

School Board Meeting – August 17, 2021

Regular Session

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – 7:00 P.M.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of School Trustees of the John Glenn School Corporation met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on August 17, 2021 at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Dan Drotar, Jared Egger, Bill Groves, Dennis Holland, Ryan Knowlton and Christian Mattix. Bob Borlik was absent. There were six observers present.

DONATIONS & FUNDRAISERS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

- Walkerton Elementary School Donations
 - Walkerton Tri-Kappa Misc School Supplies

- John Glenn High School Donations
 - A & M Home Services \$200 Cross Country
 - JGHS Faculty Gift Fund \$25 Wrestling/in Memory of Ronald Brown Sr.
 - Town of Walkerton \$300 Band
 - Meridian Title Company \$500 Falloween
 - Vermillion Systems \$250 Falloween

- John Glenn School Corporation
 - Barton Coe Vilamaa \$550 Administrative Workshop

Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve donations listed above and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – August 3, 2021 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 997 - 1057
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

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| a. Donia Hudgen | Student Council and SADD Club Sponsor, Urey Middle School |
| b. Christine Corbett | Before and After Care Aide, John Glenn School Corporation |
| c. Darlene Borton | Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation |
| d. Keri Burns | Bus Aide, John Glenn School Corporation |
| e. Dana Lentz | Custodian, Walkerton Elementary School |
| f. Donna Erickson | Cafeteria Staff, Urey Middle School |

Appointments/Transfers

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| a. Sarah Chapman | 6 th Grade A-team Volleyball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School |
| b. Katy King | 8 th Grade B-team Volleyball Coach, Urey Middle School |
| c. Rachael Dipert | Instructional Aide, 29 hours per week, John Glenn High School and Urey Middle School |
| d. Thomas Cleveland | Temporary PM Custodian, John Glenn High School |

- e. Marcie Bogunia Elementary School Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School
- f. Korissa Berg Instructional Aide, 29 hours per week, North Liberty Elementary School
- g. Kristi Rulli Nurse, North Liberty Elementary School
- h. Alissa Warner Custodian, 22.5 hours per week, Walkerton Elementary School
- i. Dyan Phillips 7th/8th Grade Team Leader, Urey Middle School

4. Approve Transfer Students

We currently have a total of 364 transfer students for the 2021-22 school year including the 15 that were approved at this meeting.

Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-4 and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

Mr. Winchell noted to the board that our ADM for the 2020-2021 school year was 1985. As of today, our current ADM is 2013. This will likely change prior to our official count day of September 17, 2021.

Mr. Winchell also made note that we appreciate our long standing employees such as Darlene Borton whom served the corporation loyally for 33 years.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Revised Purchase Price of \$109,810 for one 78-Passenger School Bus

Mr. Winchell noted that this was brought back to the Board since we do have a pre-approved Bus Replacement Plan in place, and the end cost for this bus purchase was different than what we pre-approved in a previous board meeting. Mr. Groves explained that our main goal going forward is to be consistent with what we are purchasing. As we go forward, our buses will have air conditioning, which requires an upgraded alternator. Each bus will also contain an upgraded surveillance system which includes six cameras per bus for safety improvements. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Revised Purchase Price of \$109,810 for one 78-Passenger School Bus, and Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

REPORTS

1. Director of Learning and Student Services

Mr. Tim Davis reported the following:

- Head Start is scheduled to start tomorrow. We were hoping to start at St. Pat's but unfortunately we couldn't get construction completed prior to the start of classes. We will start at NLES and WES and transition to St. Pat's as soon as it is ready. Bus routing has been completed, classrooms are all set up and staff is ready to welcome students tomorrow. We currently have 30 students enrolled for full day classes. Traditionally we have had approximately 30 students for half-day classes. We have met our goal of doubling the Head Start services provided to our community by providing about 30 full-time enrollments. Our next goal is to transition to St. Pats. We look forward to giving an updated report at the next meeting.
- Boys and Girls Club has been operating since day one of school. All of our current Before & After employees have been trained by the Boys and Girls Club. This week was the official start of the STRIVE program. The issue we have run into, is that so many parents want to enroll their students. There are currently 64 students enrolled at Walkerton Elementary and over 70 enrolled at North Liberty Elementary, which is more than we ever imagined, or have served previously. As such, Boys and Girls

