

School Board Meeting – May 18, 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 May 18, 2021 at the John Glenn High School Media Center. Board members present in person were Bob Borlik, Dan Drotar, Jared Egger, Bill Groves, Dennis Holland, Ryan Knowlton and Christian Mattix. There were eleven observers present.

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

John Glenn High School Donations:

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| ➤ Fraternal Order of Police #155 | \$500 | Baseball |
| ➤ John Glenn Education Foundation | \$3500 | Class of 2022/Prom |

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 the meeting.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – May 4, 2021 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 533 - 592
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Andrew Stegemiller Technology Coordinator and Webmaster, John Glenn School Corporation
- b. Doug Matthys 7th Grade Girls A-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- c. Tracy Howell Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
- d. Kyler Columbia Instructional Aide, John Glenn High School
8th Grade Girls A-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
7th Grade A-team Volleyball Coach, Urey Middle School
Girls JV Assistant Basketball Coach, John Glenn High School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Brendan Walter Elementary Art Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School
- b. Kelsey Buysse Transfer from First Grade Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School to K-4 Virtual Teacher, John Glenn School Corporation
- c. Pat Crone Transfer from Guidance Counselor, North Liberty Elementary School to

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| | Remediation/Careers/Reading Teacher, Urey Middle School |
| d. Jill Hostetler | Transfer from Vocal Music Teacher, John Glenn High School to Elementary Music Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School |
| e. Donia Hudgen | Transfer from Guidance Counselor, Urey Middle School to Guidance Counselor, John Glenn High School |
| f. Patricia Giese | Secretary, John Glenn High School |
| g. Mike Alexander | Transfer from 6 th Grade Boys A-team Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School to 7 th Grade Boys A-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School |
| h. Amy Turner | Assistant Girls Track Coach, Urey Middle School |
| i. Marisa Green | 7 th Grade Girls A-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School |
| j. Alexandria Sharp | Language Arts Teacher, Urey Middle School |
| k. Korey Horner | First Grade Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School |

4. Approve Technical Corrections of Bylaws 0151, 0152, and 0155

Mr. Winchell recognized Mr. Andrew Stegemiller for his 36 years of service to our corporation. Mr. Stegemiller truly worked to perfect his craft year after year and his expertise will be greatly missed by all.

Mr. Winchell also noted that we have put a new procedure in place with the union when positions become available within the corporation. We now post open positions internally, prior to making them available to the public. This will allow teachers/staff who are properly licensed to transfer to a new position within the corporation, if said transfer is in the best interest of students. This allows for a more focused outside search for specific openings.

Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve consent agenda items 1-4 and Mr. Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Elementary Summer School Staff

Mr. Winchell informed the Board that this is the second round of hiring certified staff for summer school. Mr. Davis informed the Board that we will have approximately 175 students attending grades PK-6, including kindercamp. High school and middle school attendance will be finalized as grades are completed. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Elementary Summer School Staff as listed in the board packet and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

2. Approve Additional Summer School Staff

Mr. Winchell noted that these are the operational and support staff recommendations for this year's summer school for our teammates who work beyond the traditional school year. This list also includes summer camp recommendations for the positions in the Master Teaching Contract. Mr. Dennis Holland Made a motion to approve Additional Summer School Staff as noted in the board packet and Mr. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

3. Approve Recommendation to Create New Positions

Mr. Winchell informed the Board that there has been an ongoing conversation between the administration team and union team regarding corporation growth, the replacement of staff, and the addition of staff. There have been several years where we have not replaced certain staff members when they have left, and there have been years where we replace each person. There are two positions that we have not filled since vacated, the

Elementary Assistant Principal position that was previously held by Rebecca Cummings, and the Director of Facilities, Brad Schmeltz. With Mr. Stegemiller's recent decision to retire, it has allowed us to evaluate which positions we have currently unfilled, how we will fill them, and what positions we may want to re-engineer. We are requesting the creation of three positions, Director of Learning and Student Services, Assistant to the Food Service Department and Assistant to the Transportation Department. The Director of Learning and Student Services will be hired for a three year time span and funded through the federal CARES Act. At the end of three years, we could discontinue this position if it is cost prohibitive, but we hope to have grown enough in the three years to support this position long term. The Assistant to the Food Service Department and the Assistant to the Transportation Department will be paid through the operations account. Thus none of these positions will impact the Education Fund at this time. Details are provided in the packet and these positions will be posed. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Recommendation to Create New Positions and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

4. Approve Social Studies Materials Adoption

Mr. Chris Manering, Principal of John Glenn High School, reminded the Board that they the approved the social studies curriculum at a previous meeting. The social studies adoption committee has worked hard to choose the best materials for students and teachers. It is important to note that we carefully review and select the same materials for both elementary schools. The total cost of materials is \$113,240.81. Mr. Manering thanked the committees for their excellent work. Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve Social Studies Materials Adoption for a total of \$113.240.81 and Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

5. Approve Restroom Renovation at Urey Middle School.

Mr. Winchell requested that we table this agenda item until more detailed information could be obtained from the potential contractors. He noted that we just want to make sure we are measuring twice and cutting once. We will revisit this at a later time.

6. Approve Overnight Athletic Trips

Mr. Eric Stephens, Athletic Director, has provided all the appropriate paperwork requesting approval for several overnight athletic trips that will take place this summer for the girls' basketball team and the wrestling team. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Overnight Athletic Trips as requested and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

7. Approve Overnight FFA Trip

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that they unofficially approved this request at the last board meeting. This is the formal approval. Mr. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve the Overnight FFA Trip and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell noted the following:

- COVID – we are still seeing some local COVID activity, there was a small spike in cases at the high school, and some of this was connected to student social activity. The county health departments continue to strongly recommend vaccinations because a fully vaccinated individual does not have to

quarantine for 10 days if they are identified as a close contact. It is also their recommendation that facemasks be optional for summer school students with some very specific additional directives. We will be working through this brand new guidance with teachers and will likely have some updated protocols for summer school.

- Building Project – Tomorrow we are meeting with the entire construction team to make sure all projects are ready to go for June 1st. We will meet every other week through this project.
- CARES Act III money – We will receive approximately \$1.3 million in Federal relief money to be used over the next three school years. This money will need to be focused on educating our students. We hope to reduce some class sizes, provide push in and pull out remediation services, assess learning loss and support students with social/emotional learning issues. We have already begun this process by moving guidance counselors to buildings that need additional support, looking for virtual teachers and adding new positions.
- Early Childhood programs have been popular for a long time, there has always been a recommendation to host these early programs, but little funding available for them. We have been contacted by our local Headstart Consortium about possibly expanding our programming offered at JGSC. With our current enrollment, we do not have many empty classrooms available to support this expansion in one of our four buildings. We have reached out to St. Pat’s Catholic Church here in Walkerton to investigate the possibly using their school building to host an expanded early childhood education program. They were very open to beginning the discussion process. This is still in the very early planning stages and we will bring additional information and recommendations to the Board as they are available.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

The Board was delighted to hear that we are considering a partnership with St. Pat’s, it is a great opportunity to bring kids back to their great institution. Mr. Dennis Holland reported that closing was held yesterday on the Building Trades home and the buyer is very happy. He also reported that there is a local community member who is interested in donating a lot to the building trades program for the build of a future property. More information will follow when available.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

NLES 6th Grade Celebration – May 20, 2021 6:30PM

WES 6th Grade Celebration – May 25, 2021 6:30PM

Commencement - May 28, 2021 7PM

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 1, 2021 John Glenn Admin Building 7PM

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bill Groves called the meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
