JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

November 13, 2017 **Regular Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center. Roll call was answered by Mr. Benton, Mr. Beverick, Mr. Dodderer, and Mr. Swauger. Mrs. Booher was absent.

SILENT PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS/AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Hope Nixon, student, addressed the Board. She introduced herself as a representative of Student Council. She asked if they will be permitted to have backpacks at the new high school. Mr. Dickson indicated that they can come to school, but they need to stay in the lockers. Hope addressed concerns she has on this policy, which she has obtained from several students. She explained that students would be willing to keep them tidy if this policy could be changed. She expressed that failure to change this policy could hinder student performance. She gave the Board a copy of student concerns. The Board thanked Hope.

Drew Riley, student, also addressed the Board on the backpack issue. He has obtained over 300 signatures on a petition to change the backpack policy. They have requested a reasoning for the Board's decision, at the very least.

Mr. Dickson indicated that the decision was made for safety concerns. He said the lockers at the high school are bigger, and the policy was a compromise to avoid getting rid of them all together. He has asked Mr. Busenburg and Ms. Chumney to report back after the building opens to see if a change is needed. The Board will discuss this issue further.

Mr. Swauger and Mr. Beverick thanked Drew and Hope for coming. Mr. Beverick indicated that they will discuss this further.

STUDENT/PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Adams Middle School – Amber Wood, Marie Fleming, Ryan Schneider, Dawn Dodson, and Melissa Woodard presenting *6th Grade End of Year Cross-Curricular Project*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Audit FY17 – Mr. Niblick expressed that the Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Audit is complete. The District received an unmodified opinion with no report level comments for the third consecutive year.

Levy Renewals – Mr. Niblick explained that we will need to make a decision on the income tax and emergency levy renewals at the December meeting if we intend on placing these renewals on the May ballot. The decision will also need to determine whether we will be proceeding with a straight renewal, or a substitute emergency levy. He asked the Board to continue weighing these options to be ready to make a decision at the December 11, 2017, Regular Meeting.

Brick Campaign – Mr. Niblick explained that we are waiting on final color/design schemes for the engraved brick areas at the new buildings. As soon as these are received, the engraved brick order will be placed, so if there is anyone who still needs to order any, please do so as soon as possible.

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TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

17-082 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the Treasurer's Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve the minutes of the October 9, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

b. To approve the October, 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	$11,570,746.12
Enterprise	$915,936.16
Agency Funds	$153,612.37
Private Purpose	$123,434.94
Total	$50,047,938.55

AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS:

General Fund	$17,202,200.81
Special Revenue	$975,243.25
Debt Service	$1,887,600.00
Capital Projects	$10,846,545.87
Enterprise	$580,997.82
Agency Funds	$128,782.93
Private Purpose	$80,243.69
Total	$31,701,614.37

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

Mr. Niblick explained that item d. is to update our 457 Plan Document for offering 457 plans to district employees. There has been a law change that warrants a change in wording to properly administer the current plans in place.

17-083 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve the Treasurer's Recommendations as presented:

d. To approve Resolution Approving Revisions to the District's OASBO 457 Plan (Appendix A).

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Dickson updated that the projects are still moving on schedule for the high school to start on January 16, 2018. Testing will still take place in the current high school. The Elementary punch-list work continues, and Robertson is continuing to oversee this work. Phase 3 on the renovation is in design phase, with hope to reach a GMP in January and work commencing in February/March. Searfoss renovations are still in conceptual phase to determine scope, with the hope for work to start sometime in 2018. He stressed that enrollment is expanding, and Searfoss will be used as a "safety valve" for expansion in enrollment. New enrollments and new housing developments are coming in all the time. Mr. Swauger explained that the Village Zoning Committee is looking at "impact fees" to help bring in additional dollars to help with enrollment expansion.
Mr. Dickson explained that the auction on Saturday went well. It grossed just under $10,000, and another auction will be held in the summer/autumn of 2018 as we continue to move to new buildings. He thanked everyone involved.
Mr. Dickson explained that item d. is a change. Anthem proposed a 3.28% increase, while MMO offered a 2.4% decrease. Our loss ratio is very good, and an increase in rates is unfair to our district. The OSBC is well established and there should be very little disruption with MMO. The savings are approximately $95,000 to the district per year, and about $150 for employee per year.
Mr. Dickson explained that item i. will install bleachers in the gym, which was not covered by OFCC. They will be safe for our floors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

17-084 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the following Superintendent Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve 4 year renewal contract with VSP for employee vision insurance from 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2021.

b. To approve 2 year contract with Delta Dental for employee dental insurance from 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2019.

c. To approve 2 year renewal with MEC for employee base life insurance and voluntary life insurance from 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2019 with no change in rates.

d. To approve 1 year contract with Medical Mutual of Ohio via the Ohio School Benefits Cooperative (OSBC) for employee medical insurance from 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018.

e. To approve an overnight field trip for the Senior Class to New York City, departing on March 21, 2018 and returning March 24, 2018, under the supervision of Tammy Ortman and other approved chaperones.

f. To approve 2 year agreement with Enviro-Construction Company LLC for snow removal services for Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019.

g. To approve 1 year renewal contract with Educators Consulting Services for insurance consulting and broker services for the 2018 calendar year.

h. To approve the Creative Writing Club as proposed by teacher, Marissa Ballard, and Principal, Derick Busenburg at no cost to the district.

i. To authorize the purchase of telescopic bleachers for Johnstown Elementary at a cost not to Exceed $11,750.

