JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

October 9, 2017 **Regular Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, October 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

STUDENT/PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH
Presentation of Agriscience Fair Projects – Malia Jones & Genevieve Tautkus

TREASURER'S REPORT
5 Year Forecast Presentation – Mr. Niblick gave a brief overview of the 5 year forecast and explained differences from the May forecast.
Mr. Niblick indicated that 156 brick orders have been received for the new high school and 15 for the new elementary. He asked the Board if he should seek designs from BSHM and order the engraved bricks. The Board gave the approval to seek designs from BSHM.

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TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

17-073 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the Treasurer's Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, and September 25, 2017 Work Session.

b. To approve the September, 2017 Treasurer Report.

c. To approve the following donations:

Donor	Description	Value	Recipient
Mike Eltringham	Photography Services	$500.00	Searfoss Elementary
HFP Racing – Shannon & Jen Kurek	Blow-up arch for use at outdoor athletic events	$1,200.00	High School
Elements Dental	3 Footballs for raffle	$209.85	High School
Heinrich Paper & Supply	3 Volleyballs, 3 Basketballs, and 1 Football for raffle	$381.20	High School

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

ESTIMATED RESOURCES:

General Fund	$31,385,819.34
Special Revenue	$1,453,541.07
Debt Service	$3,602,332.24
Capital Projects	$8,570,746.12
Enterprise	$915,936.16
Agency Funds	$153,612.37
Private Purpose	$123,434.94
Total	$46,205,422.24

AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS:

General Fund	$17,186,462.14
Special Revenue	$947,102.47
Debt Service	$1,887,600.00
Capital Projects	$7,915,545.87
Enterprise	$575,359.94
Agency Funds	$128,782.93
Private Purpose	$80,243.69
Total	$28,721,097.04

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Dodderer thanked the donors.

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

Mr. Niblick explained that item f. is to designate unallocated funds in the Capital Projects Fund toward certain identified projects in the District. He explained that item g. is to remove items from inventory that will be scrapped or sold in the auction in November to begin clearing the contents of the vacant elementary buildings.

17-074 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Swauger to approve the Treasurer's Recommendations as presented:

e. To approve the October 2017, 5 Year Forecast as presented.

f. To approve the transfer of funds between SCC's in the Capital Projects Fund (070) as follows:

		Transfer In	Transfer Out
SCC 9001:	Buildings and Grounds		$3,000,000
SCC 9002:	Land Acquisitions and Renovations	$2,920,000	
SCC 9006:	Instructional	$ 80,000	

g. To approve the items in Agenda Appendix A to be scrapped.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Dickson gave praise to the fall athletic groups and wished them luck.
Mr. Dickson explained that the Searfoss Arboretum project is progressing, and he has been speaking to Mary Thomas, and the district has been approved for a grant to complete this project. He thanked the Thomas family for their help with the committee. The Babcock Foundation granted $13,000.00 for this project. The work should commence next week.
Mr. Dickson reminded the Board of the upcoming OSBA Conference.
Mr. Dickson indicated that there is an All County Boards dinner on November 2nd at C-tec at 5:30 p.m.
Mr. Dickson asked the Board if they would want to tour the new high school. Mr. Beverick recommended Friday, October 13th around 12:00 p.m. The Board agreed.
Mr. Dickson expressed that specs are now determined for the track/turf replacement. He thanked the committee. He will be asking for quotes in the coming week. Mrs. Booher asked about cost. Mr. Dickson indicated that they are all over, but probably somewhere near $5.00 per square foot. The specs were designed to ensure comparable quotes and not different designs. Mr. Beverick asked about the specs. Mr. Dickson explained the expected design. He indicated that a lot depends on the condition of the drainage pad under the current field. We need to balance the hardness to prevent fatigue and the cushion to prevent injuries. Mr. Beverick asked about the maintenance of the rubber. Mr. Dickson indicated that the maintenance should be cut down a little bit, but it will be pretty similar to what we are already doing. He indicated that we can hire Milo George to do quality control to ensure we get what we wanted.
Mrs. Booher asked to pull a-e of separate from f and g.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

17-075 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the following Superintendent Recommendations as presented: (items a. – e.)

a. To approve 3 year renewal agreement with Strategic Management Solutions for E-Rate Consulting for Category 1 and Category 2 Funding.

b. To approve the 5th Grade Camp overnight field trip to Heartland Outdoor School in Marengo, Ohio, departing on May 23, 2018, and returning May 25, 2018, under the supervision of Debbie Predieri and other approved chaperones.

c. To approve an overnight field trip to Chicago, Illinois for high school Chorale students, departing on June 4, 2018, and returning June 7, 2018, under the supervision of Melody Cox and other approved chaperones.

d. To approve an overnight field trip for six high school seniors to attend an Ohio Model United Nations event at the Columbus Convention Center, departing on December 3, 2017, and returning December 5, 2017, under the supervision of Kevin Barnhard.

e. To approve waiver of facilities use fees for all girl/boy scout troops located within the boundaries of the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District.

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Dodderer and Mr. Benton wished the students luck on their trips.