Club is working to increase its capacity by using additional classrooms, and hiring more workers. We have never had to turn students away from before or after care services but unfortunately, we've had to create an overflow room this year until Boys and Girls Club gets more staff hired and trained. Mr. Winchell added that although we will never turn a student away, we've had great interest in the program. Boys and Girls Club has very strict guidelines in regards to staff to student ratios. We will provide an overflow room so that no families are left without services. Boys and Girls Club is willing to expand as we can provide them with more space and they are working to hire some Junior Counselors.

2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell noted the following:

- Building Projects – We are working through some punch list items and working to get the controls set at NLES. Weights and Measures will be performed by an outside entity as outlined at the beginning of the project to check functionality. As we have previously stated tonight, we were getting very close to the start of school, and there were those who doubted we would be ready in time. Thanks to the very hard work of all of our maintenance/facilities teams, and our great construction partners, we were very prepared to welcome students back to campus.
- Fuel Project – Still moving forward. Mr. Otis, who is one of Mr. Kaminski's legal partners, is working with the Town of Walkerton to finalize the inter-local agreement. We have the blueprints noting where the concrete should be poured, and the facilities team is getting quotes for this project.
- Solar – We briefly discussed how much savings we have to date. Data details were provided to each Board Member and will be included online for review. This is a guaranteed energy savings project which in very simple terms means that once our guaranteed timeframe begins, they will cut us a check for any shortfalls of energy production. This project comes with a 20 year warranty on equipment and energy guarantee. As of today, we have produced approximately \$25,000 worth of energy since March 13, 2021.
- COVID Update – There are very strong recommendations from the health department to move to a mask mandate and at this time, I can report that we have had three staff members and two students who have tested positive, which does not equal a large outbreak. We have been great stewards and great partners with the local health departments and I shared with them that we have concerns that they are strongly recommending that we move to a mask mandate, but they haven't made the official mandate themselves. If they believe there needs to be a mandate, they need to make the mandate. Until that time, we will continue to monitor on a daily basis, and if we have what we feel is a local outbreak, we will adjust accordingly. At this time, 5 positive cases does not indicate an outbreak. It is our responsibility to do what is best for students and staff and it is also our responsibility to represent what our collective constituency wishes to see happen, i.e. protecting parental choice. Mr. Knowlton asked with these 5 cases, how many students/staff did we have to quarantine due to close contact, and additionally, how many did not have to quarantine due to being vaccinated. Of the three staff members who have tested positive, a potential three close contacts were identified, two of those were vaccinated, so only one had to quarantine. With the two positive students, a potential 45 close contacts were identified, 14 were vaccinated resulting in a total of 31 students placed on a 10 day quarantine.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

Monday, August 23, 2021	NLES Open House	4:30-6:00pm
Monday, September 7, 2021	No School	Labor Day

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that the ISBA Fall Conference is coming up. Please let Kristan or I know if you want to attend so that we can get early bird pricing. He also noted that we are also entering into the Collective Bargaining season, and the Budget Season, so that we may need to meet in Executive Session a few times over the next few months. We have also discussed a ribbon cutting ceremony at NLES for the Solar Project but although we don't feel we need to mandate mask wearing for our students and staff, we still need to be sensitive to the fact that we are still in the middle of a pandemic. It is our goal to keep student programs going, and to keep our kids in school, so at this time, with the permission of the Board, we would like to hold off on any sort of public ceremony.

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 7, 2021 John Glenn Admin Building 7PM

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bill Groves called the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

PRES. _____

SECY. _____
