

Regular Board Meeting (Monday, January 9, 2023)

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Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM**1. Opening of Meeting**

Procedural: A. Silent Prayer

Procedural: B. President Calls on Treasurer to Take Roll
All present

Procedural: C. Pledge to the Flag

Procedural: D. Reading of the Notice of the Meeting

2. Presentation of the Agenda

Procedural: A. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Action: B. Resolution #23-01-008 - Adoption of the Agenda
Dr. Wagner asked for executive session for personnel and legal at end of meeting.

Remove use of facilities (7a)

Change amount of compensation to \$85 per meeting, with no cap

Motion to Adopt the Agenda.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

3. Presentation of Prepared Remarks by the Public

Information: A. Public Remarks

4. Presentations

Information: A. Update: May, 2023 Levies - Kim Pulley

Information: B. District Spotlight - Dr. Wagner, Craig McDonald
K-12 students presented to the Board in honor of Board Appreciation Month.

Information: C. Update: Curriculum Instruction

Dr. Wagner gave a brief update on our curriculum and how the district progresses throughout the years.

Information: D. Update: Board Policies

Dr. Wagner briefly introduced several policies that will be discussed during the January work session.

Policy #5223 - Absences for Religious Instruction

Policy #5611 - Due Process Rights - Students

Policy #9130 - Public Complaints

Policy #9150 - School Visitors

AG #2520A - Selection of Instructional Materials and Equipment

AG #8470 - Sex Offender Notification

5. Discussions

Discussion: A. Board Committees

6. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): A. Resolution #23-01-009 - Approval of Consent Agenda

Resolution: To approve consent agenda.

Motion by Mrs. Thomas, second by Mrs. Davis.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Action (Consent): B. Treasurer's Report

Resolution: To approve the November, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Action (Consent): C. Advances

Resolution: To approve the following Advances to close the month of December due to ODE having not yet completed final approval of grants.

001-0000 General fund to 507-9023 ARP ESSER for \$10,000.00

001-0000 General fund to 516-9123 ESSER State Activities for \$170,704.39

001-0000 General fund to 516-9023 IDEA for \$32,135.90

001-0000 General fund to 572-9023 Title 1 for \$38,406.93

001-0000 General fund to 590-9023 Title II-A for \$9,393.94

001-0000 General fund to 599-9023 Title IV-A for \$1,021.40

Action (Consent): D. Board Meeting Minutes

Resolution: To approve the Board of Education Meeting minutes, as presented.

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Action (Consent): E. Permanent Appropriations and Certified Estimated Resources

Resolution: To approve Permanent Appropriations and Certificate of Estimated Resources for FY 2023.

ESTIMATED RESOURCES	
General Fund	\$38,359,280.61
Special Revenue	\$2,608,364.55
Debt Service	\$4,313,939.24
Capital Projects	\$12,254,143.66
Enterprise	\$1,585,637.06
Custodial Funds	\$8,276.48
Private Purpose	\$110,074.78
Total	\$59,239,716.38
PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS	
General Fund	\$22,926,950.00
Special Revenue	\$1,302,269.01
Debt Service	\$2,132,000.00
Capital Projects	\$6,623,409.18
Enterprise	\$913,275.00
Private Purpose	\$32,300.00
Total	\$33,930,203.19

7. Action Agenda /Superintendent Recommendations

Action: A. Resolution #23-01-010 - Request for Reduction of Fees for Facility Use

Motion to approve requests for reduction of fees for facility use.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, Johnstown Elementary Gym, January 29, 2023, \$0

Motion by Mrs. Davis, second by Mrs. Booher.

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

Abstain: Alan Benton

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Action: B. Resolution #23-01-011 - Board Compensation

To approve Board Compensation of \$85.00 per meeting, not to exceed the maximum amount permitted by O.R.C.

