

**School Board Meeting – February 6, 2024
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 February 6, 2024, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Christine Carson, Jared Egger, Ryan Knowlton, Christian Mattix, and Carissa Smith. Todd McGaughey was absent. Superintendent Christopher Winchell and ten observers were also present.

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

Walkerton Elementary School

➤ Donations		
○ Shutterfly/Lifetouch	\$2152.12	Fall Picture Commissions
○ Tri Kappa	\$400	Students in need
○ Box Tops	\$39	Fall Commission
○ The Past Shoppe	\$247.28	1 st Grade Fundraiser
○ Walkerton Community Church		Misc. School Supplies

Urey Middle School

➤ Donations		
○ Falcon 500	\$125	Classroom Books/Adam Binkley
○ Kappa, Kappa, Kappa, Inc.	\$100	Drama Club
	\$400	Student Activities
	\$50	Transition Day

John Glenn High School

➤ Donations		
○ Falcon 500	\$300	Girls Basketball
○ Angela Meyer	\$250	Falloween in Memory of Lloyd Meyer
○ Tri Kappa	\$50	Academic Decathlon
	\$50	Aerial
	\$50	Art
	\$50	Band
	\$50	Choir
	\$100	Drama
	\$50	Class of 2025/Prom
	\$50	Yearbook
➤ Fundraisers	2/1 to 3/14/24	FFA Strawberry Sales

Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve the above named donations and fundraisers, and Mr. Carissa Smith 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 – January 23, 2024 – Regular Session & Board of Finance Meeting
2. Approve Vouchers – 102209 through 102260
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

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| a. Patricia Braun | Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School |
| b. Kathy Snyder | Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School |
| c. Sarah Rippey | Guidance Counselor, John Glenn High School |
| d. Cristina Rudynski | Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School |
| e. Marijke Stewart | Math Bowl Coach, North Liberty Elementary School |
| f. Melinda Frick | Cafeteria Staff, North Liberty Elementary School |
| g. Angela Kramer | Boys Tennis Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School |

Appointments

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| a. Heather Thompson | Part-time Nurse, Walkerton Elementary School
Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, Walkerton Elementary School |
| b. Aaron Nicks | Boys Golf Head Coach, John Glenn High School |
| c. Lori Rush | Girls Tennis Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School
Boys Tennis Head Coach, John Glenn High School |
| d. Hailey Diss | Math Bowl Coach, North Liberty Elementary School |
| e. Brendan Walter | Technical Director-Spring Production, John Glenn High School |
| f. Jennifer Medich | Spring Musical Choreographer, John Glenn High School |
| g. Cody Donlon | Girls Soccer Head Coach, John Glenn High School |

Transfers

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| a. Kiersten Tyner | Transfer from Full-time Nurse to Part-time Nurse, Walkerton Elementary School |
| b. Amanda Mortensen | Transfer from Boys Tennis Head Coach to Boys Tennis Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School |

4. Approve Transfer Student Requests

To date we have had 131 new out-of-district student requests for the 2023-2024 school year, including the most recent requests tonight, to bring the current out-of-district student count to 639.

Mr. Winchell noted that as of January 1, 2024, the students of Greene Township are now resident enrollee students, rather than transfer students. We will continue to report transfer students this way through July, but we will be making changes inside the student management system. We are currently working with the IDOE to re-enroll all Greene Township students to reflect that they are now part of the John Glenn School Corporation. It is important for our ADM and our funding that this is recorded accurately.

Mr. Bob Borlik 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.

Mr. Cody Donlon was introduced to the Board as the new Girls Soccer Coach at John Glenn High School.

Mr. Winchell took this opportunity to congratulate our retirees. Pat Braun, Kathy Snyder and Sarah Rippy have been excellent teammates who have supported our students and community for many years. We appreciate their dedication and know that any incoming staff will have big shoes to fill.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Purchase over \$75,000 – Network Equipment from People-Driven in the amount of \$291,828.82

Mr. Winchell noted that this is an e-rate project. E-rate projects are projects that we get substantial financial assistance in the form of government grant monies. Mr. Daniel Medesi, Director of Technology, explained that this is a large project in which we will replace all of our switches and approximately 40 WI-FI access points. Funding for this type of project has to be spent, in order to keep getting additional funding for more projects down the road. Multiple quotes were gathered, and interviews were conducted with each of the potential providers. We have met our local board policy and our state statute requirements for this to be before you for approval tonight. The Corporation will only be responsible for 30% of this total cost which should work out to approximately \$90,000. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Purchase over \$75,000 – Network Equipment from People-Driven in the amount of \$291,828.82 and Mrs. Christine Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

2. Approve Roof Servicing Agreement with Morris & Sons, Inc.

Mr. Winchell noted that as part of our Master Facilities Plan last year, we decided to enter into a service agreement with Morris & Sons. We have been very happy with the service that they have provided and we would like to continue the agreement for this next year. They inspect each of our building roofs twice per year, clean the drains and perform preventative maintenance that in turn will hopefully extend the life of our roofs. Mr. Will Groves, Director of Facilities, added that it was very beneficial to have Morris & Sons on call whenever we may have had an issue throughout the year. It has also helped with continued planning as we work through the Master Facilities Plan. Mrs. Christine Carson made a motion to approve Roof Servicing Agreement with Morris & Sons, Inc. and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

3. Approve Purchase over \$75,000 – Roofing at Urey Middle School with Morris & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$145,110

