



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SUMMARY
Jan. 8, 2024

The Johnstown-Monroe Board of Education held its first two meetings of 2024: A Jan. 8 organizational meeting, immediately followed by a Regular Session BOE meeting.

Judge Andrew J. King of the Ohio Court of Appeals Fifth District conducted the oath of office for three incumbent board members re-elected during the November 2023 election: Alan Benton, Amanda Davis, and Anne Thomas.

Tim Swauger and Amanda Davis were once again elected Board President and Vice President, respectively. The Board of Education also approved its schedule of 2024 meeting dates and agreed upon this year's BOE Committee assignments.

During its first Regular Session Board Meeting of 2024, the Board accepted an annual donation of \$50,000 from Technical Rubber Company for the Frank H. Chambers Stadium Project.

The Board is continuing a comprehensive review and updating of District policies. The January meeting again included board approval or second readings of new or replacement policies, as well as other policies the Board voted to rescind because they are outdated.

Johnstown-Monroe Wrestling Coach Mike Jackson provided a program update. Having struggled in the past to attract sufficient numbers of participants, under Coach Jackson's leadership the program has experienced notable growth in participation, including several female student athletes joining the team.

Coach Jackson shared a number of recent tournament achievements; several wrestling team members also directly addressed the Board.

Board members praised Jackson for his success in rebuilding the district's wrestling program.

Superintendent Dr. Philip Wagner said meetings will be conducted in the coming weeks regarding the wrestling program and possible next steps to further build upon recent successes.



Judge Andrew King swearing-in Board Member Alan Benton.



Judge King and Board Member Amanda Davis.



Judge King and Board Member Anne Thomas.

In other business, Dr. Wagner updated the Board on continuing efforts to establish a City of Johnstown, Alexandria, and Granville (JAG) Water and Sewer Consortium, a cooperative viewed as critical to effectively meeting looming development pressures while managing the school district's enrollment.

The District also continues to closely watch a potential mixed-use development dubbed "The Four Corner's Project," and essentially positioned in the approximate area of the intersections of Ohio Routes 37 and 310.

The Superintendent also shared a thank you letter from the Monroe Township Fire Department in gratitude for being granted the right to use the former District Office on Main Street for several days of training before the building was demolished to make way for a new District Office possibly to occupy the same site.