

School Board Meeting – August 3, 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 3, 2021 at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Dan Drotar, Jared Egger, Bill Groves, Dennis Holland, Ryan Knowlton and Christian Mattix. There were 15 observers present.

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

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| ➤ Walkerton Elementary School Donations | | |
| ○ Walkerton Tri-Kappa | \$200 | For school supplies |
| ○ Lisa Patton, Main Street Reality | | School Supplies |
| ○ John Glenn Education Foundation | \$1000 | toward the book vending machine |
| ➤ John Glenn High School Donations | | |
| ○ American Legion Post 365 | \$100 | Band |
| ○ CH Builders/Brian Vandall | \$300 | Cross Country |
| ○ O’Connor Delivery Service | \$500 | Cross Country |
| ○ Town of North Liberty | \$100 | Band |
| ○ Tom and Bryan Foundation | \$600 | Bryan Verkler Memorial Scholarship Fund |
| ○ 1 st Source Bank | \$1000 | Falloween |
| ○ Boldt Enterprises/McDonalds | \$500 | Falloween |
| ○ John Small Insurance | \$500 | Falloween |
| ○ Justin Time Plumbing | \$250 | Falloween |
| ○ Kabelin Ace Hardware | \$100 | Falloween |
| ○ KFC Plymouth | \$250 | Falloween |
| ○ LS Distributing Inc. | \$50 | Falloween |
| ○ McKesson Title | \$100 | Falloween |
| ○ Modern Door | \$50 | Falloween |
| ○ Palmer Funeral Homes | \$100 | Falloween |
| ○ Salyer Realty | \$100 | Falloween |
| ○ Tangles Salon | \$100 | Falloween |
| ○ Ultra Manufacturing | \$100 | Falloween |

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 seven to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – July 20, 2021 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 855-996
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations
4. Approve Transfer Students

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Deb Weller 1st Grade Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School
- b. Kristi Parsons Instructional Aide, John Glenn High School
- c. Staci Singleton 6th Grade Volleyball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- d. Courtney Dubie Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- e. Ami Mappes Nurse, North Liberty Elementary School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Andy Buss 7th Grade Team Leader, Urey Middle School
- b. Lauren Cooper ½ Math ½ Language Arts Teacher, Urey Middle School
Assistant Girls Track Coach, Urey Middle School
- c. Kessa Carlson Cafeteria Staff, 13.75 hours per week, North Liberty Elementary School
- d. Richard Snyder Language Arts Teacher, John Glenn High School
- e. Autumn Lamont Elementary Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School
- f. Stevie Jackson Instructional Aide, 29 hours per week, Walkerton Elementary School
- g. Kim Philson Instructional Aide, 35 hours per week, Walkerton Elementary School
- h. Jessica Luddington Transfer from 29 to 35 hours per week Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
- i. Nancy Buford Transfer from 35 to 29 hours per week, Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
- j. Heather Nimon Head Girls Track Coach, Urey Middle School
- k. Tim Martsolf Assistant Football Coach, Urey Middle School

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 seven to zero.

Mr. Goewert, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Manering took the opportunity to introduce their new staff members, Ms. Lauren Cooper, Mrs. Autumn Lamont and Mr. Richard Snyder.

Mr. Winchell noted that we are currently in the process of reviewing our transfer student process to confirm we are following our board policy. More information will be available as we work to redefine this process. Mr. Winchell also added that as we have previously discussed, we are using CARES Act money to add additional staff. Ms. Cooper is one of these positions. It was also noted that we currently have a record enrollment at Urey Middle School, with 177 seventh graders enrolled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Resolution to Approve the Transfer of the John Glenn School Corporation's Retired Buses to the Walkerton Lincoln Fire Territory Board (Fire Department)

