

School Board Meeting – October 18, 2022

Regular & Executive Sessions

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 October 18, 2022, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Jared Egger, Bill Groves, Dennis Holland, Dan Drotar and Ryan Knowlton. Superintendent Christopher Winchell and thirty-eight observers were also present through building recognitions. Seventeen observers were present for the business portion of the meeting.

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

Walkerton Elementary School

➤ Donations

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| ○ Terry and Gayla Dipert | Miscellaneous School Supplies |
| ○ Anonymous Donation | Miscellaneous School Supplies |
| ○ WES PTA/4 th Grade | Dinner for Staff during PTC |
| ○ Anonymous | \$25 Frozen Friday |

North Liberty Elementary School

➤ Donations

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| ○ Northern Electric Company | \$1000 | Basketball Uniforms |
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John Glenn High School

➤ Donations

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| ○ John and Nancy Turner | \$500 | Drama |
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Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve the donations and fundraisers listed above and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Knowlton opened the general public comment portion of the meeting. No one in attendance had any public comment on agenda items at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – October 4, 2022 – Regular & Executive Sessions
2. Approve Claims – 1205 - 1248
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Kara Kaser

Girls Tennis Head Coach, John Glenn High School

Boys Tennis Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School

Appointments

- a. Christine Burdick Instructional Aide, Urey Middle School
- b. Joe Stanley 6th Grade Boys B-team Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School
- c. Andrea Hoppe 5th Grade Boys A-team Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- d. Hailey Diss Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School
- e. Madeline Smith Student Tutor, Urey Middle School

Transfers

- a. Matt Rust Transfer from 6th Grade Boys A-team Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School to 7th Grade Boys A-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- b. Chris Smith Transfer from 6th Grade Boys B-team Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School to 7th Grade Boys B-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- c. Mike Alexander Transfer from 7th Grade Boys A-team Basketball Coach to 8th Grade Boys A-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- d. Roger Dittmar Transfer from 7th Grade Boys B-team Basketball Coach to 8th Grade Boys B-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- e. Jeff Timm Transfer from 5th Grade Boys A-team Basketball Coach to 6th Grade Boys A-team Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School
- f. John Dupont Transfer from Boys JV Basketball Head Coach to Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School
- g. Brian Laskowski Transfer from Girls JV Softball Head Coach to Girls Softball Varsity Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School

4. Approve Transfer Requests

There are no new transfer requests at this time.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Additional Appropriation Hearing

Mr. Winchell reminded the public that our budget is built between July and October for the following January. When our current budget was built, we anticipated that we would be taking out some bond monies, but we didn't know how much, and we didn't know when. When the budget is built, two things happen. We decide how much we are going to spend, and we get permission from the Department of Local Government Finance to spend it. We have advertised that it is our plan to ask the DLGF for an appropriation to spend this bond money, and we are required to hold a public hearing to allow the public the opportunity to make comment on the additional appropriation request. The hearing was opened at 7:25 p.m. One member of the public asked what these monies will be used for. Mr. Winchell explained that a 1028 project hearing was held at a previous meeting outlining the plans for the funds. He went on to note that we intend to take a \$995,000 bond to help cover increased vehicle expenses, immediate HVAC unit repairs, replacement and repair of piping work, door needs, and some immediate student programing improvement needs. Mr. Winchell went on to say when I was first hired, one of the tasks I was given was to work on improving our fiscal situation and cash balance. With the stroke of a pen, the legislature can limit our funding and did that in 2009. If a corporation is not prepared for that unexpected budget cut, it could result in a reduction in staff and a reduction of student programing. It is our ultimate

goal to always protect student programs. One of the things we did to begin improving our fiscal situation was to put a facilities plan in place. This plan outlines necessary projects such as HVAC upgrades, windows, doors, and roofing projects for all four buildings which we consider needs. In turn, this allows us to sprinkle in some 'wants' as well, such as expanded student programming, new playground equipment and technology improvements for students and staff to name a few. We have planned for window and HVAC replacement in each building. So far, we have been able to address the main chunk at NLES and half of the projects at WES. As we plan for a future bond early next year, we plan to complete NLES and WES. Then we will look at Urey and the high school. The public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

