

## School Board Meeting – September 19, 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 September 19, 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 sixteen observers were present through Consent Agenda, fourteen observers stayed throughout the business meeting.

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

### Walkerton Elementary School

- Donations
  - Walkerton American Legion \$1000 School Lunch Accounts
- Fundraisers
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Candy Sales
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Pasta Sales 11/8 – 11/29

### John Glenn High School

- Donations
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank \$100 Drama
  - Creed Septic System Specialists \$250 Drama
  - Joanna Dreesen \$200 Drama
  - Daniel and Elizabeth Drotar \$75 Drama
  - Falcon 500 \$19.99 Spanish Club
  - G Pools \$400 Baseball
  - Hesters Insurance Group \$100 Cross Country
  - Jane Hostetler \$20 Drama
  - Glenn and Lorraine Jacob \$100 Drama
  - Judith Jerosky \$100 Drama
  - Liberty Tire Services \$1000 Girls Basketball
  - John and Kimberly Murray \$100 Drama
  - John and Nancy Turner \$500 Drama
  - Thomas and Debra Walter \$100 Drama
- Falloween Donations
  - Charles B Reeve Post #27 \$500
  - JGHS Alumni \$1585
  - KFC Plymouth \$300
  - Charles and Gloria Kreig \$200
    - In Memory of Donna Wood
  - Lifetouch \$500
  - Moments that Matter (Jostens) \$500
  - R&B Car Company \$4000
  - Opta, Inc \$8000

- Bryan and Marie Strycker \$30

➤ Fundraisers

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|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| • Anime Club   | Hat Day                     | 9/15/23     |
| • Baseball     | Hit-a-thon                  | 10/14/23    |
| • Baseball     | Trivia Night/Silent Auction | 2/24/24     |
| • Bowling Club | Bowling Ball Raffle         | 9/25 – 12/1 |
| • Football     | Football Ticket Raffle      | 9/11 – 9/21 |

John Glenn School Corporation

➤ Donation

- Mrs. Cathy Reese \$50,000  
In Memory of Dick Reese toward the purchase of Lights for Baseball Field

Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve Donations and Fundraisers and Mrs. Christine Carson 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 – 5

1. Approve Minutes – August 15, 2023 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Vouchers 8/10/23 – 9/8/23 for \$1,536,375.22
3. Approve Employee Recommendations

***Retirements/Resignations***

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| a. Jordan Anderson | Boys Golf Head Coach, John Glenn High School   |
| b. Russell Henry   | Custodian, North Liberty Elementary School   |
| c. Brandon Lockart | Assistant Football Coach, Urey Middle School   |
| d. Matt Pearish    | Head Custodian, John Glenn High School   |
| e. Wes Walls       | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls B-Team Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School |

***Appointments***

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| a. Shelby McCoige    | Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School                            |
| b. Lauren Cooper     | Spell Bowl Coach, Urey Middle School   |
| c. Max Blevins       | Additional Assignment Compensated at Hourly Rate                               |
| d. Brandon Brown     | Web Master, Urey Middle School   |
| e. Jamie Beeney      | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade B-team Volleyball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School |
| f. Michele Weiss     | Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School                                 |
| g. Jennifer Johnson  | Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School                                 |
| h. Dawn Marks        | Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School                                 |
| i. Kim Kosinski      | Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School                                 |
| j. Hailey Diss       | Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School                                 |
| k. Stephanie Wood    | Instructional Aide, John Glenn High School                                     |
| l. Bryan Stull       | Girls Basketball JV Head Coach, John Glenn High School                         |
| m. Alexandra Stahly  | Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School                                |
| n. Meredith Courteau | Freshman Class Sponsor, John Glenn High School                                 |
| o. Patrick Crone     | Interventionist, John Glenn High School  |
| p. Patrick Wolff     | Chess Club Sponsor and Sophomore Class Sponsor, John Glenn High School         |

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| q.  | Tracey Duff    | Teen Advisory Board Sponsor, John Glenn High School                          |
| r.  | Todd Burch     | Senior Class Sponsor, John Glenn High School                                 |
| s.  | Jennifer Carey | Senior Class Sponsor, John Glenn High School                                 |
| t.  | Gail Crone     | Spell Bowl Coach & Student Tutor, Walkerton Elementary School                |
| u.  | Sarah Cuskaden | Student Council Sponsor, Walkerton Elementary School                         |
| v.  | Beata Cole     | Student Tutor, Walkerton Elementary School                                   |
| w.  | Kristy Wilsey  | Student Tutor, Walkerton Elementary School                                   |
| x.  | Jamie Chapman  | Student Tutor, Walkerton Elementary School                                   |
| y.  | Joann Rippey   | Custodian, Urey Middle School  |
| z.  | Joseph Ross    | Custodian, John Glenn High School  |
| aa. | Thomas Miller  | Custodian, North Liberty Elementary School                                   |
| bb. | Dan Holmes     | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School |
| cc. | Jill Davis     | Student Tutor, John Glenn High School  |
| dd. | Dena McLochlin | Student Tutor, John Glenn High School  |
| ee. | Laura Patrick  | Student Tutor, John Glenn High School  |

