JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

May 15, 2017 **Special Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Special Session on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Office. Roll call was answered by Mr. Benton, Mr. Beverick, Mrs. Booher, Mr. Dodderer, and Mr. Swauger.

RECOMMENDATION

17-040 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to approve the following recommendation:

a. To approve a contract with Miller Brothers Construction, the low bidder, for the construction of a 40' x 64' storage building, in the total amount of $86,210. The project shall be funded from the Capital Projects Fund.

Discussion: The bids were provided to the Board. Mrs. Booher indicated that the only way to lower the amount would be to pull out excavation and re-bid. Mr. Beverick indicated that there is approximately $9,000 - $12,000 in the base bid for this work. This is approximately 350 tons of gravel. Mr. Dickson indicated that none of the other contractors surveyed the site. Mr. Benton voiced the problem of perceptions from the public, when the District has so many other needs and now we are spending $86,000 on a storage building. Mr. Beverick said we could take things off the building, but it will be done cheaper and look less pleasing. Mr. Benton said the public has built a lot of pole buildings and will look at this price and think it is expensive, because they do not understand the regulations the school is subject to. Mrs. Booher asked if it is just bad timing. Mr. Beverick said he doesn't think timing is a problem. Mr. Swauger explained that the school cannot get the savings that individuals can when they are building their own. Mr. Benton thinks it may be bad timing due to the PAC and truck/turf fundraising efforts. He thinks it may be better to wait a year. Mrs. Booher said she has concerns also, but does want it to look nice. Mr. Beverick explained why this project expanded from original quotes. The excavations, insulation, and porch were added after the fact, along with the added costs of bonding. Mr. Beverick indicated that if the vendor saves money, these savings will be passed along to us. He thinks that the re-bid helped to show the true cost of the project. Mr. Benton explained that he is not arguing price, but is only questioning the timing. The Board discussed the option of building this around May of 2018, due to the levy renewals. Mr. Beverick proposed going back to the beginning and trying to get the project under $50,000, but he does not feel this is possible. Mrs. Booher asked how big the building has to be. Mrs. Seibel said she is waiting on storage needs from the band and athletics. Mr. Beverick said cutting the size down will not save $20,000. Mr. Dickson said a 40' x 64' will get filled. Mr. Dodderer said it's higher than we thought, but he thinks it can be justified to the public. Mr. Benton thinks the public will perceive the Board as wasteful. Mr. Dickson thinks the bid and re-bid help justify the Board's attempt to save costs. Mr. Dodderer explained that perception has come into play in the past with building the new buildings. The public would rather renovate the current high school, rather than build a new one, even though the costs were similar. Mrs. Booher voiced her concerns on the timing due to fundraising efforts as well. Mr. Dickson explained that we have two rented storage trucks and two leased storage units. Most of this will go away next year when we get rid of things in the auction. Mrs. Booher suggested tabling the construction of this building for a later date. The Board agreed on this decision. They will re-bid this project at a later date.

Mr. Swauger rescinded his motion, and Mr. Dodderer agreed with rescinding vote.

Mr. Benton moved to table, seconded by Mr. Dodderer.
Aye: Mr. Benton, Mr. Dodderer, Mr. Beverick, Mr. Swauger, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

17-041 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Beverick to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

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

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Treasurer President