

Regular Session (Monday, November 13, 2023)

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Members present

Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Meeting called to order at 5:06 PM**1. Opening of Meeting**

Procedural: A. Silent Prayer

Procedural: B. Pledge to the Flag

Procedural: C. President Calls on Treasurer to Take Roll

Procedural: D. Reading of the Notice of the Meeting

2. Presentation of the Agenda

Procedural: A. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Dr. Wagner requested the following changes to the agenda:

- 1) Consent H - Greg Wentzel **change** to step 1, not step 2
- 2) **Move** presentation #4 to #3 - Veteran Graduation before public remarks

Motion by Anne Thomas, second by Ruth Ann Booher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: B. Resolution #23-11-159 - Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion by Anne Thomas, second by Ruth Ann Booher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

3. Presentations

Action: A. Resolution #23-11-160 - Veteran Graduation

To approve military graduation for James W. Metz, Jr., who would have graduated with the Johnstown-Monroe High School Class of 1964, but who left school at the age of seventeen to serve in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Motion by Anne Thomas, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

4. Presentation of Prepared Remarks by the Public

Information: A. Public Remarks

Bonnie Nunley - speaking on behalf of LifeWise Steering Committee of Johnstown. Speaking because current policy that would allow LifeWise is being final approved as rescinded. Asked Dr. Wagner to utilize this current policy and allow LifeWise to continue implementation. Asked Board to not approve the recession of policy. Stated they have over 400 signatures of support.

Cindy Reed - Asked board to table vote on policy 5233 and partner with LifeWise to pilot the program. Requested to hear from each board member as to why they wouldn't support. Asked to comment why the reason to rescind policy.

Ashley Pugh - Shared had a difficult childhood and how much she would have enjoyed and benefited from a character building program like LifeWise.

Pastor Ben Schweirman - At New Covenant. He was a compulsive liar, until he learned the bible contained all of the messages he needed to learn. Shared about the four literary merits of the Bible.

Pastor Tom Tucker - Grew up in dysfunctional family like everyone. Failed 1st, 3rd and 5th grade. He was old enough to drive in 7th grade. Family wasn't Christian but everyday at school programs were God-centered. Talked about the

foundation of our country, ruled by church and founded on biblical principals.

Pat Hollis - Lifelong resident, 5 generation of graduates. When she was in school no activities on Sunday and Wednesday. Realized things have changed but good education is always important as is good Christian background. Some children do not have that blessing.

Alice Main - Proud Johnnie, thanked Board because it is a hard job. The world is on fire, riots on campus and city streets. Benefit of LifeWise outweigh challenges so at least offer this program as an option to participate for parents of children. Parents send their children to school and it's a schools obligation to give children the best opportunities.

Jerry Brobeck - Resident speaking with love in is heart. Jesus was a disrupter. Society is actively taking God out of school leading to lack of morality. Each Board member stated a pledge under God. School accepted responsibility to honor the pledge just made to honor unto God. Stated vote is a public profession to stand with Jesus or with the world and will be recorded by God.

Beth Eddy - Resident and 40 year Chemistry teacher. Sent letter to each board member explaining the activities that are all free. Would like interaction with LifeWise, talk with other schools that allow LifeWise, asked to change schedule to hold vote until after talking with LifeWise.

Jenna Hochanadel - LifeWise is an amazing opportunity for students to grow in God's faith. Lifewise will provide opportunity in schools and give time back in their schedule.

Barry Dunn - Enjoys the students and as Vietnam vet not accustomed to speaking but represents ideals of our nation, as life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. In that spirit, appeal to what is legal and morally right to allow LifeWise to implement at the school. LifeWise has a reputation of respect for sensitivity of principles.

Gabby Meadows - Immigrant from Germany at age of 13, and the country she came to was freedom but that has changed. Was a bus driver for 30 years. loved her precious cargo. Now children are bombarded with adversity and confusion.

Dea Block - 4 children attend Johnstown in 1988. Believes if LifeWise had been in school, her children would have had a better experience. Kids could be helped with LifeWise .

Jill McDonald - Was disappointed that at last board meeting, board voted to rescind policy. Expressed it is a vote against character and morals. Board has taken the choice away from parents. When schools started years ago it was learning how to read the bible.

Carol Raines - Parents love the schools and want best education to become productive citizens with additional opportunity to learn of God's love. Request for children to grow, learn and thrive with a God enriched LifeWise program.

Kyle Springer - Associate pastor, married with 4 children. Understands the decision before the board and says will affect people for generations to come. At some point, each person will stand before God to account for their life. Allowing LifeWise in school is best decision and encourage Board to allow it.

Ms. Miranda Stroud - Why rescind? Why take away parental choice? Why take away opportunity to grow good humans? Northridge, New Albany and Granville schools permit it so why not build a good foundation before children hit the hard middle school years?

Laura Brockway - Kids are lacking something and LifeWise is an important part to provide guidance and support to children.

Deb Whitt - Encouraged board to hear and act upon all the testimonies offered to support of LifeWise .

