

School Board Meeting – May 16, 2023 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 May 16, 2023, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Christine Carson, Jared Egger, Ryan Knowlton, Christian Mattix and Carissa Smith. Todd McGaughey was absent. Superintendent Christopher Winchell and 22 observers were present.

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

Walkerton Elementary School

- Donations
 - Walkerton Tri-Kappa \$400 Visiting Author to WES
 - John Glenn Education Foundation \$50 Visiting Author to WES

North Liberty Elementary School

- Box Tops for Education \$33
- John Glenn Education Foundation \$1000 Robotics Worlds Trip
- Teacher Credit Union \$1000 Robotics Worlds Trip
- Falcon 500 \$50 PE Field Day Ice cream
- Falcon 500 \$50 3rd Grade Shirts

Urey Middle School

- Falcon 500 \$100 Student Incentives
- Walkerton Tri Kappa \$400 Student Activities
- Walkerton Tri Kappa \$50 Transition Day
- John Glenn Education Foundation \$1280 8th Grade Field Trip to Air Zoo

John Glenn High School:

- Donations
 - Anonymus \$1000 Girls Basketball
 - Anonymus \$200 Boys Golf
 - Falcon 500 \$50 HOBY Leadership Conference
 - Falcon 500 \$100 Chicago Shakespeare Trip
 - John Glenn Education Foundation \$1140 Chicago Shakespeare Trip
 - John Glenn Education Foundation \$5000 Falcon Mascot Costume
 - Various Cash Donations at Events \$140.10 Falcon Mascot Costume
 - Walkerton Tri Kappa \$50 Aerial
 - \$50 Art
 - \$50 Band
 - \$50 Choir
 - \$50 Theatre
 - \$50 Yearbook
 - \$50 Academic Super Bowl
 - \$50 Prom

Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve the above named donations and fundraisers, and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public made comment at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – May 2, 2023 – Regular Session
2. Approve Vouchers 4/27/2023 through 4/30/2023 in the amount of \$711,074.03
3. Approve Employee Recommendations

Appointments

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| a. Morgan Adams | Choir Teacher, John Glenn High School and Urey Middle School
Vocal Music Director, John Glenn High School and Urey Middle School |
| b. Heather Haas | Science Teacher, John Glenn High School |
| c. Kimberly Keller | School Psychologist, John Glenn School Corporation |
| d. Kurt Foster | Girls Golf Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School |
| e. Brian Laskowski | Department Chair for the Building Trades, John Glenn High School |
| f. Troy Spencer | Summer School Teacher, John Glenn High School |

Mr. Winchell noted that we did have an additional employee recommendation that was added after the Board Packet was sent out last week. By statute, we are permitted to add personnel recommendations to our consent agenda once our agenda has been posted. Since we usually meet twice a month, this is not something we typically do but due to this being a hard to fill position, we are excited to get this position filled tonight.

Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 – 3 and Mrs. Christine Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

Mr. Winchell and Mr. Manering took an opportunity to introduce our new teammates that were present.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Overnight Field Trip Request – Football Camping Trip

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that it takes board action to approve overnight field trips. We are excited that the football coaches want to take on this team building activity and fully support this request. Mrs. Christine Carson made a motion to approve Overnight Field Trip Request – Football Camping Trip and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

2. Approve Purchase above \$75,000 – Front End HVAC Controls for John Glenn High School by Havel for \$134,020

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that when we have done the last few projects, we have had to replace the front end controls at both North Liberty and Walkerton Elementary Schools. Unfortunately our front end controls, which we were not initially planning on replacing yet, have had a plethora of issues and need to be replaced sooner rather than later. We do have some funds left in the 2020 GO Bond that were earmarked for other projects, but this has taken priority. We have followed the process and obtained three bids. The bid from Havel came through as the most competitive bid and will allow us to put all of our buildings on the same software which is an industry standard. While this is a little sooner than we had planned, it is still part of our overall facilities plan. Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve Purchase above \$75,000 – Front End HVAC Controls for John Glenn High School by Havel for \$134,020 and Mrs. Christine Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

