JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

August 1, 2017 **Special Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Special Session on Tuesday, August 1, 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.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION – DataServ presentation on District Technology Services – Dan Hairston, Karl Seiler, and Joe Prchlik

Mr. Dickson gave introduction of the DataServ Team.
Mr. Seiler gave a history of their business, and their business model, which focuses on handling all technology needs for organizations and allowing them to focus on their mission.
Mr. Prchlik explained the partnership between DataServ and Northern Buckeye Education Council, which has allowed a focus on education and help tailor solutions specifically for that market.
Mr. Seiler explained that they now have a partnership with OASBO to help provide solutions and guidance for school districts.
Mr. Seiler outlined all of the services they provide to schools. They outline options for schools and help meet the district's goals and budget. Their services encompass all aspects of helping districts manage their technology and equipment. They also provide professional development to districts to help personnel learn how to use/implement their technology.
Mrs. Booher expressed her thanks to them for their summer work to help us get moved into the new Elementary School. She asked how their services can work in coordinating with our current IT Director and personnel, and asked if he has been informed of their findings.
Mr. Dickson said that he has been given a copy and has reviewed their findings.
Mr. Benton explained that we have local student workers through COTC, and a tech committee. He asked how their services can blend with these things the district is already doing.
Mr. Prchlik explained that the proposal is a "menu" and there are definitely things that current staff/committees could handle.
Mrs. Booher asked if they had any input or suggestions going forward on things they should do as the district moves into the new high school.
Mr. Prchlik and Mr. Seiler explained that since the IT Director is responsible for so many things, he cannot focus on a lot of the technology needs and may not be appropriate for driving curriculum needs.
Mr. Dickson explained how the summer work is a good example. DataServ was used to do work for the district due to time constraints and training needed with our current staff.
Mr. Dodderer asked how often we need services like the summer work and if we could use DataServ as needed.
Mrs. Seibel brought up the network remediation performed. This was done due to issues in the network and was vital to remedying critical issues in the network. This was deemed necessary to be performed by individuals with a higher skill set.
Mr. Dickson explained that he believes we are wasting money on technology. We are buying technology, but it sometimes is found to be insufficient or inadequate for our needs. This is due to improper planning and coordination.
Mr. Dodderer and Mrs. Booher asked about staffing and how they typically set up.
Mr. Prchlik explained that there are usually technicians on site to address everyday issues and monitoring. If they have issues, they coordinate with other DataServ technicians to get it resolved quickly.
Mr. Seiler went through the recommendations they found in the assessment, and explained the needs/issues that are district-specific and why they should be considered. They detailed a TCO vs. TCS technology environment, and how managed services could benefit the district.
Mr. Seiler went through the 5 year rolling budget, showing projected costs under their proposed TCS model. Costs of capital will go down, while managed services will increase.
Mr. Benton asked what "value added" we will be getting for the services being provided.
Mr. Seiler explained that off-site data-center (backups and recovery), as well as correct the critical issues identified, and move to optimize current network and infrastructure. Planning and strategy services are also included. Individual projects could come at an additional cost for services.
Mrs. Booher expressed that she thinks a service model is definitely the way to go, but how it looks and how we get there should be studied so we implement these services properly.
Mr. Benton asked what happens if we sign a contract and run into financial issues down the road. Mr. Seiler explained that adjustments to services can be made if changes happen down the road. They work with districts in those times.
Mrs. Booher asked about absorption of staff. Mr. Seiler indicated that they could manage current staff of the district, or depending qualifications, they could absorb them into their company. This can be worked out. Mrs. Booher discussed her desire to keep someone in-house on staff to drive technology.

Mrs. Seibel asked about staffing levels, and if staff would fluctuate based on changing needs throughout the school year.
Mr. Seiler explained that a cost increase only comes into play for a special "project" and does not apply to regular school business. Sufficient staffing will be provided for everyday business.
Mr. Hairston indicated that collaboration planning can usually help avoid concerns in this area.
Mr. Dickson thanked all of the staff for the information and presentation, and said we would be in touch. The DataServ staff exited the meeting.

Mr. Swauger left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

17-056 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to move into executive session at 7:58 p.m. As permitted by law, matters to be discussed in executive session may involve:

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:

Roll Call: Mr. Benton, Mr. Beverick, Mr. Dodderer, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.
President declares board out of executive session at 8:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

17-057 Moved by Mr. Beverick, seconded by Mr. Benton to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

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

_____ _____

Treasurer President