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December 11, 2017 **Regular Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center. Roll call was answered by Mr. Beverick, Mrs. Booher, Mr. Dodderer, and Mr. Swauger. Mr. Benton was absent.

SILENT PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Johnstown Elementary Third Grade Students

ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS/AUDIENCE COMMENTS

STUDENT/PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH
"A Day in the Life of the Johnstown Elementary Music Room" – Mrs. Doyel

TREASURER'S REPORT
Item d. below is to move additional dollars to the Capital Projects Fund for use on renovations of the District's high school and Searfoss buildings.

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TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

17-090 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the Treasurer's Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

b. To approve the November, 2017 Treasurer Report.

c. To approve Amended Appropriations and Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for FY 2018 as follows:

ESTIMATED RESOURCES:

General Fund	$32,061,952.26
Special Revenue	$1,478,296.56
Debt Service	$3,743,960.14
Capital Projects	$12,371,588.59
Enterprise	$915,936.16
Agency Funds	$152,612.37
Private Purpose	$125,184.94
Total	$50,850,531.02

AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS:

General Fund	$18,003,043.28
Special Revenue	$982,743.25
Debt Service	$1,887,600.00
Capital Projects	$11,646,545.87
Enterprise	$580,997.82
Agency Funds	$128,782.93
Private Purpose	$84,018.69
Total	$33,313,731.84

d. To approve transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund (070) as follows:

	Transfer Out	Transfer In
General Fund	$800,842.47	
070 – SCC 9002 (Renovations)		$800,842.47

e. To approve the following donation:

Donor	Description	Value	Recipient
Michael Cartwright	$100.00	$100.00	Meal Magic Needy Student Account

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Swauger asked if all minutes are online. Mr. Dickson said yes. Mr. Dodderer thanked Mr. Cartwright.

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

Discussion before the motion: Mr. Niblick explained the following resolution is to approve putting the renewal of the current income tax levy on the May ballot. This is not an increase, and is merely a renewal of the current tax levy.

17-091 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to approve the Treasurer's Recommendation as presented:

f. To approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION
OF ALTERNATIVE TAX RATES for a renewal income tax
(R.C. Section 5748.02)

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code ("Revised Code) Section 5748.02 authorizes school districts to impose voter-approved income taxes upon their residents; and

WHEREAS, the School District is currently levying a 1.00% per annum, five-year income tax approved by the voters of the School District on November 6, 2012 (the "Existing Income Tax") for the purpose of providing for current operating expenses of the School District, with the last year of collection of the Existing Income Tax being in 2018; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity to raise additional School District revenue must be passed and certified to the Tax Commissioner for the State of Ohio (the "Tax Commissioner") in order to permit the Board to consider the renewal of an income tax and to preserve the right to submit the question of levying such a renewal income tax to the electors of the School District at the election to be held May 8, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, Licking and Delaware Counties, Ohio, a majority of the members of the Board concurring, that:

Section 1. The Board determines that it is necessary to renew the Existing Income Tax to raise annually the additional sum of $2,900,000 for the purpose of providing for current operating expenses of the School District (the "Income Tax").

Section 2. The income that shall be subject to the Income Tax is the taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in Revised Code Sections 5748.01(E)(1)(a) and (2).

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to immediately certify a copy of this Resolution to the Tax Commissioner, not later than January 26, 2018, together with a request that the Tax Commissioner determine and certify to the Board the property tax rate that would have had to be imposed by the School District in the current year to produce the amount of money set forth above and the income tax rate that would have had to have been in effect for the current year to produce the amount of money set forth above.

Section 4. All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Revised Code Section 121.22.

Discussion after the motion: Mrs. Booher expressed the need for this to pass. It is critical for our district.

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

Discussion before the motion: Mr. Niblick explained that the following resolution is to approve putting the renewal of the current emergency property tax levy on the May ballot. This is not an increase, and is merely a renewal of the current tax levy.

17-092 Moved by Mr. Beverick, seconded by Mr. Swauger to approve the Treasurer's Recommendation as presented:

g. To approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY
FOR THE RENEWAL OF AN EMERGENCY TAX LEVY
(R.C. Sections 5705.194 – 5705.197)
Renewal Emergency Levy

WHEREAS, the School District currently has in existence an emergency tax levy to raise $2,200,000 per year for a period of five years, approved by the voters of the School District on May 7, 2013, and first placed on the tax list and duplicate in 2014 for collection in years 2015 through 2019 (the "Existing Levy"); and

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WHEREAS, the revenue that will be raised by all tax levies which the School District is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues, will be insufficient to provide for the emergency requirements of the School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, Licking and Delaware Counties, Ohio, a majority of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to renew all of the Existing Levy, which is a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District. The amount of money that it is necessary to raise for that purpose is $2,200,000 for each calendar year that the millage is in effect. Such renewal emergency levy shall be in effect upon the entire territory of the School District for a period of five years and shall include a levy upon the 2019 tax list and duplicate (commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020), if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 2. The question of renewing the Existing Levy shall be submitted to the electors in the entire territory of the School District at the election to be held on May 8, 2018 (the "Election Date"). All the territory of the School District is in Licking and Delaware Counties, Ohio.

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to immediately certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of Licking County, Ohio with instructions to calculate and certify to the Board the annual levy expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, as well as in mills for each one dollar of valuation, throughout the life of the levy, which will be required to produce the amount set forth in this resolution.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken 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 action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Dodderer commented that it indicates “emergency language” because that is how it originally read. Mr. Swauger and Mr. Dickson commented that it is great that we have opened two new buildings, and can continue to operate with straight renewals. This is due to good planning by the Board of Education that we do not need to ask for new money.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Dickson commented that item d. is to remove the budgeted funds for the demolition of Searfoss out of the OFCC project and return them to the district. This building is not being razed, and we will get our 71% back from this budget.