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Beverick asked for timeframe for the bleachers. Mr. Dickson said the cost goes up to expedite this order. Mr. Beverick and Mr. Swauger are concerned about people bringing chairs in the meantime. Mr. Dickson asked to edit the recommendation to $11,750 to add in the $1,000 to expedite this order. The Board agrees.

Motion to amend item i.:
Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Dodderer
Aye: Mr. Benton, Mr. Dodderer, Mr. Beverick, and Mr. Swauger
Motion carried.

Mr. Beverick asked about item f. and the vendor. Mr. Niblick indicated that they had the best quote and they have been good over the past two years.

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

17-085 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the following Superintendent Recommendation as follows:

j. To approve agreement with Executive Management Services, Inc. for contracted custodial services for the new high school for the period 1/1/2018 – 6/30/2019.

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Benton asked about cost savings versus hiring our own staff. Mr. Niblick indicated that this saves us about $21,000 per year. Mr. Dickson said we will still use our own supplies and equipment.

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

17-086 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to approve the Superintendent's Recommendation as follows:

k. To authorize the construction of a 36x60 storage building on the west side of the current high school by Miller Brothers Construction at a cost not to exceed $50,000, to be paid from Capital Projects Fund (070).

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Beverick explained that he has looked into several designs for this building. The size has gone down a little bit, to help save on costs. We have cut out the porch, among other items. This should provide storage for several district groups.

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

Discussion before the motion: Mr. Dickson explained that with the new sites, the sidewalks will need cleaned of dirt and snow, and we need equipment. He has used Board feedback to reduce equipment recommended as follows: We will focus on pre-treating sidewalks, rather than relying on ice melt as heavily. Our staff have an hour and a half to clean these before school. We hope to be able to do this with our vehicle. The tractor will be used for more substantial snows. We will analyze the effectiveness of one vehicle to see if another is needed. Some Ice Melt may still need to be used.

17-087 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the Superintendent's Recommendation as follows:

l. To authorize the purchase of a 4x4 vehicle with angle broom and sprayer; blade, spreader, and sprayer for existing New Holland Tractor; and two backpack blowers.

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Beverick asked about transport between buildings. Mr. Dickson indicated that this will be stored in the garage, and transported with the district truck/trailer. Mr. Dodderer thanked Mr. Dickson for his work on this issue. Mr. Swauger said that self-propelled walk-behind blowers also work effectively if we need additional equipment in the future. Mr. Dickson said he will keep that in mind and he is looking at beet juice vendors.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

17-088 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the following Superintendent's Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve revised continuing contract with Bruce Piper, Instructional Paraprofessional.

b. To approve revised one year teaching contract with Rhonda Bellard at MA+30 for Fiscal Year 2018.

c. To accept the resignation of Cheyenne Janis, Middle School Cheer Coach, at the end of the 2017-2018 Football season.

d. To accept the resignation of Kaelan Williamson, Middle School Cheer Coach Volunteer, at the end of the 2017-2018 Football season.

e. To approve the following Pupil Activity 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.

Kaelan Williamson	Middle School Cheer Coach – Basketball	Group IV/Step 0	1 year

f. To approve the following Voluntary positions 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.

Cheyenne Janis	Middle School Cheer Coach – Basketball	Volunteer	1 year
Conan Schneider	Middle School Basketball Coach	Volunteer	1 year

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Dodderer thanked volunteers.

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

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS/REPORTS

Old Business –Mr. Dodderer indicated that recycling bins are empty. He thanked Mrs. Seibel for this.

New Business – Mr. Dickson said he will be getting policy updates to the Policy Committee soon to look over before they meet to discuss.
Mr. Swauger asked about student parking at the new high school. Derick Busenburg indicated that all of the parking is still being analyzed. He hopes to have some designated student parking in the new lots, but many will park in the renovated middle school lots. The criteria for the "preferred" parking will be developed by Mr. Busenburg and Ms. Chumney. Mr. Dickson explained that all parking and traffic patterns are being analyzed as we work through Phase 3 renovations.
Mr. Swauger brought up flooring at the Elementary. He asked to set something up for OFCC to come look at the issues in the flooring. He wants to look for corrections and to inform other schools who are building new buildings. Mr. Dickson explained that a lot of the problems are

related to floor finishes and the appropriate vendors are addressing this. Mr. Dickson expects the entire building to be re-finished free of charge next summer. Mr. Benton questioned if the flooring is really 400 PSI as he doesn't think it should dent. Mr. Dickson reminded the Board that the district wanted VCT, but the OFCC recommended VET. These problems have led us to change the high school flooring to LVT (luxury vinyl tile). Mr. Dickson said he is going to test floor finishes on the LVT to ensure a good product is being put down. Mr. Dickson will try to arrange the OFCC to come see the issues. Mr. Swauger and Mr. Benton would like to be at this meeting.
Mr. Swauger has asked JYAA to invest in a table top time clock/scoreboard for their use in the elementary gym. He does not see a need for us to buy this, as we may not need it.

ADJOURNMENT

17-089 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Beverick to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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

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Treasurer President