Mr. Dodderer, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

Mr. Dickson indicated that for several years we have been looking at back-up options. One option included $85,000 of capital needed. Mrs. Seibel indicated that our current back-up is not complete, and back-ups are untested. None of our in-house back-ups are stored off-site. Student and financial data are backed up by LACA. She outlined the items held on the server that are not properly being backed up. Mr. Hairston outlined the back-up process offered by DataServ, which has several fail-safes. He indicated that back-ups are all tested. Mr. Benton asked how critical the data is that needs backed up. Mr. Niblick explained that Meal Magic stores all student lunch balances. Mrs. Seibel said Active Directory is stored on site. Mr. Hairston explained that down times in an emergency can be significant without proper back-ups. Mrs. Booher expressed her desire to wait on acting on the back-up portion. Mr. Dickson explained that we can review this later and act on it at a different date. Mr. Benton asked to bring this back at a later meeting. Mrs. Booher asked that we also look at other options for back-up. Mr. Dickson will look into this ahead of the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

16-072 Moved by Mr. Beverick, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Aye: Mr. Beverick, Mr. Dodderer, Mr. Benton, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

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