

School Board Meeting – February 20, 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 20, 2024, at the Walkerton Elementary School. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Christine Carson, Jared Egger, Ryan Knowlton, Christian Mattix, Todd McGaughey and Carissa Smith. Superintendent Christopher Winchell and fourteen observers were also present.

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

North Liberty Elementary School

➤ Donations

○ Falcon 500	\$200	PE Supplies
○ Falcon 500	\$160.98	6 th Grade Science Supplies
○ Box Tops	\$70.80	Student Activities

John Glenn High School

➤ Donations

○ Joshua and Claire Kellems	\$100	Aerial
○ North Liberty Post 1954	\$50	Drama
○ Brian and Tracy Perry	\$150	Girls Basketball
○ Vermillion Systems	\$200	Spanish Club

Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve the above named 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 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – February 6, 2024 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Vouchers – 102262 through 102353
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

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| a. Jill Hostetler | Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School |
| b. John Barron | Teacher, John Glenn High School
Varsity Football Head Coach, John Glenn High School
Varsity Club Sponsor, John Glenn High School |

Appointments

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| a. Mike Clark | Temporary Teacher, John Glenn High School |
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4. Approve Transfer Student Requests

To date we have had 132 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 640.

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

Mr. Winchell took the opportunity to congratulate Mrs. Hostetler on her retirement. She has been a staple in the community after serving both high school and elementary music students. We wish her well in her new adventures.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Resolution to Reorganize the John Glenn School Corporation Board of School Trustees

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that it has been about a five year process to bring the Greene Township annexation to fulfillment. You may remember that last year we had a resolution passed by both our school board and the SBCSC School Board to make the annexation official. Part of our duty here at John Glenn is to reorganize our school board seats so that the people of Greene Township have representation. Currently, one board seat sits in Johnson Township, two board seats sit in Polk Township, two board seats sit in Lincoln Township and two board seats sit in Liberty Township. If we are to follow this same traditional make up, we are proposing to move one seat from Lincoln Township to Greene Township, and move one of the seats from Liberty Township to become what will be known as the North District. This person will have to reside in Liberty or Greene Township. We will then take one seat from Polk Township and make that the Southern District seat. The Southern District seat will have to be someone from Polk, Lincoln or Johnson Townships. Mr. Kaminski has drafted this resolution with input from the school corporation as well as the Indiana State School Board Attorney. Pending approval tonight, this resolution will be advertised in local papers and if there is no opposition as outlined in IC 20-23-8, it will then be submitted to the State Board of Education. Our new boundaries will not be official until the State School Board approves the plan that has been proposed. We have been working closely with the State School Board's counsel and we have no indication that this plan will not be accepted by them. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Resolution to Reorganize the John Glenn School Corporation Board of School Trustees and Ms. Christine Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

2. Approve Distribution of Early Literacy Grant in the amount of \$51,717.64

Mr. Winchell noted that most of you are familiar with the Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG Grant) that the General Assembly developed quite a few years ago. TAG Grant monies usually get distributed around Christmas time, after the Board approves the distribution through a policy approval. Those TAG Grant funds are specifically for Teachers. In the last budget, the General Assembly approved the Early Literacy Grant that is designed to reward and incentivize teachers and other school personnel who work specially with literacy. John Glenn is excited to report that we earned one of the largest grant distributions through a calculations of the success on last year's IREAD-3 test coupled with our socioeconomic status. In conversation with the teachers union, we both had a strong opinion that these monies should be shared amongst support staff who work directly with our students on literacy. This should be viewed as a joint recommendation. Approximately 55 teammates will received about \$775 as a grant before taxes, pending your approval tonight. Mr. Todd McGaughey asked if this was a grant that we had to apply for. Mr. Winchell explained that there are a lot of grants that we do have to apply for but this particular one was added into the General Assembly's budget and distributed to the school corporations with the directive on who was eligible to receive the funds, and instructions to determine the distribution with the local teacher's union. Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve Distribution of Early

Literacy Grant in the amount of \$51,717.64 and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero with Mr. Todd McGaughey abstaining.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Christopher Winchell

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- There are a lot of activities going on throughout the corporation tonight. Mr. Goewert couldn’t be here due to a girls’ basketball game and middle school wrestling meet. Mr. Davis and Mr. Manering are not here because they are over at the high school helping with Boys Basketball Senior Night and the Falcon Award. Mr. Todd Burch will be recognized as the Falcon Award winner.
- As we were processing payroll, we found a small clerical error in the 2024 Hourly Classified Staff Wage Scale. Previously, the Board had approved a 4% raise, but there as a small error that I wanted to note. There is no need to re-approve it since it was already approved, but we missed one hourly rate that did not get updated properly.
- Mr. Davis and I will hold off on other reports tonight so that we can all have the opportunity to see the building project progress here at WES and so that anyone who wants to can head to the high school to celebrate the seniors and Mr. Burch.

3. Conference Requests

- a. Travis O’Neal
- b. Patrick Fuller
- c. Kristan King
- d. Laine Vincent

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 5, 2024 7:00 P.M. North Liberty Elementary School

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jared Egger called the meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session at 6:00 PM to discuss personnel and to conduct school board member training. No additional topics were discussed. The Executive Session was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
