JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

March 12, 2018 **Regular Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, March 12, 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

STUDENT/PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH:
Adams Middle School – Kris Almendinger described the Kindness Counts Program at the Middle School, intended to improve student kindness and manners.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Mr. Niblick explained that item e. is to close the investment account related to our Local Share Bond funds. This project is approaching conclusion, and the remaining dollars from this account have been moved to the Local Share account at Park National Bank for payout.

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

18-030 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mrs. Booher to approve the Treasurer's Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting and the February 26, 2018 Work Session Meeting.

b. To approve the February, 2018 Treasurer Report.

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

ESTIMATED RESOURCES:

General Fund	$32,367,360.11
Special Revenue	$1,498,296.56
Debt Service	$3,743,960.14
Capital Projects	$12,562,227.08
Enterprise	$915,936.16
Agency Funds	$155,712.37
Private Purpose	$125,184.94
Total	$51,368,677.36

AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS:

General Fund	$18,003,043.28
Special Revenue	$996,033.25
Debt Service	$1,887,600.00
Capital Projects	$11,688,721.54
Enterprise	$586,997.82
Agency Funds	$129,782.93
Private Purpose	$84,068.69
Total	$33,376,247.51

d. To approve the following donations:

Donor	Description	Value	Recipient
Johnstown PTO	Wireless Adapters	$150.00	Elementary Classrooms
Johnstown PTO	Troll's Movies	$69.60	Elementary Library & Classrooms
Johnstown PTO	Blankets for emergencies	$89.94	Elementary
Johnstown PTO	Games for inside recess	$833.36	Elementary
Johnstown PTO	15 Document Cameras	$8,427.06	Elementary
Johnstown PTO	Equipment carts for recess equipment and Lost & Found rack	$502.61	Elementary
Johnstown PTO	Playground ball, Jump ropes And play activities	$499.56	Elementary
Todd McKee	2-way Radios, Retevis H-777, set of eight for communication throughout building and at arrival/dismissal	$135.00	Elementary
Gary & Shirley Smetzer	Cash Donation	$300.00	Washington, D.C. Scholarship Fund – Adams Middle School

Discussion after the motion: Mrs. Booher asked what the document cameras are. Mrs. Wilson explained that they project things, similar to an overheard, for classroom use. They are also called Elmo devices. Mr. Swauger asked how Todd McKee knew to donate radios to the Elementary. Mrs. Wilson explained that he saw them using the old ones at the beginning of the year, and asked if they could use some newer radios and offered to donate them. Mr. Dodderer thanked the donors.

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

18-031 Moved by Mrs. Booher, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the Treasurer's Recommendations as presented:

e. To approve for the closure of the District's RedTree Construction Funds Investment Account, ending in (XX0987).

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Phase III Construction GMP Discussion – Jeremy Johnson, Mike Vala, Byron Manchester were in attendance. Mr. Dickson explained that these gentlemen are in attendance to explain the Phase III work for the old high school. Mike Vala and Byron Manchester explained the scope of work, which includes renovations to the academic wing, student dining, Vo-Ag and media center, as well as the addition of a secure vestibule into the building. There was much discussion on the scope. Jeremy Johnson discussed the estimates on the work, which currently are $1,606,521, with an additional $150,000-$175,000 for alternates for the student dining area. These estimates may change slightly due to a change in scope that occurred late last week. This includes some HVAC work in the south section of the building. Mr. Dickson explained that this is basically what the GMP would look like when we get to that point. It was communicated to BSHM and Robertson Construction to create an alternate for pricing to demo weight-bearing walls in the student dining area. Robertson and BSHM will work with Mr. Dickson and Mr. Niblick to form GMP documents.

Mr. Dickson reminded the Board that there is a School/Village Liaison meeting tomorrow. He will report back on the issues discussed.

Stadium Reconstruction/Turf-Track Surface Project Update – Mr. Dickson said one of the 3 vendors has backed out due to scheduling conflicts. The District's advisor on this project has found an alternate qualified bidder to quote on this work. We still expect 3 RFP responses by this Friday. Mr. Dickson indicated that fundraising efforts continue. The committee has commitments, but not exact amounts as of now. He will update the Board when he hears more. Mr. Dickson updated the Board on the stadium is scheduled for demolition March 19th by Robertson Construction. The total cost of this work is $10,000, and insurance is expected to cover the portion of this down to the pad. We have received a revised settlement offer of approximately $501,000 from OSP to rebuild the structure. The Board has a decision to make whether we wish to fight this offer. Mr. Dickson was expecting somewhere in the area of $800,000 from this settlement. Mr. Dickson said we are still awaiting an answer from an unnamed donor on an offer to help rebuild this structure. He is hoping to hear back soon, and he will update the Board as soon as anything is heard. Mr. Dickson has obtained plan documents from the New Albany stadium, if the Board wishes to use this as a model when designing the new stadium. If we fight the settlement offer from OSP, they could choose not to replace Booster/student equipment destroyed in the fire, as these are not owned by the District. OSP is also holding the stance that some of the existing walls can be retained and used in new structure The total of all of these items that they can choose not to cover is roughly $80,000. Mr. Dickson asked the Board if they wish to have either our attorney, Sylvia Gillis, or a private adjusting company to fight this claim. The attorney would be paid by the hour, and the private adjusting company would be paid a percentage of the increase of the settlement they earn for the District. The Board discussed pros and cons of fighting this. Mr. Swauger expressed that he has heard it is easier to fight value of equipment than it is to fight value of a building. Mr. Dickson advises getting an independent engineer's assessment on the integrity of the walls before demolition, if the Board wishes to fight the settlement. Mr. Benton asked if Mr. Dickson can negotiate this a little, saying we will settle at about $600,000 and get this over ASAP. Mr. Dickson will do this tomorrow and see what they say, and also call the adjusting company to get a timeline and estimate on their thoughts.