2. Approve Additional Appropriation Resolution

Mr. Winchell explained that this resolution is the board giving official permission to request the DLGF to increase our appropriation by the amount of this bond to spend on facility needs. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation Resolution and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

3. Approve Final Bond Resolution

Mr. Winchell noted that this is the final step in moving forward to sell the bonds on the 20th of October. This resolution outlines that the bond will be for \$995,000 which will be repaid over the next five years and the interest rate will not exceed 5%. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Final Bond Resolution and Mr. Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

4. Public Hearing for Superintendent's Contract

Mr. Knowlton explained that the Board has completed the superintendent's annual evaluation and is considering extending his current contract one additional year, retroactively to July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 which is a one year extension of his contract. Per Indiana Code, the details of the contract have been published in the newspaper in anticipation of tonight's public comment hearing. The public hearing was opened at 7:34 p.m. and with no public comment being heard, the hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m..

5. Adopt Resolution to Approve 2023 Budget as Advertised

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that this is the conclusion of the budget process that we began back in July. Mr. Bendy has worked very hard to put a great budget together. The budget has been appropriately advertised per state statute, complete with our public hearing which was held at our last meeting. Pending Board approval this will be the budget we work with for the next year beginning in January of 2023. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the 2023 Education Fund, Debt Service Fund, Retirement/Severance Bond, Operations Fund and Rainy Day Fund as Advertised and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

6. Adopt Resolution to Approve 2023 Capital Projects Plan

Mr. Winchell noted that as part of our budget process, we have a Capital Projects Plan in place. This is technically a three year plan but per past practice we tend to update it annually. This outlines the needs and the wants that our corporation has over the time period and how we plan to pay for it. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve the 2023 Capital Project Plan and Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

7. Adopt Resolution to Approve 2023 Bus Replacement Plan

Mr. Winchell explained that similar to our Capital Projects Plan, the Bus Replacement Plan outlines which buses and how many buses will be retired and replaced each year. It is also a three year plan that we review annually. Mr. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve the 2023 Bus Replacement Plan and Mr. Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

REPORTS

1. Director of Learning Report

Mr. Davis reported the following:

- Tutoring is up and running corporation wide. Teachers are available most days of the week to assist students. At the high school, students have three opportunities through the day to get extra help.
- This is the year for science book adoption. Meetings began today with the teacher team to start this process.

2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- It's hard to believe that we are already a quarter of the way through the school year. Parent teacher conferences have been conducted and report cards issued.
- Along with the conclusion of the first quarter, fall sports are entering into Sectional time and some concluding. We are so proud of all of our fall athletes and band members. Volleyball, Girls and Boys Soccer, and Cross Country all had very successful seasons. The football team is currently 5/4 as they prepare to take on the Fairfield Falcons for the first round of sectionals. Finally, this past weekend our band qualified for Semi-State.
- We have received some feedback from the teachers on topics that they want professional development opportunities about and one of the topics they want more information on is the Teacher Retirement Fund. We haven't been able to locate an expert that can come meet with our group, but the IAPSS is hosting a retirement meeting this week, and Mr. Davis and I are planning to attend so that we can learn as much as we can, and come back to share this information with the teachers. We never want to lose our veteran teammates but we understand that it is a natural progression. We want to be supportive and sensitive to the topics our teachers and union want training on, but we also want to remind them that no one needs to be in a hurry to retire.
- Important note for upcoming meetings. It is typical that we would only hold one meeting in the month of November, and one in the month of December due to the upcoming holidays.
- An Executive Session will be held at the conclusion of tonight's meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Knowlton noted that he is very impressed with Mr. Lieto and his leadership with the band. They have improved so much throughout the season.

Mr. Groves echoed those sentiments. As a community, we take a lot of pride in our band and he has created some enthusiasm that we haven't seen since Mr. Fortlander was with us. He also noted how proud he is of all the middle school cross country students competing in the state tournament. That is not a sport for the weak and we should be so proud of them.

Mr. Egger commended the Girls Soccer Coach, Bobbi Milliken on being named the NIC Girls Soccer Coach of the Year. Mr. Groves added that she is very well respected throughout the conference and we are lucky to have her.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 1, 2022 7:00 P.M. JGSC Admin Building Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Knowlton called the meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and to discuss confidential records. No additional topics were discussed. The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:50pm.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