Mr. Winchell noted that we do not always get good return value when we trade in school buses, so we keep them and use them for parts. Once they are completely parted-out, we then donate them to the fire department so they can use them for training purposes. We will hold a bus driver training later this week using one of these buses, and demonstrating just how quickly they fill with smoke in the event of a fire. They will also use a fire extinguisher to put out a small fire. Mr. Winchell credits Mr. Groves for setting up this training and organizing the donation of the buses. All titles will be transferred to the Walkerton Lincoln Fire Territory Board and the buses will be removed from our insurance coverage. Mr. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve the Transfer of the John Glenn School Corporation's Retired Buses to the Walkerton Lincoln Fire Territory Board (Fire Department), and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

2. Approve Revised Calendar

Mr. Winchell reminded the board that we have started a new practice to approve calendars 18 months in advance. When we originally approved the calendar for the 2021-2022 school year, it was prior to adjusting commencement to Friday night. After the great feedback we received following the 2021 graduation, we decided to permanently change commencement to an outdoor ceremony held on Friday evening, with plans to move the ceremony into the gymnasium in the event of inclement weather. Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve Revised Calendar, and Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell noted the following:

- The second annual Back to School Bash was held Saturday, July 31st in downtown Walkerton. It was a great success thanks to many local community business and the local churches. Over 200 backpacks filled with school supplies were handed out to students in a manner of 4 hours. Lisa Patton, Main Street Realty and Walkerton Presbyterian Church helped spearhead this event.
- STRIVE – As our before and after care program has grown, we have somewhat struggled with staffing, and keeping it self-sustaining. The Boys and Girls Club recently reached out to see if we would be interested in partnering for not only before and after care services, but also a learning loss recovery program called STRIVE. STRIVE is an after school program that specifically addresses learning loss in students K-12. The Boys and Girls Club will hire our current employees and will directly bill each family for services. If students sign up for the STRIVE program and commit to attendance, their afternoon services will be provided for free. Traditional before and after school care will be provided by Boys and Girls Club as well, for a charge. The fee is about a dollar more per day, per session. There will be full-time and part-time options. This program will still be available at both Walkerton and North Liberty Elementary Schools and they will work with students who are involved in sports and other extra-curricular activities.
- Building Projects – we are continuing to make great progress on the projects, but they will be right up to the wire wrapping things up. Maintenance teams are working hard at the two buildings to get them clean and put back together for students and staff. We will be ready for students on the 11th. All things considered, we are still pretty close to our original timeline and on budget.
- Head Start Expansion – We had a great meeting with our teammates at St. Pat's. We are working through the details to get a formal MOU agreement so that we can work full steam ahead. Renovations will not be completed prior to the first day of Head Start classes, so we will have to begin at Walkerton Elementary, and transition to St. Pat's.
- Tennis Courts – we have some cracked tennis courts that need attention. We are working to have them prepared.
- LED Lighting – I am very proud of our team. They have been installing older LED lights in areas where they are needed. JGHS and both elementary schools will have LED lights throughout, with UMS to come soon.
- As an update to the start of the year and COVID protocols, I have shared with you a draft of a letter that I plan to share with parents reminding them of the expectations regarding mask wearing etc. You may remember that back on July 23rd, we approved our preliminary back to school plan. Based on the CDC guidelines, and direction from the state and local health departments:
 - Vaccinations will be strongly recommended, but not required
 - Masks will be strongly recommended, but not required with the exception of on the bus

- We will continue to contact trace, observe social distancing and sanitize high traffic areas
This plan was discussed with the teachers union and they were in agreement. We will need to be realistic that we may need to pivot back to wearing masks if necessary.
- A question was asked why not mandate masks, particularly for children under 12. Mr. Winchell noted that we believe in local control, and at this point, we believe the best scenario is for parents to decide what is best for their children. We will make an adjustment if positivity rates call for it. It won't be popular, but we will do what is best for kids.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Knowlton asked if we have updated data regarding our electric savings due to the solar project at NLES. As of late July, we have saved approximately \$20,000. We will have updated data by the next meeting.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

Urey Middle School Open House – August 3, 2021 – 6:30-7:30 PM
 Walkerton Elementary School Open House – August 9, 2021 5:30-7:00 PM
 First Teacher Day – August 9, 2021
 First Day of School – August 11, 2021

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 17, 2021 John Glenn Admin Building 7PM

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bill Groves called the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