Motion by Mrs. Thomas, second by Mrs. Davis.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Action: C. Resolution #23-01-012 - Renewal of Income Tax Levy

Motion to approve the Resolution Requesting Certification of Alternative Tax Rates For a Renewal Income Tax.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION
OF ALTERNATIVE TAX RATES FOR A RENEWAL INCOME TAX
(Ohio Revised Code Section 5748.02)

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5748.02 authorizes school districts to impose voter-approved income taxes upon their residents; and

WHEREAS, the School District is currently levying a 1.00% per annum, five-year income tax approved by the voters of the School District on May 8, 2018 (the "Existing Income Tax") for the purpose of providing for the current operating expenses of the School District, with the last year of collection of the Existing Income Tax being in 2023; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity to raise additional School District revenue must be passed and certified to the Tax Commissioner for the State of Ohio (the "Tax Commissioner") in order to permit the Board to consider the renewal of an income tax and to preserve the right to submit the question of levying such a renewal income tax to the electors of the School District at the election to be held on May 2, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, Licking and Delaware Counties, Ohio, a majority of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. The Board determines that it is necessary to renew the Existing Income Tax at the May 2, 2023 election to raise annually the additional sum of \$4,689,754 for the purpose of providing for the current operating expenses of the School District (the "Income Tax") for a period of five years.

Section 2. The income that shall be subject to the Income Tax is the taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.01(E)(1)(a) and (2).

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to immediately certify a copy of this Resolution to the Tax Commissioner, not later than January 20, 2023, together with a request that the Tax Commissioner determine and certify to the Board the property tax rate that would have had to be imposed by the School District in the current year to produce the amount of money set forth above and the income tax rate that would have had to have been in effect for the current year to produce the amount of money set forth above.

Section 4. All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Action: D. Resolution #23-01-013 - Emergency Levy Renewal

Motion to approve the Resolution of Necessity for the Renewal of an Emergency Tax Levy.

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR
THE RENEWAL OF AN EMERGENCY TAX LEVY
(Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.194 - 5705.197)

WHEREAS, the School District currently has in existence an emergency tax levy to raise \$2,200,000 per year for a period of five years, approved by the voters of the School District on November 6, 2018, and first placed on the tax list and duplicate in 2019 for collection in years 2020 through 2024 (the "Existing Levy"); and

WHEREAS, the revenue that will be raised by all tax levies that the School District is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues, will be insufficient to provide for the emergency requirements of the School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, Licking and Delaware Counties, Ohio, a majority of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to renew all of the Existing Levy, which is a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District. The amount of money necessary to raise for that purpose is \$2,200,000, for each calendar year that the millage is in effect. Such renewal emergency levy shall be in effect upon the entire territory of the School District for a period of five years and shall include a levy upon the 2024 tax list and duplicate (commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025), if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 2. The question of renewing the Existing Levy shall be submitted to all of the electors in the entire territory of the School District at the election to be held on May 2, 2023. All of the territory of the School District is in Licking and Delaware Counties, Ohio.

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to immediately certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Licking County, Ohio with instructions to calculate and certify to the Board the current total taxable value of the School District and the annual levy, expressed in mills for each \$1 of taxable value, as well as in dollars for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, that will be required to produce the amount of the renewal levy set forth in this Resolution throughout the life of the renewal levy.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

8. Board Comments

Information: A. Board Comments

9. Superintendent Comments

Information: A. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Wagner thanked all who helped get the band safely back from Disney with the poor weather, including Mr. Jenney, Mr. Busenburg, Mr. Snyderman, and Mr. Brickner. Mrs. Thomas also thanked the community who assisted in getting ready for the band return as well.

Dr. Wagner also updated on the General Miles Estate and the partnership with Johnstown and the Greater Park and Rec District as well as the Licking County Park Board.

There was also a brief update on lacrosse. The district intends to post an anticipated coaching position before the MOU is finalized with the JEA.

The district will ask a few parents and staff to examine the beta website, with hope for a launch in February.

10. Executive Session

Action: A. Resolution #23-01-014 - Request for Board to move into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. for the purpose of:

#1. Consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, or official;

#4. Discussion with the Board's legal counsel, of disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action;

Motion by Mrs. Davis, second by Mrs. Thomas

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Board President declares Board out of Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

10. Meeting Closing

Action: A. Resolution #23-01-015 - Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Benton, Mrs. Thomas

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

Board adjourned at 7:35 p.m.