



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SUMMARY
Dec. 11, 2023

Johnstown High School senior and JHS Cross Country Team Member Reece Savage was celebrated during the December Johnstown-Monroe Board of Education Regular Session Meeting for recording her second career-best results at the OHSAA State Cross Country Meet on Nov. 4, 2023.

Reece earned a 31st place finish at the D-II State Cross Country Championships on Nov. 4. That event also marked Reece's fourth competition at the State Meet level. Additionally, Reece was selected LCL Cardinal Division Cross Country Runner of the Year.

Athletic Director Robbie Brickner and Cross Country Coach Kevin Hickman presented Reece with her LCL plaque and a letter of recognition from the District.

[\(VIDEO HERE\)](#)



(From left) Kevin Hickman, Reece Savage and Athletic Director Robbie Brickner.

Ohio Model United Nations Program Advisor Kevin Barnhard and participating JHS students made a presentation to the Board of Education regarding their recent participation in the Ohio Model UN Program in early December.



Advisor Kevin Barnhard and Model UN participants address the Board.

Johnstown-Monroe Schools Superintendent Dr. Philip H. Wagner shared an overview of the "Compensation and Economic Development Incentives Agreements" recently reached with the City of Johnstown.

Watch for a forthcoming District news release further explaining these agreements.

While school district officials are very pleased to have secured the agreements with the City, there is

still much to be done to ensure sufficient development-driven revenues are directed toward paying for the enrollment impacts such developments are expected to produce, according to J-M Superintendent Dr. Philip H. Wagner.

To that end, Johnstown-Monroe officials are also working to reach similar compensation agreements with the three Townships (Monroe, Liberty and Jersey) within the district's boundaries.

Dr. Wagner also announced a \$250,000 Intel Sponsorship Pledge that will allow Johnstown-Monroe to enhance STEAM education services and instruction, including the high school Engineering Pathway and Robotics Program within the District. A separate announcement about this pledge will be available in January 2024.



Intel issued the following statement regarding the pledge: “Intel is proud to be innovating and investing in Ohio. With this \$250,000 grant from the Intel Foundation, we are excited to support the important work the Johnstown Monroe School District does to educate and invest in our community’s youth. We look forward to sharing more in the new year about our collaboration with the school district.”

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with C-TEC to launch a Multi-Skilled Technician Program within Johnstown High School to serve as a satellite learning location for Western Licking County students.

The program will allow Johnstown High School to host “via C-TEC” juniors and seniors for concentrated instruction in four major trade areas: construction and carpentry, electrical, plumbing and “neutral controls, such as HVAC,” Dr. Wagner said. “We might add another area or two, but we will start with those.” Watch for a forthcoming District news release further explaining the new partnership.

While the District will provide space within the high school for the program, there is no other associated cost to Johnstown-Monroe, the Superintendent said.

In other business, the Board continued its focus on revising, rescinding and/or replacing a number of outdated Board Policies spanning such areas as Tobacco Use Prevention, Intra-District Open Enrollment, Evaluations of Principals and Administrators, and process for filling board vacancies, among many other such policies.

In his monthly comments, Dr. Wagner updated the board on residency verification efforts, the demolition of the former Board of Education office to make way for a new District office that is projected on the same Main Street site, as well as holiday offerings within and without the schools featuring Johnstown-Monroe student performances, including the JES/JIS Annual Christmas Art Show.