



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SUMMARY
May 13, 2024

Johnstown High School student Katie Culbertson was officially honored for winning the “Licking County Soil & Water Conservation District 2024 Poster Contest” on May 13, 2024.

The recognition was made during the Regular Session Johnstown-Monroe Board of Education May meeting, and also included a check presentation by Conservation District Program Administrator Kristy Hawthorne.

Johnstown-Monroe is continuing to build on its base of pathways for graduating high school students dubbed the “Three E’s” (*Enrollment, Employment or Enlistment*) with the expansion of more trade training opportunities.

The establishment of a new electrical trades program in partnership with C-TEC that will launch at Johnstown High School in the coming school year received enthusiastic Board of Education support.

The new offering is in addition to a Johnstown-Monroe and C-TEC Multi-Skilled Technician training satellite within Johnstown High School announced in January of this year.

The board also voted to approve the adoption of a new science curriculum materials for grades 4-8 (Amplify) and 9-12 (McGraw Hill and Savvas Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology). The new science curriculums will launch with the 2024-25 school year.

In other business, the Board approved a new technology services contract, as well as an agreement with Licking Memorial Health Systems for nursing services. Approval was also given for a one-year rollover of an athletic training services agreement with OhioHealth.

The latest state-required five-year forecast was adopted by the board. It was stressed the forecast has been affected by recently revised construction timetables announced by Intel that are expected to result in similar delays in the form of projected payroll tax revenues to the district.

Among approved resignations was that of Johnstown Middle School (JMS) Principal Kris Almendinger, who is retiring at the end of the present school year. A video tribute was paid to Mrs. Almendinger during the meeting.

Current JMS Dean of Students Nick Hancock has been approved to succeed Mrs. Almendinger as new JMS Principal.

The board also approved the hiring of Christian Grove to become Johnstown High School’s new dean of students. Mr. Grove comes to Johnstown from neighboring Licking Heights Local Schools.



Katie Culbertson and Kristy Hawthorne of the Licking County Soil & Water Conservation District.

During his closing comments, Superintendent Dr. Philip H. Wagner made note of Johnstown Elementary's recent awarding of "Purple Star School" status for its outstanding support of American Veterans and local military families. He said the district's other three schools will be applying for similar consideration later this year.