JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

June 10, 2019 **Regular Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Innovation Center, Room 102. Roll call was answered by Mrs. Booher, Mr. Dodderer, and Mr. Swauger. Mr. Benton and Mr. Beverick were absent.

SILENT PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS/AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Nicole Mauger and members of Girls Softball Team presented the details of the Control The Controllables Scholarship to the Board – Girls from the softball team explained that this has been seeded by $2,500 of fundraiser funds. Each year, a $500 scholarship will be given to a student meeting the criteria established. The scholarship will continue to be funded by fundraisers by the softball teams, via an annual auction. They gave the details of the donors at the auction. The belief behind the scholarship is to control the things that you are able to and to be the best person you can be, which was guidance given by a previous coach. The fundraiser also yielded funds of $875 to be given to the district athletic program to give back for support given to the softball program. The check was presented to Athletic Director, Kristi Chumney. Coach Walton voiced her pride in the students of the softball program and exclaimed how happy she was to be coaching in the district and also thanked the Board and Kristi Chumney for their support. She expects the scholarship to benefit many classes to come. Ms. Chumney reciprocated the thanks to the program for the funds and explained how proud she was of the softball girls for coming together and being so successful. She explained that coach Walton was a great mentor and leader for the program.

Mr. Dodderer asked when the softball field will be completed. Mr. Dickson indicated that it is looking like early August. There was some delays due to weather. Seeding will take place soon. Electric may come later, after the storage buildings are complete.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounting Software – The State is pushing all districts to make a decision on switching accounting software in the coming years. We are being asked to move forward with either the Redesigned State Software (newer version of what we are currently using) or elect to transition to eFinancePlus (owned by Powerschool). Our current software will no longer be available to use effective 12/31/2022. LACA is asking us to elect a "wave" to transition to a new system. Mr. Niblick has been looking into these systems and attending sessions for a couple of years now. He is leaning toward a July 1, 2021 or July 1, 2022 transition.

The State has begun charging us a $0.50 annual per student expense for our current system, which is funding the redesigned state software. This would be the total charge for that system if the district elected to go that route. However, we would need to continue buying and using all of our "add-on" systems. There would be no "training" period really as all data would migrate to the new system and would work essentially the same as we have now, with added functionality.

eFinancePlus is a total district system. It encompasses all ancillary systems into one. It has a very large up-front cost (training and implementation). After the first year, the costs appear to be lower than the costs of all of the district's 3rd party systems would be. Mr. Niblick is still awaiting pricing for all modules, which could include a paperless application/onboarding system and streamlined student information systems. He will share all cost information with the Board once received. If the costs align with expectations, we could get a much better system, all housed under one application, for a cheaper annual cost to the District. The system requires a heavy implementation period of 6 months that would require that Finance Staff to be out of the office several days per week to essentially build the new system. However, once implemented, I believe it would be welcomed by all in the district.

Mr. Niblick will be attending a LACA work session on Wednesday to learn more and will share additional details with the Board when he has a recommendation.

Biennial Budget – The House version of the Bill has been passed, and is currently being vetted in the Senate. Under the current version, the District's base funding would be exactly the same as the current school year for FY20 and FY21. This means that additional students would not result in additional funding to the District. The only additional funding that the District would see are the new funds allocated by the Governor for Student Wellness and Success. These funds are to be used for specific purposes, but are able to be used to supplant current operations in line with the allowed usage.

The May Forecast was modeled using current law (the old model). Under the previous model, the District would see a 3% gain (cap) in foundation revenue each year of the Forecast. The

current version of the biennial budget would provide less funding to us than the previous model over the 5 years of the forecast.
There is still hope this could change, and hope that the Cupp-Patterson methodology could be implemented by FY21. Mr. Niblick will keep the Board updated as this progresses.

Recommendation Items – Mr. Niblick explained that item f. is to set aside money for future capital needs expected for track, turf, buildings, equipment and parking lots. Item g. is for a donation from the Junior Class to the National Honor Society to cover fees. Item h. is to remove items from the district capital asset system.

