

## **School Board Meeting – September 20, 2022**

### **Regular & Executive 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 20, 2022, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Jared Egger, Bill Groves, Dennis Holland, and Ryan Knowlton. Dan Drotar and Christian Mattix were absent. Superintendent Christopher Winchell and nine observers were also present.

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

##### Walkerton Elementary School

- Donations
  - Howard Auto
  - Anonymous
  - Morry Riddle
- Misc. School Supplies
- 4 Falloween Wristbands
- Timing Equipment for Falloween Fun Run

##### John Glenn High School

- Donations
    - American Legion Post 189
    - Hoosier Racing Tire
    - Hydro Extrusions Inc.
    - Kabelin Ace Hardware
    - Moments that Matter
    - O'Connor Delivery Service Inc.
    - Sons of the American Legion Post 27
    - VNR, Inc.
    - Anonymous
  - Fundraiser
    - Music Mattress Sale
    - Junior Class Chocolate Bars
    - Bowling Club Bowling Ball Raffle
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|--|--------------------|-----------|
|  | \$250              | Falloween |
|  | \$1000             | Falloween |
|  | \$2000             | Falloween |
|  | \$100              | Falloween |
|  | \$250              | Falloween |
|  | \$350              | Falloween |
|  | \$100              | Falloween |
|  | \$250              | Falloween |
|  | \$172              | Athletics |
|  | 10/22/22           |           |
|  | 10/4/22 – 10/21/22 |           |
|  | 9/26/22 – 10/15/22 |           |

Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve the donations and fundraisers listed above and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero.

#### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – September 6, 2022 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – 1087 - 1168
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

#### ***Retirements/Resignations***

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|---------------------|--|
| a. Brian Perry      | Building Trades Instructor, John Glenn High School         |
| b. Jessica Ferguson | Part-time Cafeteria Staff, North Liberty Elementary School |
| c. Andy Morris      | Percussion Instructor, John Glenn High School              |

- d. Shakura Grumbacher Color Guard Instructor, John Glenn High School
- e. John Poehner Marching Band Instructor, John Glenn High School
- f. Bryce LeRose Woodwind Instructor, John Glenn High School
- g. Jared Pearish 8<sup>th</sup> Grade A-team Boys Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade A-team Boys Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- h. Lexia Pearish 5<sup>th</sup> Grade B-team Boys Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School

### ***Appointments***

- a. Amber Barker Part-time Cafeteria Staff, North Liberty Elementary School
- b. Michele Weiss Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School
- c. Pat Braun Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School
- d. Tara Dome Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School
- e. Jennifer Johnson Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School
- f. Dawn Marks Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School
- g. Kim Kosinski Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School
- h. Sarah Cuskaden Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School
- i. Marcy Bogunia Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School
- j. Marijke Stewart Math Bowl Coach, North Liberty Elementary School
- k. Michelle Whitmer Robotics Coach, North Liberty Elementary School
- l. Traci Stewart Web Master, North Liberty Elementary School
- m. Emily Batton Student Council Sponsor, North Liberty Elementary School
- n. Dyan Phillips 7<sup>th</sup> Grade B-team Volleyball Coach, Urey Middle School
- o. Mallary Ayala Summer Special Education Curriculum Days
- p. Natalie Kretchmer Summer Special Education Curriculum Days
- q. Pamela Hayes Student Tutor, Walkerton Elementary School

## **4. Approve Transfer Requests**

We had 555 for the 2021-2022 school year. To date, we have 93 new out-of-district transfer requests including the two most recently enrolled listed in your board packet. Pending Board approval, our new transfer student total is 648.

Mr. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 – 4 and Mr. Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Public Hearing on Proposed Renovations and Improvements**

Mr. Ryan Knowlton informed the public of the procedure for the public hearing. Mr. Winchell explained that pursuant to Indiana Code 26-7, before a School Board finances more than \$1 million to alter or repair a school building or programs, a public hearing must be held. We are planning to take a \$995,000 bond so we are technically under that million dollar mark, but still felt it was in the interest of transparency to hold this public hearing. You may remember we are working through our ongoing facilities plan. Some of these projects are covered by our operations fund, and others require bond monies to be completed. As we pay off older bonds, we are able to take out new ones with little to no impact on the tax rate. This current bond will support some roofing projects, student programming such as special and alternative education classroom areas and expanding the life fitness program to the middle school. We will also use some of these funds to help cover the school bus purchase, as you may remember we are in line with our bus replacement plan and the number of buses we are purchasing, but the cost of these buses has increased substantially over the last year. We are also looking to upgrade some outdoor playground

equipment. Similar to the buses we have had on order since last year, we have playground equipment currently on order, but to stay within our facilities plan, we will need to order more. If there is anything left from this bond, we will consider purchasing the large HVAC units still needed at NLES that were not covered in the last scope of work we completed. Mr. Winchell then introduced Lisa Huntington, our Municipal Advisor from Baker Tilly. Baker Tilly helps us keep track of the bonds that we have, and what/when bonds will be paid off. Most importantly, we consider ourselves a very fiscally responsible school corporation. Part of that fiscal responsibility is having a sound facilities plan and keeping our equipment up to date while keeping consistency in our tax rate. Baker Tilly helps us monitor and keep taxes as consistent as possible. Our goal is not to keep the exact same tax rate each year, but instead, our goal is to bond when we need to bond, and not bond when we don't need to bond while also being tax sensitive and fiscally responsible. Lisa Huntington shared information with the Board and public explaining the corporation's debt service, and the different ways the corporation is able to borrow money. Mr. Winchell added that it is our intent to take this small bond now, and then to bond again at the beginning of the year to take a slightly larger (approximately \$6 million) bond. With these two bonds combined, we will be gearing up for a summer full of projects, hopefully completing the HVAC, doors, windows and HVAC at WES and continued student programming. This is the first small step to more projects next summer. Due to the cash balance we have, and bonds that are being paid off, this will have little to no effect on the tax rate. The public hearing was opened at 7:28pm and with no public comments made, the hearing was closed at 7:30pm.