### ***Appointments***

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|----|-----------------|--|
| a. | Matt Rust       | Transfer from 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade A-Team Basketball Coach to 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade A-Team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School |
| b. | Kyannah Stull   | Transfer from Girls Basketball JV Head Coach to Girls Basketball Freshman Coach  |
| c. | Brian Laskowski | Transfer from Girls Softball Varsity Assistant Coach to Girls Softball Head Coach, John Glenn High School                        |

#### **4. Approve Transfer Student Requests**

To date we have 105 new out-of-district requests for the 2023-24 school year for a current total of 613 transfer students. The list with the most recent 7 requests were included for the Board to approve. 32 of the 105 new students reside in Greene Township.

#### **5. Approve Administrative Leave for Employee #2176**

Mr. Todd McGaughey asked for clarification on the position of Interventionist at John Glenn High School. Mr. Winchell explained that since 2021 we have intentionally added licensed classroom staff at all schools with a focus on class size reduction, special education, and interventionist support. All schools but the high school have added an interventionist prior to this recommendation. This position adds student support at the high school. Ms. Carissa Smith asked a few questions about the posting process and Mr. Winchell noted we have a process in place that follows union labor law and we have additional agreed upon local procedures between the administration and union. This position, like all others, followed our agreed upon processes. Mr. McGaughey made a motion to remove Patrick Crone as Interventionist at John Glenn High School from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Carissa Smith seconded this motion. The motion failed with a vote of 2-3-2. Mr. Jared Egger then made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented Items 1-5 as read and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to two.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Approve Overnight Field Trip – High Ability Space Camp**

Mr. Winchell explained that in partnership with the John Glenn Education Foundation and their Alumni Committee, Mr. Mike Dreessen is a JGHS and Purdue University Alum who is a Rocket Scientist and very involved in the Aeronautics/Rocket Science program. There is a Space Camp that is offered by Purdue University that is extremely competitive to get into by lottery. Through Mr. Dreessen, we were able to secure 10 spots for Urey Middle School Students. This trip is at the end of October. Since Board Policy requires Board Approval for overnight field trips, we are bringing this to you tonight for approval. Mrs. Christine Carson made a motion to approve Overnight Field Trip – High Ability Space Camp and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

## 2. Approve Updated 2023-2024 Corporation Calendar

Mr. Winchell informed the Board that our current calendar has a snow make-up day scheduled for April 12, 2024. There is going to be a near complete solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 in our area. There has been a conversation amongst school and municipal leaders regarding this eclipse because during past eclipses, there has been an influx of visitors to the areas where the eclipse is near complete so that people can witness the rare event. Through conversation with our teacher team, we have planned some neat activities for students prior to the eclipse, but due to safety concerns with students traveling on buses at the same time the eclipse is occurring, we feel it is best to not be in session that day. Tonight we bring a joint recommendation from the administration team and teachers union to move the snow make-up day scheduled for Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, to Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. In the event that we need to use the snow make-up day, we are making plans to hold an eLearning, snow make-up day. Mr. Todd McGaughey made a motion to approve Updated 2023-2024 Corporation Calendar and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

## 3. Approve Updated Barton Coe Vilamaa Agreement

Mr. Winchell explained that the last Barton Coe Vilamaa agreement that was signed was when we were planning to complete a \$6 million project. As you are all aware, we changed that project to be a \$10 million project. It is appropriate for the board to approve any contracts that we engage in. This contract includes the \$10 million scope. Mr. Todd McGaughey made a motion to approve Updated Barton Coe Vilamaa Agreement and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