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

Discussion before the motion: Mr. Dickson explained that these two machines will be used to clear snow and sidewalks in the district. We have all of our old buildings to clear and our two new buildings. Mr. Dickson indicated that he has asked the surrounding districts for their techniques for clearing. Many are using similar vehicles. Mr. Dickson expressed his hesitancy to contract this out, as it may be hard to arrange timing around school hours and keep them clean. Mr. Dickson showed the picture of the vehicle to the Board. Mrs. Booher explained that the hesitancy is on the price of more than $50,000.00. Mr. Beverick also indicated that he knows we need equipment to do this, but it's whether we need this equipment or not. He asked if 4-wheelers can do the job. These run around $7,000 - $8,000 each. Mr. Benton asked about the Gator. Mr. Dickson explained that John Deere indicated that two vehicles would be required to do salting/clearing. He explained that he has received feedback from vendors that smaller vehicles would get torn up quickly doing this type of work. He also expressed the desire to get something that can be used year-round for other purposes. Mr. Benton asked about storage. Mr. Dickson said this will be stored in the sheds. Mr. Beverick asked to look into other options before proceeding. Mrs. Booher also ask to look into updating our snow blowers. Mr. Benton asked if we use the chemical ice melt. Mr. Dickson said yes we do. There was discussion on what the Village does for sidewalks. The Board asked to table this until the next meeting. Mr. Swauger and Mr. Beverick will look into options.

17-076 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Beverick to table item f. of the Superintendent Recommendations.

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

Discussion before the motion: Mr. Dickson introduced the waiver for the Youth Wrestling group. They were waived last year, and we need to approve/deny again. Mrs. Booher asked if phase 3 renovations will interfere with the group's usage of the high school. Mr. Dickson thinks it could be an issue. Ms. Chumney gave an update on the group, the number of students, and their usage. She gave the group a heads up that there may be scheduling issues. She said the group asked about options for alternate locations. Mr. Beverick asked when the work will start. Mr. Dickson expects work to begin in February. There is approximately 6 months of work to do before move-in. Ms. Chumney explained that Varsity Wrestling will be doing a lot of road practices. Mrs. Booher asked about transportation of these students if they go somewhere all of the time. Mr. Dickson explained that we need to look into the liability at making students transport themselves. Mrs. Booher expressed concern over opening facilities to this group with the unknown of available space. Mr. Dickson explained that it's also a matter of if this group should be charged, since we are also charging JYAA. He asked Mr. Swauger and Mr. Beverick for the recommendation, as they are the facilities committee. Mrs. Booher indicated that there needs to be a disclaimer that facilities may not be available all year. Mr. Dickson explained that this can be handled by denying requests in School Dude. Ms. Chumney said that the group was understanding of the situation and they do not charge their kids much to participate, and try to help struggling families who can't pay. Mr. Swauger and Mr. Beverick stressed the tight budget of the group and recommended $5.00 per hour. The Board made a motion to change the motion to change item g. to a $5.00 per hour waiver.

17-077 Moved by Mr. Beverick, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to change item g. to the following:

g. To approve a $5.00 per hour facility fee for the Johnstown Youth Wrestling Club for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

17-078 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve the following Superintendent's Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve Gina Shell for unpaid FMLA, beginning on November 28, 2017, and returning approximately March 7, 2018, less 25 days of sick/personal leave.
b. To approve the following Volunteer 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.

Porter, Joe	Middle School Wrestling Volunteer	1 year
Hilvers, Jeanne	H.S. Softball Volunteer	1 year
Eckenrode, Kevin	H.S. Boys Basketball Volunteer	1 year

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Dodderer congratulated Gina and thanked the volunteers.

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

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS/REPORTS

Old Business – Mrs. Booher brought up razing Adams and Oregon and that we need to give Mr. Dickson approval to ask BSHM to move forward with design. Mr. Dickson indicated that the state needs approval to raze to move forward. We gave the state assurance that we would make a decision by November. Robertson, BSHM, and OFCC will not do anything until we give them approval. Mr. Swauger asked if they will remove underground facilities and clear and seed. Mr. Dickson indicated that he believes this is all included. Mr. Swauger asked about the athletic fields. Mr. Dickson indicated those fields would be additional and an LFI, and this is definitely something we would look at. Mr. Swauger also asked that we preserve taps for future buildings.

17-079 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mr. Benton to authorize razing of Adams Middle School and Oregon Elementary as part of the state CFAP/OFCC Project.

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Dickson explained that using the state funding is smart, and other districts regret not razing old buildings. They become expensive. We can also try to preserve parts of the buildings. The land is very valuable to the district. While they are meaningful buildings to the community, the district will likely regret not doing it. Mr. Dickson indicated that this is to try to save taxpayers money.

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

Mrs. Booher brought up the dumpster clearings at Searfoss. Mrs. Seibel indicated that they have been contacted, but she doesn't think they ever came. Mrs. Seibel explained that the Adams dumpster was dumped, but Searfoss was not. Mr. Dickson indicated that we will look to have these removed when the new high school opens. This is a Columbus company that handles this. Mrs. Booher asked to have these removed before the Arboretum is finished. The one at Adams will stay through the end of the school year. Mr. Dickson explained that Licking County will take recycling for free. They will only provide bins once per year. The elementary and high school are provided for, but we haven't asked for the middle school. We can ask, or we can pay to have Waste Management do it for one building and pay for pickups. Mr. Swauger asked to just do away with the third company and do what we need to do. The Board agreed.
Mr. Beverick indicated that he is working on specs on the pole building and needed excavating. Mr. Dodderer explained that this building will also help for middle school storage when they come over to this side of town. Mr. Beverick is working on size and specs to ensure it meets our needs. He is hoping to meet the end of this week. Mrs. Almendinger echoed Mr. Dodderer's comments on storage for middle school athletics. Currently, they are storing in a shed, and will need something on this side of town when they transition. Mr. Beverick and Mrs. Booher expressed the need to revisit what groups will be storing things in this building.
Mrs. Booher expressed the need to continue to watch open enrollment numbers as the year goes on. Mr. Dickson indicated that we have more open enrolled out than in.
Mrs. Booher asked for an Executive Session on personnel issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

17-080 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Beverick to move into executive session at 8:24 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. Dodderer, Mr. Beverick, Mr. Benton, Mr. Swauger, and Mrs. Booher
President declares board out of executive session at 9:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

17-081 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

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

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Treasurer President