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

19-038 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mrs. Booher to approve the Treasurer's Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve the minutes of the May 3, 2019 Special Session, and May 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
b. To approve the May, 2019 Treasurer Report

c. To approve the following donations:

Donor	Description	Value	Recipient
Athletic Boosters	Control The Controllables Memorial Scholarship	$2,500	High School
Larry & Sharon Pool	Donation to James Warthen Scholarship	$100	High School
Alice M. Main	Donation to James Warthen Scholarship	$300	High School
Class of 2020	Funds for payment of National Honor Society Membership	$535	High School
Melanie Main	Donation to James Warthen Scholarship	$150	High School

d. To approve Final Resources and Appropriations for FY 2019 as follows:

ESTIMATED RESOURCES:

General Fund	$34,927,168.25
Special Revenue	$1,585,026.55
Debt Service	$3,870,798.45
Capital Projects	$9,582,329.57
Enterprise	$953,162.36
Agency Funds	$119,872.87
Private Purpose	$99,996.48
Total	$51,138,354.53

PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS

General Fund	$21,355,078.31
Special Revenue	$1,085,106.77
Debt Service	$1,919,350.00
Capital Projects	$8,893,770.66
Enterprise	$669,034.60
Agency Funds	$109,216.50
Private Purpose	$64,581.07
Total	$34,096,137.91

e. To approve temporary appropriations for FY 2020 as follows:

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

General Fund	$21,000,000.00
Special Revenue	$1,000,000.00
Debt Service	$2,000,000.00
Capital Projects	$5,000,000.00
Enterprise	$650,000.00
Agency Funds	$100,000.00
Private Purpose	$60,000.00
Total	$29,810,000.00

f. To approve annual maintenance transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for future capital needs, as follows:

Buildings and Grounds (070-9002)	$410,000
Stadium (070-9005)	$ 40,000

g. To approve a transfer from 200-9020 Class of 2020 to 200-900N National Honor Society, for a donation from the Class of 2020 to cover National Honor Society dues for Fiscal Year 2020.

h. To approve inventory disposals for FY19 (Appendix A).

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Swauger asked if the stadium transfer was for track and turf. Mr. Niblick said yes, it is $10,000 for track and $30,000 for turf to be used in approximately 10 years. Mr. Dodderer asked if the NHS fees will cover these for the students. Mr. Niblick said yes.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Dickson gave a transportation update. There are some changes to students to be picked up based on changing locations where buses are dropping off at the schools. This has caused some students to lie inside of the 1.5 mile radius. Mr. Swauger asked if we added anyone by moving. Mr. Dickson said no. Mr. Swauger asked Mr. Dickson to retain transportation for these students. Mr. Dickson said he can do that. He also voiced his concern for growing bus riders due to expanded enrollment. This may cause the need for another bus at some point, and he will keep the Board updated if this becomes a need.
Mr. Dickson explained that he has a band request for new instruments. Mr. Zirille is looking at some replacements for next year, and is asking the Board and Boosters to split the purchase, similar to the previous request. he will have the formal request ready for the Board to approve at the July meeting.

Mr. Beverick arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Dickson explained that the District has 32 ELL students now, and it is getting increasingly hard to serve them all with current staffing. He expressed his gratitude for Amy Schulze and her hard work in this area. This number increased from 25 last year. He brings it up just to put it on the Board's radar, and he will keep the Board updated on remedies as necessary.
Mr. Dickson informed the Board that Bob Fresch will not be returning to coach wrestling. He explained that the district will need to analyze the numbers in the program to see if it is worth continuing in his absence. He will report the numbers when known.
Mr. Dickson explained that special education enrollment is increasing each year. We will start next year with 8 students in the ESC MD Program and 3 in the ED Program. Scholarship students are increasing as well, which amounts to a large expense per student to the district.
Mr. Dickson explained that there is work being done to seek feedback and reports on graduated students after they have left. This has been a Board desire for many years. He asked for Board feedback on questions they would like to see added to the survey he passed out.
Mr. Dickson informed the Board that he has received a proposal to put in a soundproof wall in the Middle School. He asked for permission to proceed with that. Mr. Swauger asked Mr. Dickson to move forward.
Mr. Dickson explained that a change order has been received to put in a heavy-duty sidewalk at the new stadium, which would allow access to AEP, which is required. This roadway could also serve as a nice walkway into the new stadium. The total cost is a little over $55,000. He passed out the change order log for this project to the Board. If this change order is selected, it would put us over budget on the total project. We would need to approve additional contingency to move forward with this item. Mr. Dickson suggested $20,000 additional contingency to move forward. Some of the items on the log are placeholders and could change when those costs are known. Mr. Swauger asked for clarification for the location and width. Mr. Dickson indicated that it is required to be 10 feet wide to accommodate a truck from AEP. Mrs. Booher asked if part of it could be gravel. Mr. Dickson explained that it is gravel for the portion after the transformer, which is the part that was permitted to be. The concrete portion would be approximately 150 feet long. The change order includes some fencing changes that were necessary as well. All costs and credits are included in the $55,000+ change order. He is asking for approval of additional contingency under new business. Mr. Dickson will also ask for a price to have them fix the washout and erosion problem in that area, as requested by the Board. Mrs. Booher asked if we are responsible for paying for issues with defective work. Mr. Dickson

explained that this is similar to the new buildings, and would come out of CMR contingency. This is an issue with the model, but he believes that if we had used a different model, we would have had inflated costs that would have likely resulted in similar total costs. He doesn't like the way this works, but that is currently how the contractor law is set up.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

