JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

February 24, 2020 **Work Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Work Session on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102 at the High School. Roll call was answered by Mr. Benton, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Swauger, Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Booher.

SILENT PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Lenner gave a presentation regarding Parks and Recreation District, at this point would include the Village of Johnstown, JMLSD, and Northridge LSD. Next steps would be for the Village and both schools to pass the same resolution to form the district and the district runs from there.

Searfoss and Weight Room are tabled until March.

Custodial – Three options of how to go – continue current contract, issue request for proposals for custodial vendors, employ district custodians; discussed the pros and cons of each, also possibility of having the contract and supplementing with an employee. Board suggested hiring 3 employees, one in each building, for the kitchen and then for quality control of the custodial vendor.

Joe Robertson on Hilltop Securities presented regarding a potential refunding of the remaining bond. Markets fluctuate, but he believes there are savings to be had in refunding what is left after the 2016 refunding. A resolution to move forward will be presented to the Board at the March 9th meeting.

Power backboard lifts for MS gym – 4 boards would cost $11,054, 6 boards would cost $15,609; Board consented to move forward with all 6 lifts. Additionally, our inspection came back and the MS bleachers failed. Board needs to start thinking about what we want to do with this.

Cornell School trees – quote to replace 6 trees $4,050. Board agreed to move forward with the replacement.

Energy savings program – Four Seasons study $26,000 for each building (elementary and high school). Discussed whether it was worthwhile to invest the money for the potential, but unknown, savings. Consensus was to not pursue the program at this time.

Parking lot and crosswalk painting – Discussion of adding new crosswalk striping in a few places and re-striping parts of the parking lot. Mr. Dickson also brought up there have been requests for some type of speed bump to slow traffic. Mr. Swauger explained that speed bumps are not effective but presented a solution of narrowing the road with bump outs. Everyone was in agreement to explore this option.

Field turf maintenance – Maximum cost per year per our landscape company would be $15,297. This would be to keep the grounds looking nice as well as softer and safer. Board suggests doing the Adams Street old stadium field to clean it up to see how the process will work.

Bemiller fence – Mrs. Bemiller is looking for the easement she believes the Board granted in the 1970's.

Stadium and facility recognition pavers – Board reviewed drawings that had been previously done. Discussion was to go out 10-12 feet instead of 16 and go wider. Mr. Dickson will follow up with architect to redraw. Cost would be just under $20,000.

Coach Craig/victory bell – Key Cuts has offered to donate the labor portion of the bell. Board would rather fix the base and keep the current design instead of the "J" design.

NEW BUSINESS

Project Lead The Way – The administration would like to implement PLTW in the middle school due to some unanticipated staffing changes and being a great opportunity to get the right person for this project.

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20-026 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Swauger to authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer, in conjunction with the Board, to implement Project Lead The Way Curriculum in the Middle School effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20-027 Moved by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Davis to move into Executive Session at 9:31p.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: Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Benton, Mr. Swauger, and Mrs. Booher
Motion carried.

President declares board out of Executive Session at 10:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

20-028 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mrs. Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

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

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Treasurer President