

## School Board Meeting – August 15, 2023 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 August 15, 2023, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Christine Carson, Jared Egger, Ryan Knowlton, Christian Mattix, Todd McGaughey and Carissa Smith. Superintendent Christopher Winchell and twelve observers were present.

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

#### Walkerton Elementary School

##### ➤ Donations

• Earl and Lisa Sleek	undetermined	School Supplies
• WES PTA	undetermined	School Supplies
• Tyner Rebekah Lodge	\$75	Teacher Donation Fund
• Walkerton Methodist Church	\$5,000	Blessings in a Backpack
• Treasure Chest	\$200	Family Home Burned

#### North Liberty Elementary School

##### ➤ Donations

• Falcon 500	\$203.93	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade – Mrs. Fix Class
• North Liberty Tri Kappa	\$150	Summer Reading Program
• First Presbyterian Church & Walkerton United Methodist Church	\$1,000	Blessings in a Backpack

#### John Glenn High School

##### ➤ Donations

• German & Asian Concepts	\$500	Cross Country
• O'Connor Delivery Service	\$500	Cross Country
• Patrick and Alexis Shetler	\$100	Cross Country
• Ultra Manufacturing	\$100	Cross Country

##### ➤ Falloween Donations

• 1Body Fitness	\$100
• Absolute Plumbing, Heating, Cooling	\$500
• American Legion Post 189	\$250
• Bob's Country Store	\$100
• Cleanrite Cleaning Service	\$250
• Robert and Donna Borlik	\$1000
• Hamilton Service Center	\$300
• Hoosier Racing Tire	\$500
• John M Small Insurance	\$500
• Kaser Realty	\$500
• Kerry Knape DDS PC	\$100
• L.S. Distributing	\$100

- Majority Builders \$250
  - McCormick Electrical Services \$50
  - McDonalds/Boldt Enterprises \$250
  - McKesson Title Corp \$60
  - Modern Door \$50
  - North Liberty Post 1954 \$50
  - Oliver Ford Lincoln \$100
  - Over the Top Bakery \$50
  - Tangles Salon \$100
  - The Brass Rail Bar & Grill \$75
  - Thomas and Pauline Ridgeway \$100
  - SAPA Extrusions \$2000
  - Single Source Medial \$250
  - State Farm Insurance/June Beem \$50
  - Vermillion Systems \$500
- Fundraisers
- Junior Class Chocolate Bars 10/10 – 11/1
  - Volleyball Serve-a-thon 8/11 – 8/25

Mr. Todd McGaughey made a motion to approve donations as noted above and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public made comment at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4**

1. Approve Minutes – August 1, 2023 – Regular Session
2. Approve Vouchers 7/26/23 through 8/4/23 for \$549,064.60
3. Approve Employee Recommendations

***Retirements/Resignations***

- a. Jeff Timm 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School
- b. Joshua Simpson Teacher, John Glenn High School
- c. Chantel Beeney Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- d. Autumn Lamont Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School
- e. Beth Griffey 6<sup>th</sup> Grade B-team Volleyball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School
- f. Theresa Lile Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School

***Appointments***

- a. Bill Groves Event Supervisor, John Glenn High School
- b. Will Merkes Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation
- c. Kristen Nicks Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation
- d. Amanda Gill Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation
- e. Ashley Walls Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- f. Melissa Schelske Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- g. Amanda Griffin Head Custodian, John Glenn High School
- h. Brooke Patterson Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School
- i. Jessica Baca Teacher, John Glenn High School
- j. Christopher Matthys Part-time Teacher, John Glenn High School

- k. Cristina Rudynski Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- l. Billy Harness Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School
- m. Sunu Thomas Girls Soccer Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School
- n. Jodie Bowers Fall Cheer Coach, John Glenn High School
- o. Heather Nimon Boys Soccer Assistant Coach, Urey Middle School

***Appointments***

- a. Natalie Kretchmer Transfer from Full-time to Part-time Teacher, John Glenn High School

**4. Approve Transfer Student Requests**

To date we have 98 new out-of-district requests for the 2023-24 school year for a current total of 606 transfer students. The list with the most recent 24 requests were included for the Board to approve. 29 of the 98 new students reside in Greene Township.

