

School Board Meeting – October 3, 2023
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 September 19, 2023, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Christine Carson, Jared Egger, Ryan Knowlton, Christian Mattix, Todd McGaughey and Carissa Smith. Bob Borlik was absent. Superintendent Christopher Winchell and nine observers were present throughout the meeting.

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

Walkerton Elementary School

➤ Donations

• Falcon 500	\$100	Title One Supplies
• Falcon 500	\$50	Minds in Motion Supplies
• Falcon 500	\$240.50	5 th Grade Classroom Supplies
• Cathy Reese		Seven Falloween Wristbands
• Earl and Lisa Sleek		Four Falloween Wristbands

North Liberty Elementary School

➤ Donations

• Falcon 500	\$26.98	2 nd Grade Materials
• Anonymous Donation	\$70.52	Student Activities Fund
• Earl and Lisa Sleek		Four Falloween Wristbands

Urey Middle School

➤ Falcon 500

\$100	Girls Golf
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Mrs. Christine Carson made a motion to approve Donations and Fundraisers and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public made comment at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – September 19, 2023 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Vouchers 9/13 to 9/26/2023 for \$359,231.67
3. Approve Employee Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Tracy Laskowski Instructional Aide, John Glenn High School
- b. Phillip Groves Maintenance, John Glenn School Corporation

Appointments

- a. Stephanie Reynolds Student Council Sponsor, Urey Middle School
- b. Ashley Worm Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- c. Jennifer Carr Physical Education Department Head, John Glenn High School
- d. John Rudynski Custodian, John Glenn High School

Appointments

- a. Chris Smith Transfer from 7th Grade Boys B-team Basketball Coach to 8th Grade B-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School

4. Approve Transfer Student Requests

To date we have 109 new out-of-district requests for the 2023-24 school year for a current total of 617 transfer students. The list with the most recent 4 requests were included for the Board to approve. 32 of the 109 new students reside in Greene Township.

Mr. Winchell advised the board that we had two slight technical corrections to point out prior to approval. In the minutes from September 19, 2023, the vote was incorrectly noted on the version of notes provided in your board packet. That has sense been updated to reflect the correct vote. Additionally, the recommendation that was included in the board packet for Jennifer Carr had a typo that has since been corrected. Board members were provided with these updated documents to review prior to making a motion and voting. Mr. Winchell also noted that Phil Groves dedicated 32 years of service to JGSC, that's quite an accomplishment and we thank him for his time. Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 – 4 and Mrs. Christine Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve School Improvement Plans

Mr. Winchell reminded the board that we are required by state statute to update our School Improvement plans every three years. It is our practice here at John Glenn to update them annually. We see these plans as living breathing documents that are developed by a team of educators and administrators at each building. Each fall, each building team reviews the updated data and updates the plans and goals for the following year. These are joint recommendations from the administration and union teams. Mr. Todd McGaughey made a motion to approve School Improvement Plans and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. Mr. Mattix asked if the push towards the Science of Reading would affect our school improvement plans at all. Mr. Winchell noted that the Science of Reading is a theory on how reading is taught and therefore wouldn't affect the improvement plans necessarily, but it will affect how reading is taught to our students. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

2. Approve Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund in the amount of \$141,666.67

Mr. Winchell noted that when legislation changed how the account structure worked back in 2019, certain expenses that used to come out of the Capital Projects Fund, now come out of the Education Fund and Operations Fund so there has to be a transfer of money from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund. The board approves this transfer quarterly. Mr. Todd McGaughey made a motion to approve Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund in the amount of \$141,666.67 and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

3. Public Hearing for the 2024 Budget

Mr. Mattix explained that this is the next step in the annual budget process since we have advertised the 2024 Budget. The hearing was opened at 7:17 PM and closed at 7:18 PM with no members of the public making comment.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- Fallween went off without a hitch this past weekend. It was a huge success.
- There was a nearby property that the corporation was considering purchasing. However, the original owners have decided to keep the property so it is no longer available for purchase although we do get to keep good neighbors.
- A few of the board members attended the ISBA Fall Conference last week. It was time well spent as we listened to a great keynote speaker and had valuable conversations regarding potential future board trainings and professional development opportunities.
- We are continuing to work through the dissolution of one special education consortium to forming a new consortium. We had planned to have a simple cost sharing agreement between us and Union North. After working closely with the special education attorneys, we have been advised that we won't be able to keep it as simple as we first thought. We will have to establish an LEA, Local Education Administrator. That group will have to employ at least the Special Education Director. John Glenn is probably in the most appropriate position to serve as the LEA and therefore will administer the employment of these consortium employees. Plymouth currently serves in this roll for JESSE. The attorneys at Church, Church, Hittle and Atrium are working to draft all of the necessary documents. Since we will be going through this process to employ the director, it will probably make sense to cover all of our shared employees this way. We anticipate having 10-20 employees under LEA umbrella. They will be John Glenn employees as far as insurance and benefits go, and Union North will share the expenses. Once we finish the legal paperwork, we will then post a position for the Special Education Director in hopes that we can find someone available to work part-time through the end of the school year, and then start full-time in July. This may be the same person but could be different people. Our goal would be to have someone hired by the end of the calendar year. We will then post for the other various employees that the LEA will need to have such as therapists and life skills teachers. We hope to hire the JESSE employees that are currently servicing John Glenn and Union North to the new LEA.
- We are starting official bargaining tomorrow with the teachers union. We hope to have a tentative agreement to the board very soon.
- Mr. Mike Dreessen has gifted the corporation a loan of his copy of "John Glenn: A Memoir" for us to put on display. This is a first edition printing that John Glenn autographed.
- Senior night for Volleyball is taking place tonight.

3. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. McGaughey asked if there is normally a report that comes out following Fallween. Yes, there will be many details still released and we anticipate a long list of donations from the vendors who were present at the next meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11th - UMS Band & Choir Concert – JGHS Gym – 6 & 7:30 PM

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 17, 2023 7:00 P.M. Admin Building Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Christian Mattix called the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
