JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

April 13, 2020 **Regular Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, April 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS/AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Missi O'Brien asked about the level of work with the students; she's concerned it was too much. Mr. Dickson explained that we are still tweaking the process and it is a challenge to find the balance. He also stressed that this work will be graded, and students should take it seriously. Ms. O'Brien also asked about graduation requirements. Mr. Dickson explained we are looking into ways to carry out graduation plans and that once we know if the school closure is extended past May 1, we will be able to figure those plans out. Mrs. Booher also indicated that parents can contact the teacher or the principal with any specific concerns.

Tina Kirkpatrick Heil complimented the district on the job everyone is doing in such a short amount of time.

Mindy Brooks asked if teachers are reaching out to parents if the students are falling behind on work. Mr. Dickson indicated that principals and teachers are monitoring the work, and that teachers should be doing that. Principals confirmed that this should be happening.

Michelle Jeffries asked if students will be held responsible for programs that are not loading or working correctly. Mrs. Smith noted that in her experience so far, if the program is not working, it is typically due to a filter or other setting on the user's end. She encouraged Mrs. Jeffries to reach out to her with specific concerns.

Yvonne Rose asked if any information had been found out about refunds for New York or Washington, D.C. trips. Mr. Dickson answered that Mrs. Ortman will be sending a letter regarding the New York trip, but that refunds to parents will be dependent on the company receiving the money back from the establishments. Mrs. Almendinger noted that the D.C. trip vendor will likely be issuing refunds the first week in May and that the non-refundable portion should be covered by fundraising amounts.

Alejandra Davis asked if the number of sites will be consolidated. It can be overwhelming the number of websites that need to be accessed for the students. Mr. Dickson explained that we currently do not have a single platform, and that it would be time consuming and costly to do at this point, so we are using the platform we have available. Mr. Dickson does empathize with Ms. Davis's concern.

Mrs. Smith noted that fifth grade camp refunds will be forthcoming as well. The school is working with the Treasurer's office on how that process will work.

Shawna Gerhart asked if prom and other events are being cancelled or postponed. Mr. Dickson and Mr. Busenburg indicated that the process to cancel prom has been started, but it is still under consideration. Mr. Busenburg noted that other Licking County schools are likely to cancel the events as well.

Kathy Benton respectfully asked the Board to thank the administrators, teachers, and staff. As a teacher in another district, she sees many others struggling with reacting to the pandemic. Our district has been amazing, timely and effective with reactions in these situations. The entire board concurred. Mr. Busenburg also thanked the parents and students and how quickly they have all adapted to this sudden shift in education.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

a. To approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 Regular Session Meeting.
b. To approve the March, 2020 Treasurer Report.
c. To approve the following donations:

Charlene Dietzel – In memory of Mike Shull	Donation for Scoreboard	$20	High School

Brent and Terri Fetters	Donation for Scoreboard	$100	High School
William and Kathleen Lattig	Donation for Scoreboard	$25	High School
Charles and Patricia Kessler – In memory of Mike Shull	Donation for Scoreboard	$200	High School
Chuck and Ruth Ann Booher – In memory of Mike Shull	Donation for Scoreboard	$100	High School
David Houck	Donation for Scoreboard	$500	High School
Tim Mann	Donation for Scoreboard	$500	High School
David and Pat Denman – In memory of Mike Shull	Donation for Scoreboard	$100	High School
Jodi McKnight – In memory of Mike Shull	Donation for Scoreboard	$200	High School
Carl and Gail Dufford – In memory of Mike Shull	Donation for Scoreboard	$50	High School
David Chapman	Donation for Scoreboard	$500	High School
Daniel Almendinger	Donation for Scoreboard	$100	High School

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

ESTIMATED RESOURCES:

General Fund	$34,781,533.10
Special Revenue	$1,722,182.60
Debt Service	$3,850,411.35
Capital Projects	$6,657,057.36
Enterprise	$1,136,428.18
Agency Funds	$138,240.40
Private Purpose	$92,025.62
Total	$48,377,878.61

PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS:

General Fund	$19,436,935.10
Special Revenue	$1,076,971.02
Debt Service	$1,913,075.00
Capital Projects	$4,197,089.67
Enterprise	$709,936.74
Agency Funds	$118,524.00
Private Purpose	$56,955.00
Total	$27,509,486.53

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20-035 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Treasurer's Recommendations as presented.

Discussion after the motion: Mr. Swauger thanked all the donors and how impressive it is how everyone has pulled together. Mrs. Thomas concurred.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Dickson wanted to take a moment to thank Michael Cartwright and the food service staff who have been outstanding in their effort to provide food to our students (last service was to 179 students). He also thanked the principals and their efforts to address the needs of each student in the district. He thanked the teachers for rising to the occasion, creating a meaningful curriculum for our students. He also thanked the Board for their support.

We are continuing to look at the drainage issues at the softball fields, and that work will continue, weather permitting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

a. To approve agreement resolution to reorganize the Licking Area Computer Association (LACA) as a regional council of governments as presented in Attachment A.

b. To approve a five year copier/printer lease agreement with Woodhull, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.

d. To approve summer overnight Varsity Basketball Camp, June 14, 2020 – June 16, 2020, contingent upon status of COVID-19 pandemic orders from the State of Ohio allowing such activity, and with contingency that students would be reimbursed if the trip is cancelled.

e. Approve summer overnight Varsity Football Camp, July 18, 2020 – July 20, 2020, contingent upon status of COVID-19 pandemic orders from the State of Ohio allowing such activity, and with contingency that students would be reimbursed if the trip is cancelled.

f. To authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to proceed with the immediate replacement of Middle School Gymnasium bleachers at a cost not to exceed $140,000 due to the failing condition of the bleachers.

20-036 Moved by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Benton to table item c.

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

20-037 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve items a, b, d, and f of the Superintendent's Recommendations.

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

Discussion after the motion: Mrs. Thomas inquired about the copier lease with the virtual environment. Mr. Dickson explained that we did investigate a three year lease, but the cost was $12,000 more annually.

Discussion ensued regarding overnight trips. Ms. Chumney suggested adding a note that approval is contingent upon students being able to be reimbursed if the trip is cancelled.

Regarding the bleachers, Mr. Dickson clarified that this is to replace all the bleachers in the middle school, as our bleachers did not pass inspection. Mr. Swauger asked if this would change our seating capacity. Mr. Dickson noted that he was clear with the vendor that we did not want to lose seating, but the bleachers may lose a row to move them back from the sidelines.

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

a. To approve the following days of unpaid leave for Lindsey Bevier:
March 6, 2020 – March 13, 2020

b. To approve the renewal of limited contracts for the following administrators as listed:

1.	Elementary Principal, Marcie Wilson	3 Year
2.	Psychologist, Sidra Ayoub	2 Year
3.	Middle School Dean of Students, Jeff Rings	3 Year
4.	Special Services Coordinator, Kelly Byers	2 Year
5.	Food Services Coordinator, Michael Cartwright	3 Year

20-038 Moved by Mr. Swauger, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Superintendent Recommendations as presented.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Swauger provided social distancing guidance with the fireworks committee and the

Independence Day celebration, but they do not plan to move forward. They are leaning toward food trucks.

Oversight committee will be putting in owner representative contract and proposal has been

submitted to attorney for review regarding the Searfoss project and weight room.

Mr. Swauger provided an update for JYAA plans.

ADDITION BOARD BUSINESS/REPORTS

a. Old Business – Mrs. Pulley clarified that $293,909 had been donated toward the scoreboard.

ADJOURNMENT

20-039 Moved by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Swauger to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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

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Treasurer President