JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

September 9, 2019 **Regular Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, September 9, 2019 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS/AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ashley Colliflower asked the Board if there is a solution for the current bussing situation. Mr. Dickson indicated that he only learned of the situation this afternoon. He is looking into it. Ashley indicated that the time her children are spending on the bus is excessive. Jill Embrey indicated that the buses should be arriving on time, based on their data. She indicated that there are more students and stops this year, making the routes longer, but the buses should be arriving to school on time. Jill indicated that they are looking into solutions and trying to determine a way to make these routes more consistent. She will work on this issue and get a report of route times to Mr. Dickson on Tuesday.

Rebecca McCauley indicated that she is in attendance to address the same issue, regarding bussing. Mr. Dickson will communicate with both parents when the issue is analyzed.

Lauren H. expressed her desire to have the bussing issue resolved, and the routes shortened as well. Mr. Dodderer indicated that the MOU on the agenda should help alleviate this, and the Board's goal has always been to have the kids on buses less than 60 minutes. Mr. Dickson will look into the issue.

Mr. Dickson noted the additions of 3 donations since Friday's final agenda went out. He also indicated that under personnel, item d. Volunteer has been added.

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

19-056 Moved by Mrs. Booher, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to approve the Treasurer's Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve the minutes of the August 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
b. To approve the August, 2019 Treasurer Report.
c. To approve the following donations:

Anonymous member of the 1970 JMLSD football team	Funds for Scoreboard	$1,000	High School
Anonymous member of the 1970 JMLSD football team	Funds for Scoreboard	$100	Board Office
Anonymous member of the 1970 JMLSD football team	Funds for Scoreboard	$1,000	Board Office
Anonymous member of the 1970 JMLSD football team	Funds for Scoreboard	$50	Board Office
Anonymous member of the 1970 JMLSD football team	Funds for Scoreboard	$100	Board Office
Anonymous member of the 1970 JMLSD football team	Funds for Scoreboard	$2,000	Board Office
Anonymous member of the 1970 JMLSD football team	Funds for Scoreboard	$3,000	Board Office

d. To approve Permanent Appropriations and Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for FY 2020 as follows:

ESTIMATED RESOURCES:

General Fund	$34,779,772.50
Special Revenue	$1,585,270.60
Debt Service	$3,850,411.35
Capital Projects	$6,657,057.36
Enterprise	$1,136,428.18
Agency Funds	$129,575.40
Private Purpose	$92,025.62
Total	$48,230,541.01

PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS:

General Fund	$19,409,084.36
Special Revenue	$932,274.68
Debt Service	$1,913,075.00
Capital Projects	$4,078,785.67
Enterprise	$709,936.74
Agency Funds	$111,399.00
Private Purpose	$56,955.00
Total	$27,211,510.45

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Beverick asked what the total donations on the scoreboard were at. Mr. Niblick indicated that this total is $123,456. Mr. Dodderer thanked all donors.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Dickson indicated that the County is planning the upcoming census. They have invited the Board to attend a meeting on the census. He passed out a sign-up sheet for the interested Board members.

Mr. Dickson indicated that item a. below is to help eliminate long bus routes and reduce problems with the current routes meeting target times. He indicated that the current ridership is expected to go up after the fall sports season, and this will help with those upcoming issues as well. Some of the plans that were put into place to help reduce the need for an extra route have not worked as we had hoped, and Mr. Dickson believes this is necessary. Mr. Dickson explained that item b. is necessary for all schools to complete to meet a State requirement.

Mr. Dickson indicated that the new middle school softball field was started today. Quotes for the dugouts are being sought now. The storage buildings are nearing completion. He indicated that some items are being moved into building B now, as they are taken out of the small buildings that are being sold. Many items that are currently in Searfoss will be moved into the storage buildings soon. He should have a quote from Gandee for asbestos removal from the Searfoss building this week. This will start when all items are removed from the building.

Mr. Dickson is working on getting a survey for the fence at the temporary lot on the Middle School campus. He has tried several vendors, and is working on getting this.

Mr. Dickson indicated that administration is working on setting up Project Lead The Way and Career Tech visits to other school districts. This will give them ideas on how other schools are implementing these programs.

Mr. Dickson thanked everyone involved for the success of the first home football game and donor honor event. He indicated that the stadium retention walls are complete, and he is working on punch lists now to try to close the project out. He expects several of the districts projects to be closed in the next month or so. Mrs. Booher asked if our staff will be doing the interior work at the storage buildings. Mr. Beverick agreed that we should have a plan on how the buildings are going to get used, and how the work will get done. Mr. Dickson indicated that some maintenance items are being placed in building B now. Mr. Dodderer asked if erosion will be looked at during punch work at the stadium. Mr. Dickson said that a lot of little things like those will be addressed.

