JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS

November 8, 2021 **Regular Session**

The Johnstown-Monroe Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, November 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School Media Center, and live streamed via the District's Facebook and YouTube accounts. Roll call was answered by Mr. Benton, Mrs. Booher, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Thomas, and Mr. Swauger.

SILENT PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS/AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Jack Thomas – Mr. Thomas spoke regarding the lack of transportation for his grandson, and his disappointment in this issue. Mr. Thomas noted other specific districts who provide transportation for special needs students.

John Thomas – Mr. Thomas noted that Mrs. Arbogast and Mrs. Smith are to be commended for their efforts in working with his son. Mr. Thomas noted that he had lost his job and his wife's job is at risk due to the requirements of transporting their son. He requested the Board reconsider the decision on impracticality.

Jessica Ryan – Mrs. Ryan spoke regarding the intermediate school. She noted the fourth grade team supports moving the fifth and sixth grades to the intermediate school and leaving the fourth grade students at Johnstown Elementary.

Chuck Booher – Mr. Booher spoke as a taxpayer in the district. He noted that any time there is a one to two million dollar expenditure contract, it should be bid out.

Jim Hill – Mr. Hill asked if there was any update regarding the lawsuit with the Village. Mr. Dickson responded it is in the court's hand and he is aware of no changes since last reported. Mr. Hill asked if the Board voted on the lawsuit. Mr. Dickson noted the Board discusses pending litigation in executive session as allowed by law. Mr. Swauger noted that the Board was willing to pay the $94,000 as quoted by the City originally. Mr. Hill also asked the Board to consider the implications of the potential requirements of possible universal pre-kindergarten.

Daryl Wernette – Mr. Wernette thanked the Board for the extensive discussion regarding the intermediate building. He noted the final decision to include fourth graders was confusing. He questioned the financial impact of flexing the fourth grade to the intermediate school immediately. He does believe that planning should begin now for then the fourth grade will move to that building.

Marianne Derenberger – Mrs. Derenberger first thanked the Board for serving and for allowing electronic viewing. She noted she was taken aback by the recent decision of the Board to not listen to the recommendations of Mr. Dickson and Mrs. Seibel. She asked about recess, and how teachers would be able to use resources for students who need interventions, and how specials would look. She is also concerned about splitting a class. She is asking the Board to revisit this issue.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

21-096 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the following Treasurer's Recommendations:

a. To approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021 Regular Session, and October 25, 2021 Work Session agendas
b. To approve the September, 2021 Treasurer's Report
c. To approve Permanent Appropriations and Certificate of Estimated Resources for FY 2021 as follows:

ESTIMATED RESOURCES:

General Fund	$35,362,184.01
Special Revenue	$2,977,326.17
Debt Service	$4,075,905.24
Capital Projects	$5,572,878.63
Enterprise	$1,398,452.53
Agency Funds	$118,305.25

Private Purpose	$100,672.30
Total	$49,605,724.13

PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS:

General Fund	$21,141,045.00
Special Revenue	$1,614,444.57
Debt Service	$2,032,000.00
Capital Projects	$1,480,000.00
Enterprise	$1,000,925.00
Agency Funds	$53,250.00
Private Purpose	$41,855.00
Total	$27,363,519.57

d. To approve Policy 6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants
e. To approve the Five-Year Forecast
f. To approve the following donation:

Hexion, Inc.	Misc. Office Equipment	$550	District

g. To approve the following items to be removed from inventory, sold, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Ohio Revised Code:
17 Charging Carts
180 Folding Chairs with 6 Carts
12 Smart Boards
12 Computer Desks
1 Window AC Unit
1 Ban Saw
1- 4 Drawer Lateral File
2 Stainless Steel Tables
1 Radial Arm Saw
30 Electronic Hard Roll Towel Dispensers
1 Adjustable Group Table
2 Kent Euroclean Floor Machines
15 Various Fire Extinguishers

Discussion after the motion: Extensive discussion regarding the five-year forecast and what was included regarding the intermediate school.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Dickson noted that the community will soon be receiving a bulleted update regarding student achievement from last year, which is exceptional.

