JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

August 13, 2018 **Regular Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, August 13, 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, and Mr. Dodderer. Mr. Swauger was absent.

SILENT PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Niblick introduced item c. below, and turned it over to Mr. Dickson to explain. Mr. Dickson explained that this is an agreement from Technical Rubber Company to give annual donations to the District for the stadium rebuild. He has had great discussions with the Board of Trustees, and they have agreed to gift the District $500,000; $350,000 for the stadium and $150,000 for the track/turf. He expressed that the District did not ask, and they came to the District with this offer. He expressed his great thanks to the TRC Board of Trustees for this and their help in the past. The District will continue to honor their memory in this facility.
Mrs. Booher asked to pull item d. out separately.

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

18-070 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve the Treasurer's Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

b. To approve the July, 2018 Treasurer Report.

c. To approve gift agreement from Technical Rubber Company (Appendix A) for donations for the stadium and track and turf.

e. To approve the following donations:

Donor	Description	Value	Recipient
Megan Atwood	Funds for Track/Turf Replacement	$30.00	Board Office
Corporate Roof Management	Funds for Track/Turf Replacement	$25,000	Board Office
Johnstown Choir Boosters	11 Dresses	$1,289	High School
Allan Thomas	Portable Water Chiller for Football Team	$300	High School
Tri Village Christian Church	Backpacks and School Supplies	$200	Elementary

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Dodderer expressed his thanks for the TRC donation agreement.

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

Discussion before the motion: Mr. Niblick explained that item d. is necessary to cover the cost of the GMP, which is being presented for approval under the Superintendent's recommendations. There is currently $80,000 in Fund 070 for this purpose. Mrs. Booher asked to table this motion until all five board members are present or until after the GMP is approved under the Superintendent's report. Mr. Benton asked if we approve this, are we obligated to go forward with the project, pending the bid costs. Mr. Dickson indicated that discussions on this project started in February. He indicated that the Board decided to move forward with our CMR and Architect for this project, rather than go out for competing bids. The CMR has proceeded with getting specs on this project. Tonight is approving a Guaranteed Maximum Price. After this is approved, bids will be sought by the CMR, and the Board will have the opportunity to value engineer and try to drive the cost down based on actual bids. This transfer is needed to cover the total GMP out of fund 070. He indicated that he does expect savings off the GMP total. The agreement for the District to use the JYAA field is up, and our team needs a place to play in the Spring. The project needs to get started for this facility to be ready for the Spring. Mr. Benton asked if the District is approving final design by approving the GMP. Mr. Dickson explained that this has the whole scope included, including excavation, utilities, and the construction of the facility. Mrs. Booher indicated that she does not believe it is proper to move forward with this without all five Board members. Mr. Dickson said that he is simply trying to meet the will of the Board, and this is where we are in the process. Mrs. Booher expressed that she has some concerns over some of the items noted in the GMP proposal. She indicated that we need to analyze this further. Mr. Dodderer asked about the possibility of having someone

else do the fencing. Mr. Dickson said this may be possible, and we can look into that. Mrs. Booher said the Board should look at the exclusions, and analyze this GMP in depth before approving. The Board can look at doing this next week. Mr. Beverick explained that there are some items in the exclusions that are concerning, but many that are not. He re-iterated that we can take pieces out of the project after approving the GMP, if deemed necessary. The GMP does not lock the District into all pieces of this scope. Mr. Beverick said that he is concerned on timing of the project, and he doesn't want to delay the field being built. Mrs. Booher doesn't think this will happen. Mr. Dickson indicated that Mr. Swauger informed him that he wanted this presented tonight. The Board agreed to table this item until next week, and this will be approved at a Special Session at a later meeting. The motion was changed to table item d. Mr. Dickson explained that there was no architect on this project, so many of the exclusions are to show that certain items are omitted. Mr. Benton would like a date commitment to meet on this item in the future. The Board agreed to meet as soon as possible.

18-071 Moved by Mrs. Booher, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to table the Treasurer's recommendation as presented:

d. To approve a transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund (070-9002) in the amount of $234,000 for purposes of building a softball field.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Dickson discussed that there were delays on the track/turf project, based on the wrong turf being ordered, and the unknown drainage problems detected. There is a clause in this contract whereby we may see some savings due to the delay. The District will hold the contractor responsible for this as much as possible. He is looking at relocating the jamboree this Friday, due to delays. This was preferable to rushing the completion of this project. The utilities and temporary facilities have been created for other events to take place at the stadium, as soon as the track/turf is complete. Restrooms, concessions will be available. He will inform the Board of the relocation of Friday's event as soon as it is known. The track is due to be completed prior to the first event that will hold crowds. Ms. Chumney indicated that she may switch the soccer games next week, if necessary.

Mr. Dickson discussed the progress of the Middle School Renovations. Walls are being put up to separate the construction areas until they are complete in October. School should be able to commence on schedule. He thanked Mrs. Almendinger, Mrs. Booher, and Mrs. Seibel for their work on making this happen.

Mr. Dickson indicated that item d. includes all parking lot work, including moving sidewalks, curbs, lights, and underground work. Some of the work will begin in the fall, with final paving occurring in the Spring/summer. This allows Robertson to lock in pricing.