Mr. Groves explained that this is a request for roofing to be completed as part of the next phase in our Master Facilities Plan. We obtained three competitive quotes. This year, the oldest part of roof in our corporation will get a makeover. This is the last remaining rock roof at Urey. Mr. Winchell added that we are here to provide student programming and opportunities. The best way to do that is to have a sound fiscal plan that has protections, the best way to protect is to plan. We do not always look for the cheapest option, but more the plan that allows us to work with a trusted partner to provide consistent customer services for a great value. This recommendation follows state and local statute. Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve Purchase over \$75,000 – Roofing at Urey Middle School with Morris & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$145,110 and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

REPORTS

1. Director of Learning Report – Mr. Tim Davis

Mr. Davis reported the following:

- All of our schools are working hard on preparing for the I-Learn testing later this spring.

- We were recently informed that the IREAD test is no longer going to be timed. This is great news and should help our students.

2. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Christopher Winchell

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- We are planning summer school. This year, all summer school classes will be held at UMS with the building project at WES.
- The Boys and Girls Club (BCG) is getting a grant that will provide 100 of our students with a full day program with academic and fun based activities, free of charge. This will run alongside of our summer school programming. This will also provide some of our teachers with the opportunity to work with BGC. This will be for K-8 students.
- Legislative update – It was noted that this would be a short legislative session due to upcoming elections but there is a lot of talk within the General Assembly about referendums and requiring referendums to go on large elections ballots. At the same time, they are putting a lot of language about mandatory retention for kids who don't pass the IREAD test and mandatory remediation for students who struggle to pass IREAD and ILEARN. When the State requires remediation they often offer additional funding as well. It is very common for these bills to be recommended by the house and then shut down by the Senate or vice versa. At this time, it is hard to say what new laws will come from these discussions but we wanted to make sure we made you aware of potential changes. They (the Legislators) remain committed to wrapping their legislative session by early March.
- We are continuing to work through the building project. Barton Coe Vilamaa has hired a new teammate who is working to oversee the project. They are being very particular to make sure that the work is being done perfectly.
- It's crazy to say but Winter Sports seasons are wrapping up. The Girls Basketball team ended their season with a tough first round sectional loss to Bremen, who went on to win the Sectional. The Boys Basketball Sectional is only a couple of weeks away and then we will have four wrestlers compete at the Semi-State in East Chicago this weekend. The cast and crew are hard at work preparing for the Spring Musical.
- To continue the conversation about future building projects, we have talked a lot about North Liberty and a lot about Walkerton and we have put a lot of tax payer money into those projects. It is time to start thinking about the 2024 GO Bond that we are planning on starting in August to address lights. We had a great donor in the Reese Family to start us off towards lights at the baseball field and we have committed to putting lights at the softball field at the same time. We have a dream of updating the entire complex to make it totally ADA compliant all the way out to the soccer field. We would like to add restrooms on the soccer/softball side of the field and ultimately would like to update the visitor side of the football stands and press box to move the home stands to that side of the field like it used to be many years ago. It would be a really neat project to update that side to make it the home side again and put in new restrooms, a nice new concession stand that could then service the soccer stadium area as well. This project is probably much more expensive than the GO Bond will allow but that would be a great long-term goal for us to shoot for. Even more important than the outdoor facilities is the Urey project where we will need to do windows and HVAC like we have done in the other buildings. We will also need to have a really important conversation about getting some space in our elementary schools for two reasons, one, we have a desire to expand preschool and early learning, we know the statistics and power of preschool but we have to have the space to hold the programs. Two, we are committed to small class sizes and environments conducive to learning. Teaching 18 kids to read is easier than teaching 29 kids to read in a classroom. Even when we can afford to add more teachers, we need to have space that we can put them. It is probably making more and more sense to do a building addition at Urey and then moving the sixth grade students over to the UMS building which will naturally add space for preschool and free up some classrooms. If the town of

Walkerton is planning to build the apartments for 200 additional students, we would have a hard time accommodating that many students in Walkerton. You can imagine that it will carry quite a substantial price tag to do all of these projects and based on the law, might require a referendum.

- Don't forget this Friday is the JGEF Gala at Four Winds Casino, if you still need tickets, we have a few extra reservations for last minute attendees.
- School will be in session for a pre-planned E-Learning day on Monday, April 8th. Originally this was scheduled for April 12th, but we moved it to the 8th to be sensitive to potential issues on the day of the solar eclipse. If you haven't heard, Marshall County is becoming a destination for the eclipse viewing. We really feel it is wise to E-learn that day and postpone afterschool activities for this day.
- The Board plans to attend the Artificial Intelligence Seminar on March 15th in Indianapolis with Mr. Winchell and Mr. Medesi. We are checking with Mr. Kaminski to make sure that we are in compliance with open door laws.
- There will be an executive session following this meeting.

3. Conference Requests

- a. Katie Nardi
- b. Glenda Smith

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Jared Egger thanked Mr. Romer for showing him the bathroom renovations at NLES. The project isn't as large as the WES project but it is just as important and impactful for our students and staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

John Glenn Education Foundation Gala – Friday, February 9th – Four Winds Casino
WES Celebration of the Arts – Wednesday, February 14th – WES

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 20, 2024 7:00 P.M. Walkerton Elementary Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jared Egger called the meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, the purchase or lease of real property, personnel and to conduct school board member training. No additional topics were discussed. The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