## 2. Approve Project Resolution (Exhibit A)

Mr. Winchell explained that we have noted that our intention of this project is to cover roofing, student programming needs, playgrounds needs, increased costs of school buses per the bus replacement plan and possibly HVAC if there are enough funds left. It is our intention to take out a \$995,000 bond that will have little to no impact on the tax rate. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Project Resolution (Exhibit A) and Mr. Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero.

## 3. Approve Preliminary Bond Resolution (Exhibit B)

Mr. Winchell noted that this resolution states that \$995,000 is the maximum amount we will borrow, we will not take longer than five years to repay it and the maximum anticipated interest rate is 5%. GO Bonds are bid on the public market so there will be a day that Baker Tilly will help us list the bond on the public market and accept bids. This will get us the most competitive rate possible. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Preliminary Bond Resolution (Exhibit B) and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero.

## 4. Approve Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures (Exhibit C)

Mr. Winchell informed the Board that this motion by the Board notes that we may make some purchases for services or supplies in anticipation of receiving these bond monies. This is our intent to the public and the IRS that we may reimburse ourselves for any purchases we make prior to the funds becoming available. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures (Exhibit C) and Mr. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero.

## 5. Approve Advertisement of 2023 Budget

Mr. Winchell explained that this is separate from the bond items that we just approved. This is the time of year that we work through the budget. Mr. Bendy has prepared the budget and is asking for permission to advertise the 2023 budget. Mr. Bendy noted that pending board approval tonight, the budget will be advertised on the Indiana Gateway Website and our corporation website along with the Capital Replacement and Bus Replacement Plans. Mr. Bendy requested permission to advertise the 2023 Budget

(not to exceed) as follows, Education Fund \$13,609,885, the Debt Service Fund \$2,407,697, The Retirement/Severance Bond Debt Fund \$52,887, the Rainy Day Fund \$300,000 and the Operations Fund \$5,498,540 for a total of \$21,869,009. The rate to be advertised is \$1.2553. We anticipate the rate to be much lower than this advertised amount. Mr. Bill Groves make a motion to approve Advertisement of 2023 Budget and Mr. Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero.

#### 6. Second Reading NEOLA Policy Update 34-1 and 34-2

Mr. Winchell noted that this is the same two policy updates that we brought before the Board at the last meeting. Mr. Winchell assured the Board that these policies have been reviewed by Mr. Kaminski. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Second Reading Neola Policy Update 34-1 and 34-2 and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero.

#### 7. Approve Overnight FFA Field Trips for 2022-2023

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that at our last meeting, preliminary approval was given for any team or individual who needs to travel overnight due to an IHSAA contest. In a similar fashion, we are bringing a list of potential FFA events that could possibly result in overnight field trips. Details will be provided on each trip as they occur, but this approval tonight would allow for timely planning despite when the next board meeting is. Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve Overnight FFA Field Trips for 2022-2023 and Mr. Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero.

#### 8. Approve Resolution Declaring Surplus Items

Mr. Winchell informed the Board that in our ongoing facilities work, there has been some “spring cleaning” taking place making evident that there is some equipment that no longer holds value to our students, or is no longer up to industry standards. Mr. Groves has made a complete list of things that we need to part with. Mr. Kaminski has prepared this resolution that would allow for the sale/auction/disposal of said items. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Resolution Declaring Surplus Items and Mr. Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero.

### REPORTS

#### 1. Director of Learning Report – Mr. Tim Davis

Mr. Davis reported the following:

- All of our schools have been working diligently on their School Improvement Plans. They will be brought to the Board for approval at our next meeting.
- Fall assessments are nearing an end.
- Urey has started a new broadcasting class that mirrors the class that is held at the high school. They recently aired their first episode and did a great job. It is exciting to know there is a feeder program at the middle school. Mr. Winchell added that you may remember we worked very hard to bring agriculture classes to the middle school and now, as a result of that effort, we have organically brought broadcasting and life fitness from grades 9-12 to 7-12.
- Advertisements have begun for Falloween on WNDU, WFRN and B100. Falloween has come a long way in the 14 years and it’s exciting.

#### 2. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- Tradition of Excellence shirts have been distributed to all students and staff. This was a joint project between the John Glenn Education Foundation and the Corporation that started as a dream of Mr. Reese and Mr. Winchell's. It is a neat opportunity to see this project come full circle. The JGEF will be selling these shirts at events throughout the year.
- Homecoming was a huge success. The JGEF hosted their annual Tailgate and had a fabulous turn out and huge crowd at the game. Over 400 people attended the tailgate and over 1000 attended the game.
- Falloween kicks off this week for its 14<sup>th</sup> year. We have given away over \$500,000 in scholarships. It is amazing to see the community come together time and time again for one goal. Mr. Will Groves stated that we would like to thank the Town of Walkerton, without their partnership, it would not be possible.
- This evening, we did have a town/school security issue just prior to the start of the meeting. The quick response by local law enforcement allowed us to notify parents and staff in a very timely manner.
- Executive Session will follow tonight's meeting.

#### BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Winchell added that WKVI has also been a great partner to JGSC, especially with the promotion of Falloween over the year.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 4, 2022 7:00 P.M. JGSC Admin Building Regular Session

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Knowlton called the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss employee job performance and confidential records. No additional topics were discussed and the Executive Session ended at 9:47 pm.

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