3. Approve John Glenn High School Handbook

Mr. Winchell explained that student handbooks are attached loosely as board policy. When we update our handbooks, it is appropriate for our Board to approve them, similar to when we change a board policy. We typically tend to this during the summertime and approve a secondary handbook and an elementary handbook. We want to get ahead of any supply chain delays for printing of the student planners so the high school has asked us to bring this for approval early. A highlighted, redacted list of changes was provided in the board packet. Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve John Glenn High School Handbook and Mr. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

4. Ratify Decision to Withdraw from JESSE Cooperative

Mr. Winchell reminded the board that we belong to JESSE, a special education cooperative of nine different school corporations. Through that cooperative, we share expenses and services in order to provide the best experience for our students. Overtime, as schools have grown and funding has changed, some of the benefits of being in a cooperative have evolved away. Plymouth announced their intent to withdraw from the cooperative, and that started a domino effect. The JESSE Cooperative will cease to exist as of June 30, 2024. In anticipation of the cooperative dissolving, John Glenn has been making plans to provide these services on our own, or by joining with Union North whom we already share multiple services with. In an effort to provide the best services for our students and in our best interests moving forward, we needed to provide a letter to JESSE outlining our intent to withdraw from the cooperative, even if a few of the schools choose to remain together. That letter was sent on May 1, 2023 and it is appropriate for the board to ratify that decision at this time. JESSE will function normally for the 2023-2024 school year. They have hired an interim director for this closing out year. JGSC is also working with a special education consultant to do a financial analysis on how we will provide services either alone or with Union North. We will also have additional insurance and legal fees. As mentioned at the last meeting, it was noted that we should anticipate that we will have additional staffing needs while providing our own services but there will be money that we are not paying out to JESSE that we will be able to absorb into our budget to help offset these costs. Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion to Ratify Decision to Withdraw from JESSE Cooperative and Mrs. Christine Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

REPORTS

1. Director of Learning – Mr. Tim Davis

Mr. Davis reported the following:

- We are still waiting on results of our year end tests. AP scores are still pending but I-Learn scores are coming in. Preliminary results are very promising.
- The year-end activities are in full swing. It is a very busy, but fun, time of year.

2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- We are continuing to work through the bond process. We are still on schedule to have our bond sale in early June. Mr. Bendy and I will have an important S&P Rating call in the upcoming week. We have a strong rating currently.
- The Business/Operations team was able to attend the IASBO Annual Meeting last week. The team had the opportunity to attend great sessions and participate in some team building activities.
- No one else has officially resigned since our last meeting but we have heard from four additional teammates that they may not be returning next school year. It is a very busy time of year. As you know Mrs. Rummel is retiring and as Librarians have retired, we have looked closely at the requirements of having a licensed librarian on staff. We are planning to add three licensed teachers at Walkerton Elementary to help offset large class sizes, and therefore we may not hire a direct replacement for Mrs. Rummel. What we have done in the past is replace those teammates with classified staff. You remember last meeting that we approved an agreement with a dietician through the service center, they also offer similar services for the media center.
- Tomorrow is the Teacher of the Year and Retiree Reception at 3:30, the NLES 6th Grade Recognition will be the 18th, UMS Recognition is the 23rd and WES 6th Grade celebration will be on the 24th, our last day will be the 25th and then commencement will be the 26th!
- The ISTA is hosting a joint event with local legislators in Mishawaka at the Chickory Event Center on May 25th at 5:45. Please let us know if you would like to attend and we will RSVP.
- June 1st there is an ISBA Legal Conference. A few administrators will be attending and the board is always invited to attend any of these events. Let us know if you would like to be registered to attend.

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BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teacher of the Year and Retirement Celebration – May 17th – 3:30 PM – JGHS Auditorium

NLES 6th Grade Celebration – May 18, 2023 – 6:30 PM – NLES Gym

WES 6th Grade Celebration – May 24, 2023 – 6:30 PM – WES Gym

Last Day of School – May 25th!!

JGHS Commencement – May 26, 2023 – 7:00 PM – John Hostrawser Field

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 6, 2023 7:00 P.M. Admin Building Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Christian Mattix called the meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