19-039 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mr. Beverick to approve the following Superintendent Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve LACA Services Agreement for FY 2020.

b. To approve renewal 2 year contract with Enviro Construction Company for snow removal services for the period 7/1/19 – 6/30/21.

c. To approve renewal of Property, Auto, Liability insurance coverage for the 2019-2020 school year through Ohio School Plan.

d. To approve the following District Calendars (Appendix B):
2020-2021
2021-2022

Discussion after the motion: Mrs. Booher asked if bids were received for item c. Mr. Niblick said no, due to low bidder turnout last year and large variances. Our total went down from last year. Mr. Swauger asked if we are satisfied with our snow removal services. Mr. Dickson said yes, with some changes in process, we believe this is the best route.

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

Discussion before the motion: Mr. Busenburg introduced the new hires in item h. below. He expressed how exhilarated he and the committee are with these candidates. Mr. Dickson echoed Mr. Busenburg's praise for all of these teachers. Mrs. Smith introduced Holly Ruffle and voiced her excitement of having her join the Elementary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

19-040 Moved by Mr. Beverick, seconded by Mrs. Booher to approve the following Superintendent Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve Dave Owens to the District Maintenance Technician position, effective July 1, 2019, under continuing contract.

b. To approve agreement with Gail Grangaard to provide Kindergarten Screening Services for the 2019-2020 school year, at a rate of $20.00 per hour, not to exceed 30 hours.

c. To accept the resignation of Eileen Lewellen, Preschool Paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

d. To accept the resignation of Melody Cox, H.S./M.S. Choral Director, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

e. To approve May 13, 2019 through May 15, 2019 (3 days) as unpaid days for Valerie Tanner.

f. To approve Kristin Smith as a district approved ESY Tutor for summer of 2019 and 2019-2020 school year.

g. To authorize the employment of a part-time Attendant Paraprofessional to serve the special needs of a student at the Middle School.

h. To approve the following Certified positions for employment contracts (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 will be considered null and void.

Ruffle, Holly	K-5 Intervention	M+15/Step 5	FY20
Napoliello, Lauren	HS English Language Arts	B/Step 0	FY20
Spayde, Kristin	HS English Language Arts	B/Step 4	FY20
Toncler, Devan	HS English Language Arts	M/Step 5	FY20

i. To accept the resignation of Tara White, High School English Language Arts Teacher, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

j. To accept the resignation of Zach Ross, 5th Grade Math Teacher and Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Dodderer welcomed the new hires and wished good luck to all of those leaving the district or switching positions. Mrs. Booher wished Melody Cox the best of luck and thanked her for all she has done for the district and indicated she will be missed.

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

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS/REPORTS

a. New Business

19-041 Moved by Mr. Dodderer, seconded by Mrs. Booher to approve additional contingency dollars for the stadium project in the amount of $20,000.

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

Mr. Dodderer indicated that he and Mr. Dickson met with Coach Carter to review renovating the weight room. They are looking to get quotes from contractors to do the renovations in December, as this is the best time of the year for it to occur as the equipment could be sent out for reconditioning at the same time. Mrs. Booher asked if we could do it in pieces, slowly over time, to avoid bad weather for things like windows. Mr. Dickson indicated that this could happen. This would depend upon contractor availability and other factors. This will be analyzed and laid out by the chosen contractor.
Mr. Swauger indicated that he and Mr. Dickson are reviewing the leveling at the Adams/Oregon site. The drainage and runoff issues appear to have been solved by the work that Robertson has done to excavate that site as part of the demolition project. He is pleasantly surprised at how well this has worked. The dugouts at that site will be replaced in the coming months when the leveling is complete. Quotes will go out soon. The site may be a site for future additional fields for some of the sports programs. The entire site will be analyzed before anything new is built to ensure it is planned for any future buildings or other needs.
Mr. Dodderer thanked Mr. Dickson for being on top of everything, and he sees how much he is out and about helping with all of the ongoing projects.

ADJOURNMENT

19-042 Moved by Mrs. Booher, seconded by Mr. Dodderer to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

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

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Treasurer President