

School Board Meeting – February 16, 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 February 16, 2021 at the John Glenn High School Media Center. Board members present were Dan Drotar, Jared Egger, Bill Groves, Ryan Knowlton and Christian Mattix. Bob Borlik, Dennis Holland and three observers were present virtually. There were two observers present in person.

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

John Glenn High School Donations:

➤ AK Industries \$500.00 Baseball

Fundraisers:

➤ Nelson’s Port-a-Pit Softball 3/24 to 4/17/21

➤ Doughnut Sales Anti-Bully Club 2/11/21

Recognitions:

Students at all of our buildings do so many great things that we would like to share with the community. Please see a list of recognitions from each building principal on our website following each meeting.

Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve the above named donations and fundraisers, and Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 5

1. Approve Minutes – February 16, 2021– Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 118 - 194
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Kimberley Tokoly 5th Grade Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School
- b. Kelley Edelbrock Speech Language Pathologist, John Glenn School Corporation

4. Approve Student Transfer Requests

John Glenn School Corporation currently has a total of 512 transfer students including the students listed below:

Landon Garbison	WES/3
Stetson Holmes	NLES/5
Braxden McNeal	JGHS/9
Cayden McNeal	JGHS/11

5. Approve FMLA for Employee #3190

Mr. Winchell commented that both Kimberley Tokoly and Kelley Edelbrock will work through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. He commended them both for their dedicated service to the children of our community. Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 – 5 and Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve JESSE Bylaw Updates as Presented

Mr. Winchell informed the Board that Linda Holland, the Executive Director of JESSE, along with their legal counsel, has been reviewing their current bylaws. Mrs. Holland reviewed these changes with the Superintendents of the consortium at their last meeting and the final step is to have them approved by each individual school board. These changes are minimal, language updates to support how we are operating as a consortium. Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve JESSE Bylaw Updates as Presented and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

2. Approve Superintendent of Schools Contract effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024

As per Indiana Code, we have met all the legal guidelines in regards to advertising the Superintendent of Schools Contract and held our public hearing. As a reminder, this is a reciprocal contract to what Mr. Winchell currently has. He will be awarded a \$700 raise to his base pay, as well as a one-time, \$500 stipend, the same as the teachers and administrators were given. He will also receive an additional \$200 to his HSA account and contract language was added to provide health insurance benefits to his family for two years in the event of his untimely death during his contract period. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Superintendent of Schools Contract effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell noted the following:

- COVID Update – We continue to be blessed and have avoided any major outbreaks on our school campuses. Over the last few weeks we have had less positive cases and less contact tracing. This has also been seen in local and state wide data. We have recently loosened our ECA attendance protocols to allow 25% capacity at events. We were able to have a small, safe, student section at the Homecoming Basketball games last week and it was a wonderful opportunity for the students to enjoy a game atmosphere. We are continuing to monitor the situation and numbers very closely.
- Legislative Update – HB1005 is a concerning bill that revolves around school funding, school choice, vouchers and special education funding. Even if the legislative body passes an increase in education funding, we worry that the increase will be consumed by vouchers for students to attend private/charter schools, rather than public schools. Our collective perspective is that any educational institution that receives government/tax money should be required to follow the same rules regarding accountability that traditional public schools are required to follow. This means statewide standardized testing, budget oversight and approval by the DLGF, and account auditing by the SBOA. We do not support this bill due to this lack of accountability. It has already passed through the House and is on to the Senate. We may have to get in touch with our Senators and support amendments to this bill. Even if we aren't directly losing students to vouchers, we still need to be concerned that the overall education budget will be diluted by these vouchers, and any other monies siphoned off by expansions to choice outside of open enrollment. HB1367 which is about School de-annexation has passed out of the House Committee with

one major amendment to add Clarksville Schools as part of the pilot program. The next step for this bill is a full House vote.

- Construction Update – Mr. Romer provided an update to the solar project during his school recognitions that noted they are making great progress with the solar panel installation. Mr. Winchell added that we hope to be hooked up and making energy by the middle of March depending on the weather. We will be holding pre-construction meetings with Brown and Brown for the NLES/WES project as well as Morris & Sons for the Urey Roof project over the next couple of weeks. The Key Fob installation is approximately 98% completed. A few doors need additional repair before it can be 100%, these repair materials are on backorder due to COVID. Vermillion has been a great partner on this project.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Knowlton provided an additional Legislative update that the ISBA has a toolkit available to school board members in regards to HB1005. He will discuss this information with Mr. Winchell, and they will share information with the rest of the board members at our next meeting. He also noted that Senate Bill 1 is currently awaiting the Governor’s signature. This bill provides civil immunity to schools in regards to COVID 19.

Mr. Holland informed the Board that the Building Trades house has been placed on the market and encouraged any board members to take a look at the property which is located on Harrison Street.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 2, 2021 7:00 P.M. JGHS Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bill Groves called the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

PRES. _____

SEC’Y. _____
