JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

January 9, 2017 **Regular Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center. Roll call was answered by Mr. Benton, Mr. Beverick, Mrs. Booher, Mr. Dodderer, and Mr. Swauger.

SILENT PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Oregon Elementary 3rd Grade Students

TREASURER'S REPORT
The Treasurer noted that item f was added today prior to the meeting. This was identified as needing approval after agenda was sent to Board members. The Treasurer discussed that he has found resolution on the issue with the Licking County Auditor's Office. Due to an error in the County Auditor's software, they had been calculating the District's tax settlements sheets improperly. They had shown tax dollars going to the General Fund that were due to the Bond Retirement and classroom facilities (PI) Funds. The Treasurer has worked with the County Auditor and the Auditor of State to seek methods to fix this issue, as a correction is required. The issue will result in a Fund Balance Adjustment for tax settlements back to January 1, 2105. This will result in moving approximately $300,000 from the General Fund to the Bond Retirement and Classroom Facilities Funds. This problem has been corrected in the County Auditor's software going forward.

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS
17-006 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Swauger to approve the Treasurer's Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

b. To approve the December, 2016 Treasurer Report.

c. To approve the Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor for 2017.

d. To approve the following donations:

Lynn Ann and J Ronald Genevie	Robert and Marjorie Bishop Scholarship	$5,000	High School
Reading for Education	Wal-Mart Gift Card	$200	Oregon
Lindorf Warner Memorial Fund of the Licking County Foundation	Leaders for Learning Grant	$349.93	Searfoss
Anonymous Donor	Food Service Donation	$200	All Schools
Rose Family	Microwave Oven	$49.00	High School

e. To approve Amended Appropriations and Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for FY2017 as follows:

ESTIMATED RESOURCES:

General Fund	$32,604,834.28
Special Revenue	$1,240,985.61
Debt Service	$17,299,283.56
Capital Projects	$27,574,377.70
Enterprise	$912,084.03
Agency Funds	$165,941.39
Private Purpose	$124,497.75
Total	$79,922,004.32

AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS:

General Fund	$20,258,004.49
Special Revenue	$850,151.53
Debt Service	$15,879,281.98
Capital Projects	$20,685,350.79
Enterprise	$541,140.69
Agency Funds	$110,753.97
Private Purpose	$46,825.00
Total	$58,371,508.45

f. To approve Then and Now Purchase Order to Main Events Party & Event Rental for the rental of a stage for the Varsity Show on November 12, 2016 in the amount of $3,278.45 (Agenda Appendix A).

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Dodderer thanked all donors for giving donations. Mrs. Booher asked about the grant for Searfoss and the gift card for Oregon. Janet Smith and Marcie Wilson explained each item. Mrs. Booher asked to send information to the donors of the Robert and Marjorie Bishop about who received scholarship last year. Treasurer will do this.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Dickson explained that the District received one of very few awards for the State Report Card for all A's in the achievement indicators. Mr. Dickson thanked all of the teachers and principals. Mr. Swauger asked that we promote this and put a picture on our website.
Mr. Dickson is working on finding a tractor lease for the District. JD Equipment holds the state contract for these. He will be meeting with them soon to discuss options.
Mr. Dickson explained the high school HVAC system issues and problems with the new system. He said the system must be brought to the specs before the designers can be held accountable for poor design. Robertson Construction is looking into this to ensure it's not an equipment or construction issue before going after designer organizations (engineer and architects).
Mr. Dickson talked about defining remaining scope of work on each building project and other capital needs of the District. Once he has this ready, he will bring to the Board.
Mr. Dickson discussed levy renewals in May of 2018. He brought up the possibility of having Bricker and Eckler come to a Board meeting to discuss levy options and answer questions. Mr. Dickson explained that a substitute levy can bring in additional tax dollars without raising taxes on current residents. New revenue would come in from new construction within the District. Mr. Booher stressed that the public needs to understand this aspect, and other parties should be present to help communicate this message to the community. The Board expressed that they would like this to take place at the September 25th Work Session. Mr. Dickson and Zach Niblick will arrange this.
Mr. Dickson discussed the Middle School Baseball program and questioned whether the District should have its own program or participate in the Newark YMCA program. There are not many of these programs at the District level in the area, and this YMCA program has yielded a lot of success. It is being analyzed.
Mr. Dickson discussed policies. We have gotten a list from our attorney indicating policies required by law. We took the Neola recommendations for each of these requirement and targeted 29 policies that are required. We took out unnecessary language from those templates and honed them down. Mr. Dickson gave each Board member a copy of all 29 policies to review ahead of the February meeting. He asked each member to review these and send him any questions. He will be asking for approval on these in February. Mrs. Booher asked if he compared these to OSBA and sent them to Don Scriven for review. Mr. Dickson indicated that this was done, for OSBA comparisons. Hiring an attorney was not seen as cost effective for the District. Mr. Dickson said some new training videos will be added to Works for staff for some of these policies. The Board thanked him for his time on this matter.

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

17-007 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve the following Superintendent Recommendation as presented:

a. To authorize the creation of three Kindergarten Teaching positions for the 2017-2018 school year to accommodate all day/every day Kindergarten.

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

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS/REPORTS

Old Business – Mr. Beverick said the Board needs to revisit a site for the pole barn. Mr. Dodderer thanked Mr. Cartwright for his work on catering school events. He expressed the food was fantastic. Mrs. Booher indicated that locations for the pole barn needs to be discussed with Mark Keith of Robertson Construction. The January 23rd Work Session is not needed and is cancelled. If a meeting is needed, a Special Session will be called.

New Business – Mrs. Booher expressed that the main drive entrance is a topic for discussion of

the CORE meetings. She asked the Board members to think of location and designs.

ADJOURNMENT

17-008 Moved by Mr. Beverick, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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

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Treasurer President