Ms. Howard - Mom of 4 children, was active duty nurse and recognizes the mental health crisis in our country. Stress is so high but LifeWise can provide encouragement, values and interest of others to prepare them for success.

Information: B. Update: Branding - Dr. Wagner

5. Discussions

Discussion: A. Board Committees

2023 Board Committee Appointments

Committee	Board Member	Board Member	Meeting Date
Buildings, Grounds & Safety	Anne Thomas	Ruth Ann Booher	TBD
Communications	Ruth Ann Booher	Tim Swauger	TBD

Curriculum	Amanda Davis	Anne Thomas	TBD
Finance	Alan Benton	Ruth Ann Booher	11/06/2023
Insurance	Anne Thomas	Ruth Ann Booher	11/08/2023
Policy	Amanda Davis	Alan Benton	11/06/2023
Strategic Planning/Econ. Development	Tim Swauger	Ruth Ann Booher	TBD
Technology	Alan Benton	Amanda Davis	TBD

Finance Committee - Alan Benton reported

Insurance Committee - Anne Thomas reported

Policy Committee - Report by Amanda Davis, examined tobacco use, volunteers and safety standards

6. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): A. Resolution #23-11-161 - Approval of Consent Agenda
Resolution: To approve consent agenda.

To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): B. Monthly Financial Report

Resolution: The Treasurer recommends that the Johnstown-Monroe Local Schools Board of Education approve the October 2023 Monthly Financial Report.

To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): C. Board Meeting Minutes

Resolution: The Treasurer recommends that the Johnstown Monroe Local Schools Board of Education approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Date of Meeting	Type of Meeting
October 9, 2023	Regular Session
October 23, 2023	Work Session

To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): D. Approval of Home Instruction

Resolution: To approve 30 minutes of home instruction per day missed, for a Johnstown Middle School student, between November 6, 2023 and December 15, 2023, not to exceed 15 hours.

To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): E. Resolution to Make Provisional Changes to Board Policies and Administrative Guidelines and Forms to Comply with HB 33

Resolution: To approve resolution to Make Provisional Changes to Board Policies and Administrative Guidelines and Forms to Comply with HB 33, due to change from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW).

To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): F. Resignations

Resolution: To accept the following Resignations.

Embaugh, Donette	Paraprofessional - Elementary Computer Lab	Effective October 28, 2023
Veal, Sherri	Paraprofessional - Elementary Library	Effective November 20, 2023

To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): G. Classified Employment

Resolution: To approve the following Classified Employment.

Callicoat, Jennifer	Paraprofessional - Elementary	Classified/Step 0	October 30, 2023
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To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): H. Pupil Activity Employment - 2023-2024

Resolution: To approve the following Pupil Activity Employment for 2023-2024.

Fuleki, Andy	Wrestling - M.S. Head Coach	Group IV/Step 0	2023-2024
Shaffer, Brad	Basketball - Girls 8th Grade Head Coach	Group III/Step 2	2023-2024
Sims, Christopher	Basketball - Boys Freshman Head Coach	Group III/Step 0	2023-2024
Triplett, Mike	Softball - JV Head Coach	Group III/Step 4	2023-2024
Wentzel, Greg	Softball - 7th Grade Head Coach	Group IV/Step 1	2023-2024

To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): I. Volunteers - 2023-2024

Resolution: To approve the following Volunteers for 2023-2024.

Furr, Rachel	Club Swimming Coach	2023-2024
Hayes, Debbie	District Volunteer	2023-2024
Queen-Albright, Eryn	Softball - High School	2023-2024
Wood, Jamie	Softball - Middle School	2023-2024

To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): J. Club Sport - Swimming

Resolution: To recognize Swimming as a sport for the sole purpose of student participation in OHSAA Tournaments at no cost to the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District. This recognition is being granted with the expectation that students and adults participating in this club activity conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Johnstown-Monroe Local Schools Athletic Code of Conduct.

To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

7. Action Agenda/Treasurer Recommendations

Action: A. Resolution #23-11-162 - Donations

To approve the following donations:

Jeffrey Breece	Monetary donation for the Amy Bullard Memorial Scholarship	\$300	High School
The Mary E. Babcock Foundation	Monetary donation for the Battle of the Books	\$1,250	Intermediate School
Johnstown Community Members	Monetary donation for the Amy Bullard Memorial Scholarship	\$2,930	High School
Kathleen Snapp	Monetary donation for instructional supplies for Mallory Hamilton's classroom	\$150	Elementary School
Jennifer and Chad Mauger	Monetary donation for the Amy Bullard Memorial Scholarship	\$820	High School
Joe Mortellaro - Owner McDonalds Johnstown	Monetary donation for Athletic Department	\$250	High School

Motion by Alan Benton, second by Anne Thomas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: B. Resolution #23-11-163 - Five Year Forecast

The Treasurer recommends that the Johnstown-Monroe Local Schools Board of Education approve the Five Year Forecast and further authorizes the Treasurer to submit the forecast to the Department of Education and Workforce as required by law.