Mr. Dickson indicated that Friday is a PD day for staff. Friday will be targeted toward safety, and applying first aid. Mr. Dickson thanked Mrs. Seibel for her work is arranging for all of the PD.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

19-057 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve the following Superintendent Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve MOU with Community Bus Services, amending the current contract to add one additional bus route at $6,623 per month (Appendix A).

b. To approve fiscal year 2020, Licking County Business Community Advisory Council (BCAC) annual plan, in cooperation with the Licking County Educational Service Center.

c. To approve an overnight field trip for FCCLA Leadership Training, to Heartland Conference Retreat Center, Marengo, OH, departing October 14, 2019, and returning October 15, 2019, under the supervision of Rhonda Bellard.

d. To approve an overnight field trip for FFA members to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN, departing on October 30, 2019, returning November 2, 2019, under the supervision on Amy Myers.

Discussion after the motion: Mrs. Booher asked to adjust some wording in the MOU, to change "the added service will be such that no" to "the goal of the added service will be such that no" on page one of the MOU. The Board and CBS agreed on this wording change. Mr. Beverick asked if we had numbers on babysitter houses that we are transporting. Mr. Dickson indicated that there are currently 46 babysitter stops on record. Mr. Swauger asked how many of those would not be eligible if they were bussed from their residence. Kevin Carver indicated that he will look into that and report back. Mr. Dickson indicated that there are 923 eligible students, of which, as many as 537 are riding per day. These numbers will be affected by the surge that usually occurs after the fall sports season. Mr. Beverick asked how many kids are currently over 60 minutes on the bus. Mr. Dickson said that there currently are none on the bus for more than 60, but it will likely happen in the coming months. Mr. Beverick voiced his concern with operating based on assumptions with the construction going on in the district. Mrs. Booher asked if we can have a report in another 3 months to see how this is working and how the numbers come out, to see if we truly need to keep the additional route after that time. Kevin Carver indicated that they could do that. He explained that the additional route could help spread the students out and shorten the routes, and eliminate the need for the "quick bus" that was not working through the first few weeks of school. Mrs. Booher voiced concern over adding the route, due to inconsistency in ridership. Mr. Swauger asked if we are under 60 minutes now for all riders, why we are adding a bus. Mr. Beverick asked if this MOU does add a route for sure. Mr. Dickson said yes, this adds a route. Ron Schulay indicated that the route times are below 60 minutes, but they are not meeting bell times at the Elementary. He explained he is happy to add in a 3 month review period to the MOU, as requested. Mrs. Wilson indicated that today, they hit their target times for the first time. Mr. Swauger asked what time the buses would get back to the Elementary if we add a route. Mr. Schulay said this would allow them to meet the 3:15 target time, and they will put in a goal review to the MOU period to assess whether it's working. Mr. Beverick asked if the students on the buses would see reduced bus route times as well. Mr. Schulay indicated that they would. Mrs. Booher asked if this will be re-analyzed in a few weeks, after the Village's construction is complete. Mr. Schulay said yes. Mr. Beverick said he is for adding a bus if this will improve efficiency. Mr. Benton summed everything up by saying we need the one wording change, and to add in a clause about reviewing this process in a couple of months (November 11 Board meeting) and decide if it will continue. Mr. Schulay agreed to these terms. A revised MOU document will be provided by CBS for signature, to add in these changes.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

19-058 Moved by Mrs. Booher, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve the following Superintendent Recommendations as presented:

a. To accept the resignation of Mary Sanford, Food Service Worker, for the purpose of retirement, effective December 31, 2019.

b. To approve unpaid leave for Rachel Savage for the following days:
September 12, 2019 through October 28, 2019

c. To approve unpaid FMLA leave for Tiffany Rader for the following days:
September 12, 2019 through October 25, 2019

b. To approve the following Volunteer position for the 2019-2020 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 or approval to coach/volunteer will be considered null and void.

Perry, Craig	H.S./M.S. Football Volunteer	Volunteer	2019-2020

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Dodderer thanked the volunteer and wished the other personnel good luck.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

19-059 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Beverick to move into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. As permitted by law, matters to be discussed in Executive Session involve:

(1) **Consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, or official;**

Aye: Mr. Benton, Mr. Beverick, Mrs. Booher, Mr. Dodderer, and Mr. Swauger
President declares Board out of Executive Session at 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

19-060 Moved by Mr. Beverick, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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

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Treasurer President