



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SUMMARY
January 22, 2024

Johnstown-Monroe students representing grades K-12 paid tribute to District Board of Education Members on January 22, 2024, in celebration of School Board Appreciation month.

Students, administrators, and educators shared STEAM Innovation Center Creations, as well as interactive math and reading exercises with board members. Some video highlights of the January 22 tribute may be viewed [HERE](#).

J-M Board of Education President Tim Swauger was honored for his 10 years of service as a J-M District Board Member. Mr. Swauger was presented with a certificate noting his achievement by Mark Bobo, Director of Member Relations for the Ohio School Boards Association.



Mark Bobo and J-M Board President Tim Swauger.

Superintendent Dr. Philip H. Wagner provided a mid-year “State of the Schools Summary.” In addition to noting encouraging recent State Report Card data and high marks for all four district schools including, Johnstown Elementary which received a five-star rating, Dr. Wagner also spoke about mathematics focus underway, K-12, and a similar science instruction focus soon to come.

Dr. Wagner discussed a number of significant private-public partnerships, including those with Intel and Meta that are enhancing equipment and learning spaces within all four school buildings’ innovation/STEAM labs.

Compensation agreements now in place with the cities of Johnstown and New Albany were briefly reviewed by Dr. Wagner, who noted similar agreement discussions are underway with the trustees of the three townships within the district’s boundaries: Jersey, Liberty, and Monroe.

Development compensation and enrollment control are critical District goals as the region faces increased commercial and residential development prospects.

On the subject of growth and looking to the future, Dr. Wagner said plans are being shaped for an addition to Johnstown High School that is expected to be in service by Fall 2025.

During the meeting’s comments section, Dr. Wagner also briefly previewed an “Education and Workforce Forum” to be held in the District’s Performing Arts Center on February 26. That same evening, a ribbon-cutting is planned at Johnstown High School to celebrate the school’s new STEAM innovation center.

Dr. Wagner also provided a reminder of a [“Kindergarten Parent Information Night”](#) scheduled for 6:30-7:15 p.m. on February 27 at Johnstown Elementary School.