## 4. Approve Advertisement of 2024 Budget

Mr. Winchell noted that tonight we are requesting permission to advertise the 2024 Budget on Gateway and our website. The budget process is a very robust process that began in July and if anyone has any in-depth questions, Mr. Bendy and Mr. Winchell will be happy to meet to discuss them in detail. Mr. Bendy added that this budget is a little different than what we normally see due to legislators stepping in and taking control of the funding, giving us a lot more money than we are used to seeing and then telling us how we have to spend it. This budget reflects the increase in that funding. We anticipate receiving about \$1 million more in our Education Fund and we have already started seeing it since the fiscal year runs from July to June. The Education Fund is essentially where our teachers and aides are paid from is getting a significant increase. We are moving from \$13.6 million in 2023 to \$14.5 million in 2024 which is just under a 7% appropriation increase. The debt service has increased due to the \$10 million bond which has increased our levy and increased our payments. We have a debt that is going to be paid off in January 2024 which is a large payment so that is why we are seeing a jump in the debt service and payment of \$3.1 million total in debt service for 2024. The pension bond is gone. Our last payment was made in January 2023, we made payments on that for over 20 years. The Operations Fund will be advertised at \$5,901,130 which is a 7% increase. The Rainy Day Fund will remain the same at \$300,000. We will advertise the complete budget at \$23,829,108 which is a 9% increase in appropriation. This will result in an advertised tax rate of \$1.3468 but we expect it to be much lower than that. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will hold a public hearing on the 2024 Budget and then bring the budget for board approval on October

17<sup>th</sup>. This is not the finalization of the 2024 Budget, but it is the first legal step. Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve Advertisement of the 2024 Budget and Mrs. Christine Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

## 5. Public Hearing Prior to Formal Bargaining

Mr. Winchell explained that the legislature made a public hearing prior to formal bargaining part of the bargaining process as couple of years ago. This public hearing provides the public the opportunity to comment on teacher salary and benefits and also allows any teacher who may not be a part of the teachers union to make their thoughts known to the school board. We have a great working relationship with our union leadership and you'll remember that our last contract was a two year contract. We have conducted a couple of pre-bargaining meetings and have a few formal bargaining dates scheduled pending this public hearing. Christian Mattix opened the public hearing at 8:04 PM. With no public comment being heard, the hearing was closed by Mr. Mattix at 8:06 PM.

## 6. Approve Purchase over \$75,000 – John Glenn High School Security System from Vermillion Systems for a total of \$97,858.98

Mr. Winchell informed the board that as part of our ongoing safety and security plan, we are always looking to update our equipment to ensure things are as safe as they can be. We are excited to share that we filed for the Homeland Security School Safety Grant and we were awarded \$100,000. We were planning to do this project even if we did not receive the grant, but now we will be able to do additional updates. This update will not replace all the cameras we currently have, but it will add additional ones and update the software significantly. It is appropriate for the board to approve this purchase since it is over \$75,000. Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve Purchase over \$75,000 – John Glenn High School Security System from Vermillion Systems for a total of \$97,858.98 and Ryan Knowlton 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:

- We are pleased to report that the JGSC 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students performed very well on the IREAD 3 tests. Out of eleven surrounding corporations, only two schools performed better than our schools. 94% of students passed at NLES and 94.5% of students passed at WES.
- Our ILEARN scores for 2023 were also very good. We were above the state average in every grade level for ELA and all but one grade level for Math. Additionally, we were above the state average in every grade level except one for ELA and Math combined. Building principals will use this information to update their school improvement plans.

### 2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- Fall events are in full swing here at JGSC, it's great to see so many students involved.
- Falloween is less than two weeks away! We have awarded graduating seniors \$550,000 since 2010 which does not include any outside funds.
- We have entered into the very busy budgeting and bargaining season at the central office. We appreciate the teacher's union time.
- The Town of Walkerton is working to develop a separate TIF District. This is a special taxing unit which they will encapsulate a certain portion of the town of Walkerton. As that piece of property is developed and increases in value, the property taxes and improvement will be syphoned off. This is potentially worrisome to the corporation because it will reduce what we are able to collect in future taxes. This doesn't only impact the school corporation, but the

town, the fire territory board and the library as well. Ms. Carissa Smith and I have attended a Town Board meeting and were able to share our concerns about our ability to collect the necessary tax revenue to educate our students and maintain our buildings.

- The ISBA Conference is this coming week.
- We will have a brief executive session immediately following this meeting.

### 3. Conference Requests

- a. Glenda Smith
- b. Katelyn Plencner
- c. Shania Feitz
- d. Stephanie Brown
- e. Jennifer Medich

### BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Jared Egger noted that the Building Trades build for this year is moving along quite nicely. This home is owned by two John Glenn Graduates.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

JGHS National Honor Society Induction – September 20<sup>th</sup> – 6pm – JGHS Auditorium

ISBA Fall Conference – September 24<sup>th</sup> through September 26<sup>th</sup> – Indianapolis

Falloween – September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup> – JGHS

Falloween Monday – October 2<sup>nd</sup> – No School

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 3, 2023 7:00 P.M. Admin Building Regular Session

### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Christian Mattix called the meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining, the purchase of lease of real property and to discuss confidential records. No additional topics were discussed. The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

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