Item c. was pulled out separately due to discussion in Treasurer's report above on the softball field GMP.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

18-072 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve the following Superintendent Recommendation as presented:

a. To approve contract with New River for electrical work and trenching to new transformer at stadium in the total amount of $31,300.

b. To approve an overnight field trip for 8th grade students to Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg, departing on May 6, 2019, and returning May 9, 2019, under the supervision of Renee Britton and other staff members.

d. To approve GMP with Robertson Construction for parking lot improvements for the Middle School (Appendix C) in the total amount of $1,062,000.

Discussion after the motion: Mrs. Booher asked if the paving contract includes the Searfoss portion of the lot. Mr. Dickson said it includes all of it, with an understanding that the Searfoss portion may be held until later. Mr. Beverick asked about timeline. Mr. Dickson said most of it will occur in June/July of next year. Some small items may take place in advance, but most of it would disrupt school operations. He said this will be well planned out, and pricing was more favorable to do this a year from now. He indicated that Mr. Swauger was very

helpful in planning this. Mrs. Booher asked if the drainage problems are being addressed as part of this. Mr. Dickson said this is all included. Mr. Beverick asked how the District plans to manage the parking lot until then. Mr. Dickson said fencing is being put up for the current school year to manage traffic. Traffic patterns have been established and have been communicated to families and staff. Mr. Benton asked if the Searfoss portion would be listed as an alternate. Mr. Dickson said we have until this work commences to make the decision on that portion, in case the Board decides to move forward with any Searfoss renovations. This portion will be separated when going out to bid. Hopefully this allows us to lock in pricing. Mr. Benton expressed his concern that this may cause contractors to boost the price based on liability. Bidding it as an alternate will allow us to look at this portion and plan this. Mrs. Booher asked if the GMP includes the Searfoss portion. Mr. Dickson said it includes everything, and we can work out scheduling later.

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

18-073 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Benton to table the Superintendent's recommendations as presented:

c. To approve GMP with Robertson Construction for construction of a softball field (Appendix B) in the total amount of $314,000.

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

Discussion before the motion: Mr. Dickson indicated that item j. has been added since the final agenda went out. This came in late and was added. He discussed the need for item d., as the track program has grown considerably over the past few years. This has caused a need for more coaching to supervise this sport. He discussed the possibility of adding a Middle School program. He expressed that this would cause the need for even more coaches, and this additional coach would not allow for that on its own. Mr. Dickson indicated that scanning needs to continue, so he is recommending Alexis to continue employment scanning items, as necessary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

18-074 Moved by Mrs. Booher, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to approve the following Superintendent Recommendations as presented:

a. To accept the resignation of Tami Ashbrook, Middle School Paraprofessional, effective July 25, 2018.

b. To accept the resignation of Justin Richards, Head Varsity Baseball Coach, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

c. To accept the resignation of Bruce Piper, Music Asst. Paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

d. To authorize the Superintendent to fill the 4th Assistant Track Coach position, as authorized by the negotiated agreement, for the 2018-2019 school year.

e. To approve the following as LPDC members for the 2018-2019 school year:
Stephanie Stuckey – High School
Renee Britton – Middle School
Hope Link, Annette Price – Elementary School

f. To employ Alexis Lowe as a temporary scanner, at the current minimum wage for the 2018-2019 school year as needed.

g. To authorize the employment of a temporary Receptionist to serve the Middle School entrance-way during construction in the 2018-2019 school year.

h. To authorize employment of a Music Assistant Paraprofessional, at a maximum of 29 hrs. per week/182 days per year.

i. To approve Charles Benton as a Volunteer for Boys Soccer for the 2018-2019 school year,

pending approval of BCI and/or FBI clearance as required, contingent upon completion of all other required documentation. Should requirements not be met, this offer of employment will be considered null and void.

j. To approve Glen Whirley as Middle School Asst. Football Coach, Group IV, Step 0, for the 2018-2019 school year, pending approval of BCI and/or FBI clearance as required, contingent upon completion of all other required documentation. Should requirements not be met, this offer of employment will be considered null and void.

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Benton discussed the 4th track coach. He explained why this is necessary. He has worked with this program, and it is very difficult to monitor all of these students with limited staff. He feels very strongly about adding this position. Mr. Beverick asked Ms. Chumney if adding this position will allow them to coach the Middle School students. Ms. Chumney indicated that it is very difficult to find someone that is versed in all of the track events. The Assistants are usually assigned to one or two events only, and they are not all overseeing every event. The coaches act as a team, and because of this, it would make it difficult for this person to oversee all Middle School events. Mr. Benton said it is very important to have coaches that really understand individual events. This lends itself to the way this program is operating currently, and it also helps with safety.

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

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS/REPORTS

Old Business: Mr. Beverick indicated that he and Mr. Swauger met to discuss placement of storage buildings. One may go by Searfoss, where the old modular was located. The other will go out on our property line further west. Design discussions will commence to identify how these will look. Mr. Dickson said that excavators working on the softball field may be able to help. Mr. Beverick said he and Mr. Swauger discussed that as well. This will be a competitively bid project when all scope has been identified.

New Business: Mr. Dodderer asked if the District has had busing issues, where CBS was unable to provide transportation when it was scheduled in advance. Mr. Dickson said that a meeting on this topic took place today between CBS, Ms. Chumney and himself. They are continuing to work on this issue, and it is getting better. He said the new FMX system is helping this process, and helping the District to monitor it.

ADJOURNMENT

18-075 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mrs. Booher to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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

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Treasurer President