

School Board Meeting – August 18, 2020

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 18, 2020, at the John Glenn High School Auditorium. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Dan Drotar, Dennis Holland, Bill Groves, Christian Mattix and Curt Pletcher. There were 18 observers present in person and three virtual observers.

Public Comment

Mr. Michael Griffin addressed the Board to share his concerns with virtual learning and his desire for students to return to on-campus learning as soon as possible stating that the statistics available do not necessitate the extended closure. Mr. Mattix thanked Mr. Griffin for sharing his concerns and comments, sharing that the situation remains very fluid and difficult. Mr. Winchell will keep the Board and community updated.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Walkerton Elementary School:

The following donations were received:

- \$50 and school supplies donated by an anonymous Walkerton patron
- Donation of masks (for kids and adults), water bottles, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, lanyards and school supplies from Deb Walter
- 135 bags from Target and a discounted price for an additional 400 bags from Walmart. These bags were used to distribute items to students during Open House.

Urey Middle School Donation:

- \$200 from Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc Walkerton Epsilon Chi Chapter to be used toward Business Club Activities

John Glenn High School:

The following donations were received:

- \$125 from Falcon 500 Club for Wrestling
- \$2500 from the John Glenn Education Foundation for Scholarships
Donations to FFA received in Memory of Alan Shoemaker:
- \$50 from Richard Gumz Farms, LLC
- \$50 from Dr. and Mrs. Kerry Knape
- \$50 from John Peddycord
- \$20 from Mike and Joyce Schalliol

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Gaiter Mask/Towel Sale August 7, 2020 through August 21, 2020

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 5

1. Approve Minutes – August 4, 2020 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – 901-972

3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Ollie Frazier Head Custodian, North Elementary School
- b. Erin Sarber 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher, Track Coach, Urey Middle School
- c. Lyn Sumpter Art Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School
- d. Karen Dreibelbeis Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
- e. Dyan Phillips 7th Grade Team Leader
- f. Gabrielle Tabler Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- g. Pat Crone 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- h. Damon Groves Assistant Football Coach, Urey Middle School
- i. Kevin McCullough Assistant Football Coach, John Glenn High School
- j. Kimberly Tokoly 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Kyler Columbia 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher, Urey Middle School
- b. Gavin McNeeley 7th Grade Team Leader, Urey Middle School
- c. Matthew Pearish Transfer from Full-Time Custodian to Head Custodian, John Glenn High School
- d. Neal Rush Transfer from Full-Time Custodian, John Glenn High School to Custodian of Grounds, John Glenn School Corporation
- e. Dennis Groves Transfer from Head Custodian, John Glenn High School to Head Custodian, Urey Middle School
- f. Leigh Forkner Head Coach, JV Volleyball, John Glenn High School
- g. Kyler Columbia 7th Grade A-Team Volleyball Coach, Urey Middle School
- h. Beth Griffey 6AB Grade Volleyball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School
- i. Lexia Pearish Freshman Volleyball Coach, John Glenn High School
- j. Joe Stanley Technology (Robotics) Club Sponsor, Urey Middle School
- k. Rebecca Stephens 7B Volleyball Coach, Urey Middle School
- l. Bethany Laizure Primary Team Leader, Walkerton Elementary School

4. Transfer Student Requests

We currently have 501 Out-of-District Transfer requests for the 2020 – 2021 school year, which includes the new requests listed below.

Tristan Bryden	WES/6
Xavier Colter	NLES/K
Victoria Dunkelberger	JGHS/12
Brooke Gurnaski	JGHS/10
Lyle Hamm	WES/K
Robert Hanley	NLES/2
Anthony Knepper JR	WES/1
Averie Knepper	WES/K
Shyanne Gentry	JGHS/12
Ellie Justice	WES/K
Roman McIntyre	UMS/7
Ricky Neff	WES/6
Leonardo Dominik-Edward Pearce	WES/K
Avalou Reynolds	WES/PK
Frederick Reynolds III	WES/K
Sophia Reynolds	WES/5

5. Leave Requests for Employee number 2097

Bill Groves made a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 – 5 and Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero. Mr. Christopher Winchell highlighted the service of Mr. Ollie Frazier and Ms. Lyn Sumpter for their dedicated years of service to John Glenn School Corporation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appoint New Board Member

Mr. Ryan Knowlton was introduced as the newest Board Member to replace Mr. Jeff Johnson who retired last month. A work session was held to interview Mr. Knowlton on August 11, 2020. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the Appointment of Mr. Ryan Knowlton to the School Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Curt Pletcher. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero. Mr. Knowlton was sworn in by Mr. Nick Otis, legal counsel, and took his place on the Board.