The Licking County Health Department is working to create vaccine clinics for children age 3-11 for those who choose to get them. Information to go out to parents very soon.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

21-097 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Thomas to approve the following Superintendent's Recommendations, (a. and c.) as presented:

a. To approve the health insurance renewal and rates with MMO via the Ohio School Benefits Cooperative (OSBC) for calendar year 2022.

c. To approve the following resolution:

Resolution to Expand Employment of Substitute Teachers

Pursuant to Ohio Senate Bill 1

WHEREAS, the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District Board of Education ("Board of Education") anticipates that the District may experience difficulty obtaining substitute teachers during the 2021-2022 school year amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority granted in Section 4 of Senate Bill 1, which was enacted by the 134th General Assembly and became effective as an emergency

measure on October 28, 2021**,** the Board of Education may establish its own education requirements for individuals to serve as substitute teachers in the District during the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to temporarily adopt modified education requirements for substitute teachers in accordance with the law during the current school year as a measure to help ensure availability of a sufficient number of substitute teachers.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District Board of Education as follows:

SECTION I
The Board of Education temporarily authorizes the employment of substitute teachers who do not hold post-secondary degrees, as is otherwise required pursuant to Ohio law and regulations, including Ohio Revised Code 3319.226 and 3319.30, Ohio Administrative Code Section 3301-23-44, and/or Board Policy 3120.04 - Employment of Substitutes, during the 2021-2022 school year. In addition to fulfilling the educational requirements adopted by the Board of Education, an individual must be of good moral character and must have completed all required criminal background checks, as well as obtained a valid non-renewable temporary substitute teaching license issued by the Ohio Department of Education to serve as a substitute teacher in the District.

SECTION II

It is found and determined that all formal action of this Board concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

21-098 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Thomas to approve Superintendent's Recommendation (b.) as presented:

b. To approve an overnight field trip for the Senior Class to Atlanta, GA, departing on March 9, 2022, and returning on March 12, 2022, under the supervision of Tamara Ortman and other approved chaperones.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

21-099 Moved by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Booher to move into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. for the purpose of:
(6) Matters to be kept confidential by federal laws or rules or state statues;

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

President declares Board out of Executive Session at 9:33 p.m.

21-100 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the following Superintendent's Recommendation (d.) as follows:

d. Declare impractical transportation for Caleb Thomas to Oakstone Community School in Columbus, Ohio for the 2021-2022 school year, as requested by the parent, due to excessive cost.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

21-101 Moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Thomas to approve the following Superintendent Recommendations as presented:

a. To approve the following Classified position for the 2021-2022 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.

Owens, David	Part-time Maintenance/Max 16 hrs./week	Classified/Maintenance Tech/Step 5	1 yr

b. To approve the following Pupil Activity positions for employment contracts, per the terms of contract language, for the 2021-2022 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. These approvals are also contingent upon there being enough student participants to justify said positions for each sport or group as determined by the Board. Should requirements not be met, this offer of employment will be considered null and void.

Edmister, Danielle	M.S. Basketball Cheer Coach	Group IV/Step 0	1 yr
Houlihan, Christopher	Reserve Boys Basketball Head Coach	Group II/Step 0	1 yr
Rivard, Wayne	H.S. Softball Coach	Group II/Step 0	1 yr
Shaffer, Brad	8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Group III/Step 0	1 yr
Taylor, Jim	7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Group III/Step 0	1 yr

c. To approve the following Volunteer position for the 2021-2022 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. These approvals are also contingent upon there being enough student participants to justify said positions for each sport or group as determined by the Board. Should requirements not be met, this offer of employment will be considered null and void.

Thomas, Scott	H.S. Varsity & J.V. Volleyball	Volunteer	1 yr

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Davis will be attending policy meeting on Friday.

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS

New Business – Mrs. Booher suggested the district look at substitute teacher rates to see if we can be more competitive.

ADJOURNMENT

21-102 Moved by Mrs. Booher, seconded by Mrs. Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

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

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Treasurer President