JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

February 26, 2018 **Work Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Innovation Center, Room 102. Roll call was answered by Mr. Benton, Mr. Beverick, Mrs. Booher, Mr. Dodderer, and Mr. Swauger.

SILENT PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCUSSION – STADIUM FACILITY

Mr. Dickson put out the original blueprints from the old 1974 stadium facility that burned down. Mr. Dickson discussed the desires he has received from the Board to date. The first is a press box with two separate rooms for home and away, and another media room. Filming could take place from the roof. The Board discussed the pros and cons. This will stay on the wish list, and they will analyze cost. Ms. Chumney indicated it would be nice if 50/50 could have their own space. This will be analyzed.

The second wish is for two locker rooms, each with the capacity for 75 players plus coaching staff. The old locker rooms were very tight. Mrs. Booher asked how big that would be. Mr. Dickson indicated that he has approached it as stating capacity, and allowing designers to show size. The old locker rooms fit about 40 in one, and 25 in the other. The old facility in total was about 3,200 square feet of building structure.

The third wish is for concession stands adequate to house general concessions, grilled concessions, and a Johnnie Wear store. These were also kept general to allow contractor to design these. Our concessions were previously housed in a trailer. Mr. Benton expressed that this could result in a large structure. Mr. Dickson said it has been discussed to make the structure wider, rather than longer. Mr. Beverick asked if this will impede the practice field. Mr. Dodderer indicated that he did not believe this would be an issue.

The fourth wish would be for a meeting room with projection, with capacity for 80 people. This would allow team meetings, as well as other groups to use this area for other purposes. Mr. Benton asked if the football team could use the old high school cafeteria area with projection. Mr. Dickson indicated that this meeting room would help all groups that use the stadium. The facility would also have public restrooms, similar to the old complex.

Mr. Dickson indicated that one potential donor had suggested that a weight room is built as part of this complex. Mr. Swauger expressed his desire to keep the weight room separate from the stadium to prevent congestion and too much in one place. The Board discussed pros and cons of relocating the weight room, and how this would impact activities.

Mr. Dickson explained that the insurance settlement from the fire is based on the 1974 drawings. There is a debate ongoing between the insurance adjuster's estimate versus the District's private estimate with a different contractor. They remain far apart at this time. The adjuster is seeking two additional contractor proposals to see how they compare. This has taken longer than our insurance carrier wanted it to take. Mr. Dickson is trying to coordinate a meeting to see if the adjuster and the private contractor can meet face to face to go through the differences and come to an agreement. If we cannot come to a fair settlement, we will seek how we fight the settlement amount. The adjuster estimated $357,331.66 for this rebuild. They also quoted remodeling using our existing walls at $311,386.56. Mr. Benton expressed the need for them to go line by line together to find the differences in the estimates. Mr. Dickson agreed, and also stated that the District's private contractor was within 1% of the actual costs to build our new buildings, so we feel they are pretty accurate with estimating.

Mr. Dickson discussed how difficult the stadium fire has been, with the impending need to replace the track and turf this summer as well. He has worked with an independent advisor to identify the work to be done. The cost of this is $1.25 million, and comes at a very inopportune time. He discussed the drainage problems that results in the need for the large cost to replace the pad and create a curb around the track. We have the final specifications, and we will do an RFP, and will seek proposals from three companies that are part of Cooperative Purchasing Programs, recommended by the advisor.

There is a committee in the community seeking donations for the track and turf. It is believed they have secured donations in the total amount of approximately $200,000 - $250,000 to date. They are also looking for annual donations from donors to build up to the next replacement 10-15 years from now. No base work should need to be done in the next cycle. The Board has put up $50,000 for this project, along with an additional $25,000 from the Coca-Cola funds that were given to the school as part of the contract with them. Mr. Dickson described the whole situation as a crisis, as the track/turf is a safety issue. Mrs. Booher asked if we could refill the rubber into the turf to make it safe for another year if we cannot raise the funds. Mr. Dickson explained the process for this would be very difficult, and would be approximately $20,000 - $30,000, based on the advisor's opinion. The track also cannot be patched again, as this is in disrepair. Arrangements are being made to allow the stadium to be available for track meets this year.