2. Open 1028 Hearing on Proposed Renovation and Improvements

Mr. Mattix opened the public hearing at 7:25 P.M. Mr. Winchell explained the need to hold a public hearing. Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-26-7-37, a School Board must hold a Public Hearing for any proposed renovations or improvements over one million dollars. Mr. Todd Samuelson, from Baker Tilley explained the proposed financing structure and tax implications. The maximum scenario is a \$5.35 million bond with a tax implication of a little over two cents. Mr. Winchell noted that last year the corporation gave historic teacher raises, a 2% raise to all other staff, a GO bond for building repairs, increased corporation cash balances, and lowered the tax rate by seven cents. This current bond issue is expected to increase the tax rate by a little less than three cents. This would still result in a lower tax rate than two years ago. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed at 7:45 P.M.

3. Approve Project Resolution (Exhibit A)

Mr. Winchell noted that the purpose of this resolution is to establish the estimated maximum cost of the project, the projected tax impact of the project, and the time table of the project. Again, the max bond is \$5.35 million and the projected tax impact is less than three cents. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to Approve Project Resolution Exhibit A, and Mr. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

4. Approve Resolution Determining Need for Project (Exhibit B)

Mr. Winchell explained that this resolution determines the need for the project. As required by school leasing statute, the Board must make an official determination that there is a need for the project. Based on our facilities audit, master facilities plan, care and concern for students to learn in a well-lit climate controlled environment, this project is needed. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to Approve Resolution Determining Need for Project, Exhibit B, and Mr. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

5. Approve Resolution of Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures (Exhibit C)

Mr. Winchell noted that this resolution gives the Board the authority to reimburse the corporation for any costs of the project incurred prior to the bond issuance. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to Approve

Resolution of Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures, Exhibit C, and Mr. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

6. Approve Recommendation to sign a Letter of Intent to move forward with the Solar Project with Johnson Melloh Solutions

Mr. Winchell noted that in an effort to conserve energy and reduce energy expenses in the future, the Board is seeking placement of a solar array at North Liberty Elementary School. This action item is a letter of intent that will allow Johnson Melloh Services to begin mobilizing materials to begin this project before winter. Mr. Bill Groves made the motion to Approve Recommendation to sign a Letter of Intent to move forward with the Solar Project with Johnson Melloh Services, and Mr. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

7. Approve Purchase over \$25,000 for PPE Supplies - \$25,810.38 from Fastenal

Mr. Winchell explained that any purchase over \$25,000 is brought before the Board for special approval. This request is for the purchase of kits containing a personalized mask and hand sanitizer for each student and staff member as well as a “basket” of supplies for each employee. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to Approve Purchase over \$25,000 for PPE Supplies - \$25,810.38 from Fastenal, and Mr. Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

8. Approve Land Donation to the Town of North Liberty for the Stellar Trail Project

Mr. Winchell explained to the Board that the Town of North Liberty has been working on expanding their “Stellar Trail Project”. There are two parcels of land they would like to acquire from the school corporation, known as Parcel 6 and Parcel 12. Ms. Katie Repp, Repp Real Estate Services, LLC, was present to represent the Town of North Liberty and answer any questions. Mr. Winchell recommended that the Board donate the land in question to the Town of North Liberty. After brief discussion, Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to Approve Land Donation to the Town of North Liberty for the Stellar Trail Project, and Mr. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- A Back to School Bash was held on August 8, 2020 and 150 bags of school supplies were handed out to local children. Businesses in the community provided free and discounted items for students who participated. Special thanks was given to Main Street Reality, First Presbyterian Church Thrift Shop, Walkerton United Methodist Church, Rusty Razor, Holy Scoops Ice-cream, 1st Source Bank and the Corner Cup Café.
- Open houses were held at all four schools the week of August 10, 2020. Each building did a phenomenal job allowing students to meet their teachers and distributing textbooks and supplies, while maintaining a safe social distance. It was great to see staff together welcoming their students.
- Virtual Staff Meetings were held in the high school auditorium on July 30th. August 3rd and 4th, Mr. Andy Stegmiller and his team held multiple trainings for staff. Mr. Stegmiller and his team were commended for a great job making sure all staff were prepared for the start of the year.
- During his COVID update, Mr. Winchell noted a successful start to our fall activities with continued podding/cohorting of students. Students are wearing masks and being screened each

day. Staff has been following protocols for when students are symptomatic. The Corporation has been fortunate to have no new positive cases.

- Back to School Plan: From an operational standpoint, the Corporation will be ready to welcome students back to school in our Yellow/hybrid phase by August 31st. Mr. Winchell continues to meet with the John Glenn Education Association and local health departments to monitor stats from both St. Joe and Marshall Counties. Students who are enrolled in CTE programs and the Building Trades Program are returning to in person learning, as well as some of the Special Education/Life Skills Classes.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 1, 2020 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Christian Mattix called the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