Mr. Winchell noted as of today, every position is filled. We were trying to expand our intervention services at the middle school and high school so there were two expanded, classroom reduction type of positions that we were trying to add that remain open. All core positions from last year were filled.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Approve Resolution to Purchase Buses**

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that due to the increase cost of buses, we were unable to purchase as many brand new buses as we had planned for our expansion into Greene Township. We were able to partner with Michigan City Area Schools who had four 2013 78-passenger buses for sale. We believe it is in our best interest to purchase these buses now, and build the purchase of new buses into the budget and bus replacement plan to help cover the expansion into Greene Township. We are currently running all of our buses except one so the purchase of these used buses will greatly help our spare situation. The purchase price of these four buses is \$39,500. Our attorney Bill Kaminski drafted the resolution and Indiana Code allows for the transfer of property between corporations as long as both corporations pass similar resolutions. Michigan City plans to approve this at their next meeting. Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve Resolution to Purchase Buses and Mrs. Chris Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

**2. Approve Crumstown Highway Bus Stops**

Mr. Winchell noted that as we have worked towards expanding transportation into Greene Township, which will be our duty when the annexation is finalized, we have tried to do it in phases. We added a couple of pick up points in Greene Township a few years ago and this year we are attempting to pick up about half of the Greene students at their houses. We have several drivers who live in Greene Township and near Crumstown so it made sense to have these drivers start at their homes, and pick these students up. We have several students who live in Crumstown who have asked for transportation for a long time. The transportation has put together three stops in Crumstown, the largest at Jaworski's Meat Market whose owner is a JGHS Alum and was happy to host our buses and there are a couple in residential areas along the way. It is appropriate for the Board to approve these out of district stops. Mrs. Chris Carson made a motion to approve Crumstown Bus Stops and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

### 3. Approve Recommendation to Award Bids

Mr. Winchell noted that we are very excited that the bidding process is coming to a close. Over the last few months, you have seen a few “menus” of work that will be completed. The largest share of work being done at Walkerton Elementary with an estimated project cost of \$8.7 million. When we opened bids on Tuesday at the public meeting, we were very pleased to see the winning bid come in at just under \$7.2 million. Our new teammates from Gibson Lewis (who had the winning bid), and our teammates from Barton Coe are here tonight to answer any questions you might have. It is my recommendation that we award those bids to Gibson Lewis. Mrs. Chris Carson made a motion to approve Recommendation to Award Bids and Mr. Todd McGaughey seconded the motion. Mr. Winchell added the total cost of project is \$7,139,600 for the base bid of work at Walkerton and North Liberty Elementary School and all eight of the alternate bids. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

### 4. Approve Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that the Teacher Appreciation Grant are monies that are outside of the teacher contract that are a separate line item from the General Assembly. We must have a 25% difference between a Highly Effective and Effective Teacher. This is a reciprocal policy that is a joint recommendation from the administration and the JGEA. Ms. Carissa Smith made a motion to approve Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy and Mr. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

## REPORTS

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

Mr. Davis reported the following:

- August 5<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual back to school bash was held thanks to many local churches and Lisa Patton at Main Street Realty. We handed out over 260 backpacks filled with school supplies.
- The first student day was August 9<sup>th</sup> and things are off to a great start. Preschool students and Boys and Girls Club started on the 14<sup>th</sup> and Head Start is slated to start on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- We hosted 400 students in some form of summer school this past summer. We had 120 students at the high school complete 160 courses. It was a very successful summer.

### 2. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- The back to school bash was great. Lisa Patton, Emily Winchell, R&B Car Company and the Rusty Razor are to be commended along with the local churches.
- As the principals stated, it really has been a great start to the school year. The buildings looked great for our open houses, we had a great first staff day and it feels really good to have our students back on campus.
- We will have our home opener for football this Friday night and other fall activities are in full swing.
- There is an executive session scheduled for immediately following this meeting.
- We are making plans to attend the ISBA Fall Conference, please let Mrs. King know if you plan to attend.

### 3. Conference Requests

## BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Borlik noted that it was amazing to see the TV coverage on the first day of school.

Mr. Knowlton asked if the Building Trades build had a family we were building for this year. We are building for the Bolen Family who are both John Glenn graduates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Labor Day – September 4, 2023 – No School

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 5, 2023 7:00 P.M. Admin Building Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Christian Mattix called the meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property, the appointment of public officials and for school board member training. No additional topics were discussed. The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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