Mr. Dickson discussed the two levy renewals. There has not yet been a committee set up. However, a bank account remains at Park National Bank, created by the previous levy committee. He is not sure who this account is set up under, or who is in charge of it. Mr. Dickson showed an example levy brochure that could be used and distributed by a committee once it's formed. Mr. Swauger asked the Board to review the brochure and give feedback to Mr. Dickson by the end of the week.

Mr. Dickson explained that we continually monitor safety procedures, equipment, etc. He said the "See Something, Say Something" procedure works very well in this District. He explained other procedures currently in place that are working well, including teacher supervision and keeping doors closed and locked as appropriate. He does not believe high-tech equipment and arming staff are the answers. Mr. Dickson has been looking at options on practical solutions that may help make our buildings safer. From a confidentially standpoint, he did not go into much detail. Mr. Benton asked if Mr. Dickson thought Resource Officers are a good idea. Mr. Dickson said it is starting to become more popular. He thinks looking a behavior is more important.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

18-032 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the following Superintendent Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve facilities use fee waiver for the following organization for the 2017-2018 school year:

Organization	Reduced Hourly Fees
Middle School Club Baseball	$0
Johnstown Alumni Banquet & Assoc.	$0

b. To approve contracts with the Licking County ESC for the following services for FY19:
Special Education and Related Services
Early Education Services for Children with Disabilities
Early Childhood Disabled Preschool

c. To approve an overnight field trip for the Big Red Band to the McDonald's Chicago Thanksgiving Day Parade, departing on November 21, 2018 and returning November 24, 2018, under the supervision of Marc and Angela Zirille and other approved volunteers.

d. To approve Open Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year as follows:
1. Accept no new Open Enrollment Grades K-8.
2. Accept Open Enrollment Applications for Grades 9-12, in accordance with current policy.

Discussion after the motion: Mrs. Booher asked if we bid the services in item b. Mr. Dickson said that we do not bid these services. These are preschool services. We can run our own program or we can choose to participate in these programs and send the students to the ESC. Mrs. Booher asked how open enrollment is trending this year. Mr. Niblick indicated that we currently have a few more coming in than going out, so revenue is nearly cost neutral. Mr. Dodderer wished the band good luck on their trip.

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

18-033 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the following Superintendent Recommendation as presented:

e. To approve 5 year contract with DataServ and Northern Buckeye Education Council for Technology Services.

Discussion after the motion: Mrs. Booher expressed dissatisfaction that she wished there was more incentive to go for a 5 year contract over a 3 year contract, and that she was not in favor of a 5 year contract. Mr. Swauger explained that the District is saving approximately $70,000 over a 5 year period by electing the 5 year contract over a 3 year contract.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

18-034 Moved by Mrs. Booher, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to approve the following Superintendent Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve the following Classified 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 will be considered null and void.

Kate Warner	HS Student Attendant	Step 0	1 year

b. To approve the following Volunteer 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 will be considered null and void.

Cory Butcher	H.S. Softball	Volunteer	1 year
Libby Hooper	H. S. Softball	Volunteer	1 year
Ed Zak	M.S. Softball	Volunteer	1 year

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Dodderer thanked the volunteers and new hires and wished them good luck.

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

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS/REPORTS

New Business - Adams/Oregon Demolition – Mr. Swauger said there has been discussion to save the maintenance building on this site. However, in looking at it more, it may not be smart to leave this building on this site, as it is on the highest point of the site. Without it there, we may be able to level the site, and help repair some drainage issues. Mrs. Booher said we may have too much going right now to look into this. We are also looking at demolishing the Board Office and Maintenance Garage. She asked if we can have an architect look at the site and determine where a new building may go on that site, and if removing that building is smart or not. She asked if we have any accurate maps that show underground facilities. Mr. Swauger said this type of information will be discussed at the Liaison meeting with the Village tomorrow. Mr. Dickson said they only have this type of information to the tap, and not necessarily onto our property. Mr. Swauger said leveling this is important if we wish to use this land for sports fields or other purposes. There is a large difference in the highest/lowest points of this property. Mr. Dickson said the pressure from OFCC will be to demolish this building to create a completely clean site at the end of the day. It would also be a cost to get utilities back to that building, as it is currently fed off the Adams building and will need to be moved. Mr. Swauger asked to examine the site to ensure no matter what we do on that site, it is set up for a new school building when/if necessary, and we do not do anything to impede that. He said we can look at putting a maintenance building over there at some point, but it should be after it is leveled, and placed in an appropriate place. Tap fees will also be discussed with the Village tomorrow. Mr. Dickson said he is making progress on the softball field. He got clearance by the Village to place the softball field where discussed. He is looking to get contractors organized for this work. There was discussion on the existing softball diamond at Adams. It needs work, related to drainage, as well as work on the dugouts to improve this for Middle School athletics. This would be improved by the leveling/drainage of the site previously discussed. We could also look at using some of the concrete on the site to fill in the edges to prevent erosion. Robertson Construction is looking into this. Mr. Swauger asked Mr. Dickson to seek a proposal for a map of the green space behind Searfoss to get all underground utilities on one drawing.

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ADJOURNMENT

18-035 Moved by Mrs. Booher, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

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

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Treasurer President