

# **School Board Meeting – September 1, 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 September 1, 2020, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Dan Drotar, Dennis Holland, Bill Groves, Ryan Knowlton, Christian Mattix and Curt Pletcher. There were 6 observers present in person and one virtual observer.

### REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Due to the resignation and appointment of Board Members, restructuring is necessary to complete the current term which ends December 31, 2020.

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| VICE PRESIDENT | William Groves |
| SECRETARY      | Bob Borlik     |

Mr. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve the reorganization of the Board and Mr. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Urey Middle School Donation:

- \$114 from Play It Again Sports for the Athletic Department

John Glenn High School:

The following donations were received:

- \$100 from Iron Muscle & Fitness for Cross Country
- \$100 from David and Tara Vermillion for Cross Country
- Donation to FFA received in Memory of Alan Shoemaker:*
- \$20 from Jack and Marka Jackson

Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the above named donations. Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 5

1. Approve Minutes – August 18, 2020 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 972-1034
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

There are no Retirements/Resignations at this time.

Appointments/Transfers

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| a. David Kitchell | Speech and Debate Sponsor, John Glenn High School            |
| b. Tim McLochlin  | Agriculture and FACS Department Head, John Glenn High School |
| c. Mallary Ayala  | Special Education Department Head, John Glenn High School    |
| d. William Morton | Freshman Class Sponsor, John Glenn High School               |
| e. Kelly Stanley  | Art Teacher, North Liberty and Walkerton Elementary Schools  |

- f. Greg Smith                      Transfer from Head Custodian, Urey Middle School to Head Custodian, North Liberty Elementary School
- g. Erika Stewart                   Spanish Interpreter, ELL Instructional Aide, John Glenn School Corporation

4. Transfer Student Requests

There are currently 506 Out-of District Transfer requests for the 2020-2021 school year which includes the new requests listed below.

- Olivia Bertrand                    WES/4
- Molly Campion                    WES/5
- Elizabeth Rivera                  JGHS/9
- Jimena Valez Rivera              WES/1
- Brenden Tetzlaff                  UMS/8

5. Approve Administrative Leave with Pay – Employee #3032

Mr. Bill Groves made the motion to approve consent agenda items 1-5 and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Athletic Training Contract with Beacon Medical Group for \$38,000

Mr. Winchell noted that the Corporation has previously contracted Athletic Training services through St. Joseph Health Systems. Due to increased issues with St. Joe such as limited coverage during the year and limited summer coverage, coupled with the COVID loss of coverage, the Corporation investigated alternatives. Beacon Medical Group surfaced as a high quality replacement partner. Beacon will provide an Athletic Trainer, 12 months per year with extra hours as needed, access to a Licensed Physician available on our sidelines during competitions that are high risk, and the ability to hold low cost student athletic physicals for our students. Mr. Bill Kaminski, legal counsel, has reviewed the contract and approves. Mr. Bill Groves commented to the Board that it greatly lowers the Corporations liability to have an Athletic Trainer available during all events, especially summer trainings. Mr. Groves made a motion to approve Athletic Training Contract with Beacon Medical Group for \$38,000, and Mr. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote 7-0.

2. Approve Resolution Approving Form of Lease (Exhibit A)

Mr. Winchell informed the Board that the purpose of this resolution is to establish a lease to fund the potential renovations at North Liberty and Walkerton Elementary Schools as we have done in the past. Lease Financings are used by school corporations in order to borrow for renovation and construction projects. This type of financing does not count against the School Corporation’s Constitutional GO bond debt allowance and allows the Building Corporation to purchase a portion of the elementary building at the closing for at least the appraisal value. The Building Corporation then leases that portion of the building back to the School Corporation.

3. Approve Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation (Exhibit B)

Mr. Winchell explained that in order for the Building Corporation, a not-for-profit Indiana Corporation, to issue tax-exempt bonds, the IRS requires that the School Board approve the Building Corporation and

authorize it to issue tax-exempt bonds on behalf of the School Corporation. This resolution makes this possible. After a brief discussion, Mr. Bill Groves made the motion to approve Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation (Exhibit B) and approve Resolution Approving Form of Lease (Exhibit A) Mr. Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

#### 4. 2021 Budget Discussion – Mr. Tom Bendy

Mr. Tom Bendy, Corporation Treasurer was present to provide the board with a general overview of the 2021 Budget with the Boards permission. Mr. Bendy will be advertising a total of \$19,394,518 for the Education, Debt Service, Retirement/Severance Bond Debt, Rainy Day and Operations Funds. This is approximately a 1% increase over last year. The rate to be advertised is \$1.3378, but Mr. Bendy expects the rate to settle at approximately \$1.1162. A lengthy discussion was held as Mr. Bendy and Mr. Winchell answered questions from the Board. Mr. Winchell noted that it is the general effort to keep taxes similar to the previous year. It should be noted that the Corporation has borrowed as needed and not borrowed when it wasn't needed. Bonding as needed, coupled with the regularly changing Assessed Value has resulted in some changes in the tax rate overtime. Mr. Winchell further noted our rate is down \$.02 from last year.

#### 5. Approve Updated Non-Certified Staff Wage Schedule

Mr. Winchell explained that the Board generally approves the Non-Certified Staff Wage Schedule each December, but due to the COVID pandemic creating additional sanitation needs, it is appropriate for the Board to approve salaries now and in December. Mr. Winchell noted that the creation of two Floating Maintenance positions and one Groundskeeper position will allow the building custodial teams to focus on the additional sanitation needs resulting from COVID. Mr. Winchell further noted updating the Transportation Director salary to better reflect work load and responsibility. Mr. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve Updated Non-Certified Staff Wage Schedule and Mr. Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

#### 6. Review Teacher Appreciation Grants

Mr. Winchell noted that each year the School Board needs to adopt an annual policy concerning the distribution of teacher appreciation grants. This policy must remain on file with the IDOE. Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve the Review of the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy and Mr. Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

### REPORTS

#### 1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- Collective bargaining is set to begin soon. The public hearing will be held at the next meeting.
- Renovations to TCU Gymnasium at John Glenn High School continue to progress on schedule. The gym should be ready in time for the home opener of the Boys Basketball Season. North Liberty Elementary School has been successfully hosting the Urey and John Glenn Volleyball home matches.
- Mr. Winchell noted that building principals have been very intentional when filling vacant positions due to students not being on campus. It is anticipated that our ADM will drop temporarily and once it recovers, staffing should be back to normal.

- During his COVID update, Mr. Winchell noted that despite having a few Positive Cases, our protocols seems be to working very well to control the spread. It is expected that we will have additional positive cases as we begin the hybrid model and social distancing, hand washing and mask wearing will help to control it. Mr. Winchell also noted that the Back to School Plan posted on the website is being updated to reflect new guidance from the local and state health departments.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 15, 2020 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Christian Mattix called the meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

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