Mr. Dickson is waiting to see what dollars come in from the committee in the way of donations. We are hoping some big money can come in and help the District. He also expressed the need to maintain the Chambers name on this facility, and honor that family for their generous donation of the original facility. The specs will go out Wednesday to the track and turf vendors. Mr. Dickson will give the vendors until March 16th to submit, and we will review those on that date. Mr. Benton asked if the vendors have been vetted. Mr. Dickson said they already have, and our advisor will oversee the work being done. Mr. Beverick asked what the optimal start date of the work could be if we get the funds. Mr. Dickson said this would be scheduled for June if that is the case. Mrs. Booher asked if it would be ready for the football season. Mr. Dickson said that with this timeline, it would be done in time. Mr. Swauger asked Mr. Dickson to let the Board know when the RFP's come back. Mr. Dodderer asked what Mr. Dickson's level of optimism is on the adjuster and private estimator meeting in the middle. Mr. Dickson said he does not have an answer on that as of now. He said we will just have to wait and see how the adjuster's other estimates come in. He has asked for a final settlement offer from our carrier ASAP. Mr. Swauger said we just need to know if we are going to fight the offer or not. Mr. Swauger asked that Mr. Dickson let the carrier know that we will proceed with demolition, and we will settle afterwards, so we can get moving. Mr. Dickson said both sides were close on the cost of demolition. He will let them know we will move forward with that. Mr. Dickson asked for any additional feedback on this discussion. The Board agreed that they would not want the weight room attached, but would be willing to relocate it if a donor was willing to offer a new weight room.
The Board answered some questions from community members in attendance.

DISCUSSION – SOFTBALL FIELD
Mr. Swauger indicated that JYAA has showed no desire to allow the District to use their softball fields any longer after this school year, unless we lease it from them. Mr. Dickson asked that we revisit the Northwest corner of the football field property. Mr. Swauger said this will be considered. Mr. Beverick indicated you could fit a softball field and soccer field there. Mr. Dickson indicated there would be some excavation needs. Mr. Swauger said JYAA would be willing to give us a little extra property to make this fit there, if desired. He said it's either this property, or across town at the Adams property. The biggest cost would be fencing. Mr. Dickson indicated the excavation would need to be done, and then the remaining work could be done relatively cheap. Mrs. Booher asked Ms. Chumney to seek the assistance of Jeff Schmidt in setting up this project. Ms. Chumney and Mr. Dickson will look into this and report back. Mr. Swauger said if the high school site is deemed unsuitable or cost prohibitive, we will look at the Adams site for this need. The Board discussed dimensions and needed space of the softball field.

Ms. Chumney asked when the track team can get on the track. Mr. Dickson said as soon as we can make this safe. Mr. Swauger said we tell the insurance carrier to get it torn down, and in the meantime, put up more temporary fencing. Mr. Dickson said this will be done ASAP.

DISCUSSION – LEVY RENEWALS
Mr. Swauger expressed the need to get a levy committee together. Mr. Niblick passed out a fact sheet on the levies and 20 mill floor. This is general information for residents if they have questions. Mr. Dickson said we can put this information together, if the committee funds the printing of these pamphlets. Mr. Swauger is trying to avoid the misconception in the community that the renewals have anything to do with the new buildings or track and turf. The Board will start looking for residents that would be a good fit for this committee. Connie Jakeway (resident in attendance) suggested that the Board find individuals that a lot of the community know and trust to spread the word. Mr. Swauger wants to get this information out ahead of the absentee ballots going out. He said there is some misinformation circulating in the community.

DISCUSSION – DATASERV
Mrs. Booher asked about service fees in the DataServ contract. She is concerned with Section 18c, page 18. She is looking for a cap on this service fee section. This refers to increasing costs due to change in law requiring additional compensation to employees. Mr. Niblick and Mr. Dickson will review this section and discuss with DataServ.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
18-028 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Booher to move into Executive Session at 8:18 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. Benton, Mrs. Booher, Mr. Beverick, Mr. Dodderer, and Mr. Swauger
Motion carried.
President declares Board out of Executive Session at 9:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

18-029 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

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

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Treasurer President