

**School Board Meeting – April 16, 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 April 16, 2024, at John Glenn High School. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Christine Carson, Jared Egger, Ryan Knowlton, Todd McGaughey and Carissa Smith. Christian Mattix was absent. Superintendent Christopher Winchell and 14 observers were present through New Business #1 and 7 observers were present for the remainder of the meeting.

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

Walkerton Elementary School

- Donations
    - Solar Eclipse Glasses
    - Coin Wars
- \$3011.67
- Walkerton Library  
Donated to Multiple Sclerosis Foundation

North Liberty Elementary School

- Fundraiser
    - PTO Fun Fair
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- In support of school initiatives

John Glenn High School

- Donations
    - Scott and Anastasia Banks
    - Falcon 500
    - Ron Gouker
    - John Glenn Education Foundation
    - Tom and Debbie Walter
- \$100      \$250      \$20      \$800      \$200
- Aerial  
Girls Basketball  
Boys Golf  
Drama  
Aerial
- Fundraisers
    - League of Extraordinary Falcons 4/1-5/3/24
- Port-a-Pit

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

1. Approve Minutes – March 19, 2024 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Vouchers – 102498 through 102665
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

***Retirements/Resignations***

- a. Leigh Forkner                      JV Volleyball Coach, John Glenn High School

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| b. | Madeline Smith     | Teacher, Urey Middle School                                |
| c. | Thomas Miller      | Custodian, North Liberty Elementary School                 |
| d. | Keegan Rauen       | Wrestling Coach, Urey Middle School                        |
| e. | Jessica Baca       | Assistant Volleyball Coach, Urey Middle School             |
| f. | Travis Hannah      | Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach, John Glenn High School |
| g. | Jennifer Johnson   | Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School                   |
| h. | Teresa Russell     | Corporation Nurse, John Glenn School Corporation           |
| i. | Paul Dewitt        | Assistant Wrestling Coach, Urey Middle School              |
| j. | Mason Stepp        | Assistant Wrestling Coach, Urey Middle School              |
| k. | Stephanie Reynolds | Cross Country Coach, Urey Middle School                    |

### *Appointments*

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| a. | Jennifer Stout    | Spring Event Supervisor, Urey Middle School                |
| b. | Patrick Carpenter | Girls Soccer Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School       |
| c. | Matt Miller       | JV Volleyball Coach, John Glenn High School                |
| d. | Angela Kohler     | Part-time Cafeteria Staff, North Liberty Elementary School |

### *Transfers*

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| a. | Amanda Mortensen | Transfer from Full-time Mathematics Teacher to ½ Culinary Arts Teacher & ½ Mathematics Teacher, John Glenn High School |
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4. Approve Administrative Leave for Employees #2241, 4413 and 3111
5. Approve FMLA for Employee #2253

Mr. Winchell noted that Coach Travis Hannah has served faithfully as the leader of the Boys Basketball Program with great success. He plans to continue teaching with us at WES but looks forward to having a little more time on his hands. We will also greatly miss Mrs. Teresa Russell. Everyone in the community knows her and she has served this community well. We wish all of our teammates who are moving on to the next chapter in their lives nothing but the very best.

Mrs. Christine Carson made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 – 5 and Mr. Todd McGaughey seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Early Graduates

Mr. Christopher Manering, Principal at JGHS, presented six early, six-semester graduate requests of students who would like to graduate at the conclusion of their Junior Year. Each of these students will meet their graduation requirements by the end of the school year. Mr. Manering is recommending Natalia Dominquez, Madison Holly, Savanna McCreery, Cierra Nowak, Payton Payne and Trevor Wertz for early graduation. They have worked very hard to reach all of the requirements and graduation pathways. Ms. Carissa Smith made a motion to approve Early Graduates and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

2. Approve Career and Technical Education Consortium Service Agreement

Mr. Winchell reminded the board that we belong to a nine-school career and technical education consortium, the North Central Career and Technical Education Consortium. This consortium gives us access to additional state and federal funding to sponsor and provide these programs. There is a huge list

of courses that our students have the opportunity to participate in. We have two different chunks of CTE, one is the programs that we participate in through the consortium, like the Building Trades Program. We also hold CTE classes, such as our agriculture classes, on our own campus. Before you tonight is the annual agreement with the nine member schools to continue the relationship, programing and funding that we have through the consortium. Mr. Todd McGaughey made a motion to approve Career and Technical Education Consortium Service Agreement and Mrs. Christine Carson 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:

- It is testing season! All students and staff 3-12 are preparing for various end of year state tests.