Mr. Dickson indicated that item c. will be paid from the ½ mill continuing PI Levy that was passed in accordance with the OFCC project. We will also need to identify a vendor to do lift station maintenance. Mrs. Booher asked what balance is in this fund, and what we have committed to this fund. Mr. Dickson indicated that this new agreement and our HVAC engineer are the only things so far. Mr. Niblick said this levy generates around $125,000 per year. Mr. Swauger asked if we can carry this over. Mr. Niblick said yes. This is meant to build up to care for large maintenance over time.

Mr. Dickson discussed the Sunday fire at the stadium, and how this was handled. Arson is not suspected at this time. The investigation is ongoing and our insurance has been notified. Mr. Dickson praised the crews on site for the incident. Fences have been installed for security. The football uniforms had been moved off-site prior to the fire. Initial reports indicate that the fire may have started on the north end, and was likely electrical in nature. We are currently trying to pull film from the night in question, and have been able to pull from Searfoss and high school cameras, which help identify timelines. Our stadium cameras did not have any footage after Friday night. Mr. Dickson will meet with the insurance adjustor tomorrow morning. We will begin discussions on repairing these facilities, which have now been accelerated from our original plans. The insurance adjustor will make the call on values and what is or is not salvageable. Mr. Beverick asked about the temporary fencing. Mr. Dickson indicated that it is doing what they need it to do, but safety is always a concern, so we will want to move quickly to ensure the site is safe as soon as we can. Mrs. Booher asked that all correspondence come to the Board. Mr. Dickson said it definitely will before any signing is done related to settlements, etc. Mr. Dickson expressed how gracious the community has been in coming together to help address this issue. Mrs. Booher indicated that the Chambers family has been promised that it will be re-built and named as it was.

Mr. Dickson discussed the track/turf – it has been determined that work needs done on the base. We will need to tear up four inches deep and re-fill with stone. A curb will be installed around the track to help with drainage. The entire surface would be level at the end. The total cost would be $1.25 million. The committee has been told, and they are seeking donations. The replacement of the track is included in the number. The pad would be good for 30 years, and the

turf would be good for 10-15 years. It would be 50% sand and 50% rubber. The quotes have been very similar with the specs recommended. We are looking into joint purchasing programs in Ohio for procurement of this work. Mr. Dickson indicated that the original blueprints for the stadium were located today. Mrs. Booher asked to digitalize these.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

17-093 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Swauger to approve the following Superintendent Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve the time/place for the 2018 Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education as 6:00 p.m. on January 8, 2018 in the High School Media Center, directly preceding the first Regular Board Meeting of 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

b. To approve Mrs. Ruth Ann Booher as President Pro-Tem for the January 8, 2018 Organizational Meeting.

c. To select EMH&T as the storm sewer quality system engineers for annual maintenance and inspection services for the new elementary and new high school sites, as part of the OFCC maintenance plan.

d. To approve 1st Amendment to the OFCC Segment One Project to remove Searfoss demolition funds from the project scope.

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

17-094 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Swauger to approve the following Superintendent Recommendations as presented:

e. To approve Back Up, Monitoring, Restoration and Disaster Recovery Managed Services with DataServ through 6/30/2018.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

17-095 Moved by Mr. Beverick, seconded by Mr. Swauger to approve the following Superintendent's Recommendations as presented:

a. To accept the resignation of Carl Coleman, High School Student Attendant, effective November 13, 2017.

b. To approve Abby Van Huffel, Elementary Intervention Specialist, unpaid FMLA days, approximately 20 days, beginning mid-March until her return in April, 2018.

c. To approve the following Classified position for the 2017-2018 school year, pending approval of BCI and/or FBI clearance as required, contingent upon obtaining/holding required certification and completion of all other required documentation. Should requirements not be met, this offer of employment or approval to coach/volunteer will be considered null and void.

Jennifer Seebach	Student Attendant – High School	Step 5	1 year

d. To accept the resignation of Jonathan Teegarden, Computer Technician, effective December 31, 2017.

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Dodderer wished Johnathan Teegarden and Carl Coleman good luck, and welcomed the new hire.

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

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ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS/REPORTS

Old Business – Mr. Beverick has a meeting next week to work on the storage building. He asked about utilities on the site. Mr. Dickson said we should have all of these lines marked before construction. This is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, December 20. Mrs. Booher asked to have these utilities marked by then. Mr. Beverick said that once we have design finalized, they will be sent to the county for review.

New Business – Mrs. Booher asked the Board to consider which committees we want for next year, and if we want to add/remove any. She also hopes to have a Board retreat early in 2018. Mrs. Booher said the new high school dedication is scheduled for January 13th at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Dickson recommended an Executive Session for personnel. Mrs. Booher agreed. Mr. Swauger asked about the process to add classes at the high school. Mr. Busenburg explained the process and timelines for this. Discussion occurred on curriculum and opportunities for students in high school.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

17-096 Moved by Mr. Beverick, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to move into executive session at 8:25 p.m. As permitted by law, matters to be discussed in executive session may involve:

(1) The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or officials, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing;
(2) The purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal private interest is adverse to the general public interest.
(3) Conferring with an attorney for the public body, concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.
(5) Matters required to be kept confidential by federal laws or rules or state statutes.
(6) Specialized details of security arrangements and emergency response protocols where disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office.

Aye: Mr. Beverick, Mr. Dodderer, Mr. Swauger, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.
President declares Board out of Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

17-097 Moved by Mr. Beverick, seconded by Mr. Swauger to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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

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Treasurer President