Motion by Alan Benton, second by Ruth Ann Booher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

8. Action Agenda /Superintendent Recommendations

Action (Consent): A. Resolution #23-11-164 - Trademarked Brand Family and Brand Locker for the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District

Resolution: To approve the trademarked Brand Family and Brand Locker for the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District.

To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: B. Resolution #23-11-165 - Facility Use Fee Reduction Request- Johnstown Men's League

To approve a Facility Use Fee Reduction Request for the Johnstown Men's League to use the middle school gym at a rate of \$40.00/hour, for the 2023-2024 school year.

Request for Reduction of Fees - Johnstown Men's League.png (244 KB)

Motion by Anne Thomas, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: C. Resolution #23-11-166 - Senate Bill 210

Phil Wagner explained and invited discussion

Action: D. Resolution #23-11-167 - Demolition of the Former Board Office Building

To authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract for the demolition of the former board office building located at 441 S. Main St., and for related site work to ensure the site is buildable at the conclusion of the demolition, not to exceed \$22,000.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: E. Resolution #23-11-168 - Second Reading Revised Policies

To approve the second reading and authorize the following revised policies.

2271	College Credit Plus Program
2340	Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips
5111.02	Educational Opportunity for Military Children
5464	Early High School Graduation

Motion by Amanda Davis, second by Anne Thomas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: F. Resolution #23-11-169 - Second Reading Rescinded Policies

To approve the second reading and rescission of the following policies.

0169.1	Public Participation at Board Meetings
5223	Absences for Religious Instruction
5336	Care of Students with Diabetes
8400	School Safety

Motion by Amanda Davis, second by Alan Benton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action (Consent): G. Resolution #23-11-170 - Second Reading Replacement Policies

Resolution: To approve the second reading and authorize the following replacement policies.

0169.1	Public Participation at Board Meetings
5336	Care of Students with Diabetes
8400	School Safety

To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Ruth Ann Booher, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: H. Resolution #23-11-171 - First Reading Revised Policies

To approve the first reading of the following revised district policies.

5310	Health Services
5516	Student Hazing

Motion by Anne Thomas, second by Ruth Ann Booher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: I. Resolution #23-11-172 - First Reading Rescind Policies

To approve the first reading of the following rescinded district policies.

0141.2	Conflict of Interest
1530	Evaluation of Principals and Other Administrators
3120.09	Volunteers
4120.09	Volunteers
3215	Tobacco Use Prevention (Professional Staff)
4215	Tobacco Use Prevention (Classified Staff)
5113.01	Intra-District Open Enrollment
5512	Tobacco Use Prevention (Students)
7434	Tobacco Use Prevention (School Premises)

Motion by Anne Thomas, second by Amanda Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: J. Resolution #23-11-173 - First Reading Replacement Policies

To approve the first reading of the following replacement district policies.

0141.2	Conflict of Interest
1530	Evaluation of Principals and Other Administrators
8120	Volunteers (replaces 3120.09 and 4120.09)
3215	Tobacco Use Prevention (Professional Staff)
4215	Tobacco Use Prevention (Classified Staff)
5512	Tobacco Use Prevention (Students)
7434	Tobacco Use Prevention (School Premises)

Motion by Anne Thomas, second by Ruth Ann Booher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

Action: K. Resolution #23-11-174 - First Reading New Policies

To approve the first reading of the following new district policies.

0131.1	Technical Corrections
1615	Tobacco Use Prevention (Administrators)
9700.01	Advertising and Commercial Activities

Motion by Amanda Davis, second by Ruth Ann Booher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Alan Benton, Ruth Ann Booher, Amanda Davis, Tim Swauger, Anne Thomas

9. Board Comments

Information: A. Board Comments

Anne Thomas attended the varsity show and remarked on the wonderful talent of the students.

Anne and Tim Veterans Day Assembly on Friday - thanked everyone, veterans and kids alike enjoyed the show of patriotism. A very good turn out.

10. Superintendent Comments

Information: A. Superintendent Comments

City of Johnstown did vote on the compensation agreement.

Next board meeting is 11/27 work session and asked to move to 29th and approve the compensation agreement

Board agreed to meet at 4pm on Wednesday Nov. 29th

Thanked Mrs. Ortman for making change to class trip to accommodate seniors

Bringing back math curriculum to close specific gaps.

Thanked Mr. McDonald for outstanding work with Veterans Day program.

Varsity show was excellent last Friday and very well done.

Bus routes considering opt in vs opt out option. Thanked Mr. Busenburg

Monroe Township reached out about compensation agreement. Noted-Township agreements are different.

Thanked Mrs. Lowe.

Dr. Wagner clarified why he missed the second parent meeting on June 4th and it was due to his father's illness and subsequent death.

11. Meeting Closing

Action: A. Resolution #23-10-175 - Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Booher, second by Mrs. Thomas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Mr. Benton, Mrs. Booher, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Swauger, Mrs. Thomas

Board President

Treasurer