### 2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- Staffing – We are close to being able to recommend a Director of Special Education and we are beginning the interview process for the Walkerton Elementary Principal position. With the approval to transfer Mrs. Mortensen to part-time culinary teacher, we will be needing a high school math teacher. We are continuing to work on the programing for Heavy Highway. As I have previously said, we typically have a turnover of about 40 teammates each year, this year will be no different.
- Spring activities are off to a strong start. There were over 80 students at UMS intermural sports last week.
- We continue to make progress on the WES Building Project as well as continue to make plans for the future. We will soon begin the bond process for our next project in 2025. As usual, the list is long, but by working with our planning partners in Barton Coe Vilamaa and Baker Tilly, we will do whatever we can to get the most for our money. Thanks to the generous donation from the Reese Family in memory of Mr. Dick Reese, we have an approximate \$150,000 head start to the outdoor lighting project for lights at the baseball field, the softball field and updating the football field lights to LED. We also hope to update the visitor side bleachers, add a concession stand and bathrooms, and make our fields and outdoor areas ADA accessible. This list will be longer than what we can realistically afford and we will need to balance wants vs needs. In 2026, we hope to bond for a UMS building project to complete the same sort of items that we have completed at the elementary schools such as windows, updated HVAC, lights and controls, student learning spaces, and student activity spaces. It is important that we continue to monitor classroom space at all of our buildings in order to maintain smaller class sizes.
- Mr. Winchell shared updated reports from the NLES solar field. Production continues to look good. We have considered a small solar project at JGHS. We will have our energy partner, Veregy, come to the June meeting to report on NLES and explain the potential JGHS project.
- There will be an executive session following tonight's meeting.

### 3. Conference Requests

- a. Damen Jackson
- b. Tim McLochlin
- c. Amanda Dreibelbis
- d. Jessica Bogard
- e. Richard Stauffer
- f. Kristan King
- g. Christopher Winchell
- h. Tom Bendy
- i. Will Groves

- j. Collin Barker
- k. Laine Vincent
- l. Shelly Clark
- m. Katie Nardi
- n. Amy Weiss

**BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

Mr. Knowlton asked if we have definitive plans for the 2025 bond. Mr. Winchell informed the Board that we are currently in the budget pricing portion of the bond process with much more information to come.

IDOE School Board Reorganization – The County Clerks have asked us to hold off until after the primary elections in early May. We have received some assistance from the Greene Township Attorney and he is helping to stay on top of this once the primaries have concluded. It is anticipated that our election candidates should show up on the ballot for the November election. We will continue monitoring the situation carefully.

Ms. Carissa Smith asked if the baseball lights are being donated by the Reese Family. Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that Mrs. Cathy Reese has currently made two, \$50,000 donations towards the lights. She plans to make one additional donation of \$50,000.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 26<sup>th</sup> – WES Fun Fair – 5pm
- April 27<sup>th</sup> – JGHS Prom at Riverside Terrace – 8pm
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – JGHS Senior Awards Night
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – NLES Fun Fair – 5pm
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Spring Spec – 7pm
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Teacher of the Year and Retirement Celebration – 3:30pm
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – NLES 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration – 6:30pm
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – UMS Awards Night

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 21, 2024 7:00 P.M. John Glenn Administration Building

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Jared Egger called the meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board met in Executive Session following the regular session to discuss a job performance of an employee and to conduct school board member training. No additional topics were discussed. The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

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