JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

July 13, 2020 **Regular Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via. Zoom and streamed via the District's Facebook account. Roll call was answered by Mr. Benton, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Swauger, Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Booher.

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL REOPENING

Mr. Benton noted he thinks the Health Department is the one who will end up making the final decision. He knows we should plan, and we are in a difficult spot. Mrs. Thomas noted she has received many emails and calls in the past few days, she noted the options were in face, blended or remote. She noted the Board has not entered into any agreement or approved any reopening process. She thinks it is inappropriate to ask staff to plan for a method that hasn't been approved yet. Mr. Swauger noted he did attend the focus group meeting and that it was clear to him that there are really only two options, face to face or online. His preference is to offer these two option to our parents. Mrs. Booher wants to set a goal tonight. She would like to see face to face, though perhaps with the teachers in a different way. Mrs. Davis believes part of her role as a Board member is to be reflective of the community and their wishes. She believes face to face is still the first choice for many teachers and parents. She is willing to have additional professional development days at the beginning of the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

IDEA Title VI-B FY 2021 Use of Funds Public Hearing
The district is receiving $317,274.31 in funding and will spend the money on salaries and related benefits for Intervention Specialists.

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

20-077 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mrs. Thomas to approve the Treasurer's Recommendations as presented.

a. To approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020 Regular Session Meeting, June 17, 2020 Special Session, and the June 22, 2020 Work Session
b. To approve the June, 2020 Treasurer Report.
c. To approve the following donations:

Dodderer Family	Donation for Scoreboard	$5,000	High School
Allen & Cindi Reeves in memory of George Neibarger, Johnstown's 1st Johnnie mascot	Donation for Scoreboard	$50	High School
John & Shirley Neibarger in memory of George Neibarger	Donation for Scoreboard	$100	High School

Discussion after the motion: Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Booher thanked the donors.

Aye: Mr. Swauger, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Benton, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS/AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Frank Seigel noted Board received a letter this week from the donor group, but is also here to answer any questions that anyone may have. Mrs. Davis noted that she has heard from several community members that the scoreboard is beautiful and she is very appreciative of all the donor work.
Mr. Swauger noted that there is concern of whether or not we have fall sports this year. He is also concerned about the space for a studio when we will likely need every available bit of space.
Mike Bailey noted the equipment will cost more money if we wait a year. He also noted a broadcast studio will give the district a lot of opportunities above and beyond a scoreboard. Mr. Dickson noted the space in where a teacher workroom is located could be used. Mr. Busenburg noted there would still be a copier and workroom space available. Mr. Benton noted cable equipment is already available in that room and would not require much effort. Mr. Swauger asked about life expectancy of equipment. Mr. Bailey noted there is a lifetime guarantee on the equipment. Mr. Swauger noted he wants to be sure the Board would have a plan to replace the equipment when needed. Mr. Bailey also noted the board will be revenue generator, and some

of that money can be set aside for equipment replacement. Mrs. Booher noted she is concerned about the cost and whether revenue can be raised with the current economic climate. Mr. Dickson clarified that the software on the board itself (generic graphics) will last much longer and a module will go bad before the software. He also noted we negotiated a second module into the contract. Mrs. Booher noted that historically we have had issues with people who will run the equipment, such as in the PAC. Mr. Seigel noted that other districts have hired their students to run the studios, which has solved the commitment issues of having people to run the equipment. Mr. Swauger also noted he is concerned about hiring a teacher, this year, due to the unknown of being in school. Mr. Benton suggested perhaps we could purchase the equipment, run the program as a club and have a supplemental contract to supervise the club, and then expand the program into a class in the future. Carol Remley noted that as a substitute in the district, she thinks it is a wonderful opportunity for the district. Mr. Siegel noted that if this project was only about the scoreboard, the committee would have stopped fundraising a long time ago. Mrs. Thomas inquired about the amount spent on the scoreboard to date.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Dickson thanked Mrs. Pulley, the Board, Hilltop Securities, and our attorneys for a successful bond refunding. It has saved the district $2 million, and between the two refundings, will save over $3 million over the 25 years remaining on the bonds.

Mr. Dickson gave a presentation regarding the restart of school, and the three options of education: face to face, blended, and remote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

20-078 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Superintendent's Recommendation as presented.

a. To approve a one year renewal agreement with Four Seasons Environmental, Inc. to provide HVAC/DDC controls and technical maintenance services to the district at a cost not to exceed $51,001.60, effective 07/01/2020 – 06/30/2021.

b. To approve the purchase of equipment necessary for the installation of a broadcast studio in cooperation with alumni donors for said equipment to an amount not to exceed $50,000.

c. To approve the purchase of 352 Chrome Books at a cost not to exceed $95,315.21and to utilize Care Funding to offset the cost for said purchase.

Aye: Mr. Swauger, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Benton, Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

20-079 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations (a-e) as presented:

a. To approve April Thomson as Guidance/Student Services Secretary, effective with the 2020-2021 school year.

b. To accept the resignation of Rae Lehman, H.S. Intervention Specialist, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

c. To approve a one year contract, August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021, for Madeline Travis as High School Athletic Director/Dean of Students, at a salary of $85,000.

d. To approve the following Pupil Activity positions for employment contracts, per the terms of contract language (Appendix A), for the 2020-2021 school year, as listed, 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.

Wodecki, Summer	M.S. Cheer Coach – Football	Group IV/Step 0	1 year
Wodecki, Summer	M.S. Cheer Coach – Basketball	Group IV/Step 0	1 year

e. To approve the following Volunteer positions for the 2020-2021 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.

Davis, Jeremy	H.S./M.S. Football	Volunteer	1 year

Aye: Mr. Swauger, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Benton, Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

Item F removed from the agenda per Superintendent

20-080 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mrs. Thomas to approve the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendation (g) as presented.

a. To approve the position of Food Service Administrative Assistant, and related job description and job pay column as proposed.

Aye: Mr. Swauger, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Benton, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS

Old Business

20-081 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mrs. Thomas for the Board to approve a match of 50% of the cost up to $30,000 provided by the district for weight room equipment.

Aye: Mr. Swauger, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Benton, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

New Business

20-082 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mrs. Thomas to approve an amended resolution authorizing renovation of the weight room at an additional cost of up to $90,000.

Aye: Mr. Swauger, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Benton, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

20-083 Moved by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve a contract amendment with BSHM Architects, Inc. in the amount of $10,000 for architectural services related to the weight room.

Aye: Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Benton, Mr. Swauger, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

Mr. Swauger would like to solicit bids to enclose the hitting area for the baseball area to protect the investment.

Mrs. Thomas inquired regarding the landscaping contract which ends in December. Mrs. Pulley will provide additional documentation to Mrs. Thomas.

Mrs. Thomas also noted that she has heard complaints regarding the infield and the amount of wees. Mr. Dickson clarified that the field is being smoothed from the ruts related to the dugout installation and then the weeds will be addressed by our maintenance crew.

Mrs. Thomas inquired about senior night for the softball team. Mr. Dickson believed that Ms. Chumney had worked to schedule an event on July 28 at the new field if it is complete by then. There was a brief discussion about what needs to happen before the team can play on the field for their season.

ADJOURNMENT

20-084 Moved by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Davis to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 p.m.

Aye: Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Benton, Mr. Swauger, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

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