

School Board Meeting – July 29, 2025

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 July 29, 2025, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jared Egger, Christine Carson, Kathy Jaworski, Ryan Knowlton, Christian Mattix, Todd McGaughey and Carissa Smith. Superintendent Christopher Winchell and six observers were present through Consent Agenda, and four observers were present through the remainder of the meeting.

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

There were no donations or fundraisers presented at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was made at tonight's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – June 26, 2025 – Regular Session
2. Approve Vouchers 105377 through 105664
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

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| a. | Gregg Goewert | Teacher, John Glenn High School |
| b. | Stephanie Brown | Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School
Cross Country Coach, Urey Middle School |
| c. | Brandon Brown | Teacher, Urey Middle School
Athletic/Activities Coordinator, Urey Middle School
E-Sports Sponsor, Urey Middle School
Intramural Sports Coordinator, Urey Middle School |
| d. | Loretta Schmidt | School Nurse, John Glenn High School |
| e. | Hanna Houghtaling | Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation |
| f. | Beth Smith | Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation
Cafeteria Staff, John Glenn High School |
| g. | Jamie Beeney | Volleyball Assistant Coach, North Liberty Elementary School |

Appointments

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| a. | Amanda Paschen | Wind Instructor, John Glenn High School |
| b. | Brad Lieto | Pit Crew, John Glen High School |
| c. | Austin Davis | Assistant Football Coach, Urey Middle School |
| d. | Sean Haas | Assistant Volleyball Coach, Urey Middle School |
| e. | Jenn Stout | Volleyball Coach, Urey Middle School |
| f. | Aimee Egger | Cross Country Coach, Urey Middle School |

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| g. | Quade Pike | Teacher, John Glenn High School & Urey Middle School
Athletic/Activities Director, Urey Middle School |
| h. | Rhonda Hostetler | Special Education Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School |
| i. | Serena Anderson | Senior Class Sponsor, John Glenn High School |
| j. | Angela Santana | Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School |
| k. | Amelia Lockman | Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School |
| l. | Michael McGann | Boys Soccer Head Coach, Urey Middle School |

Transfers

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| a. | Kelsey Robinson | Transfer from Special Education Teacher at North Liberty Elementary School to Special Education Teacher at Walkerton Elementary School |
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4. Approve Transfer Students

To date, we have 72 new transfer requests for the 2025-2026 school year, including the 26 presented for approval at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Winchell presented the board with a spreadsheet breakdown of transfer students detailing which corporations students are transferring from and which townships they reside in.

Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-4, and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

Mr. Winchell introduced Mr. Quade Pike as the JGHS Business Teacher and UMS Athletic Director.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Overnight Field Trip – Cross Country and FFA

Mr. Winchell reminded the board that our board policy calls for the school board to approve all overnight field trips. Tonight we bring a request for the cross country team's annual camping trip, and a request for the FFA to travel to Oklahoma for the national horse judging contest. At John Glenn, we are very fortunate to have teammates who recognize the importance of forming positive relationships with students in and outside of the classroom, and we appreciate the coaches who are willing to plan these activities and special events. Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve Overnight Field Trip – Cross Country and FFA, and Mrs. Kathy Jaworski seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

2. Consider Insurance Settlement

Mr. Winchell informed the board that we had a situation that was turned over to our insurance company. Our insurance company and attorneys have worked through this claim, and I recommend that the board approve the final insurance settlement agreement that was detailed in the board packet. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to consider and approve the Insurance Settlement, and Mr. Todd McGaughey seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

3. Approve Athletic Training Services Agreement with Beacon Health System

Mr. Winchell noted that we have an athletic trainer who services the student athletes here at John Glenn. This athletic trainer is contracted through Beacon Health System. This is our annual contract agreement for those services. As with everything else, inflation has increased the price of this agreement. We are continuing to monitor and look for additional options for providing these services to our students, as we feel the athletic training services that we do provide have become a pillar in our athletic department, and

we want to keep them. Beacon has committed to continue providing the services of Mr. Tom Bolze, who is a JGHS alum and has provided the athletic training services at John Glenn for close to 20 years. He knows our students and community well, and we are lucky to have him. This contract also provides a physician to be on the sidelines for our football games in the fall, as well as summer coverage for camps and summer workouts. Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve Athletic Training Services Agreement with Beacon Health System, and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

4. Approve Overnight Athletic and FFA Field Trips for the 2025-2026 School Year

Mr. Winchell noted that, as we did above, all overnight field trips require school board approval. Throughout the school year, there may be times when an athletic team needs to compete out of town, requiring an overnight stay, before we have a board meeting to approve the request. A few years ago, we started asking for blanket approval for all IHSAA and FFA-sponsored events that occur during the school year, with the understanding that the building principals would then report the travels during their building recognitions. Mr. Egger asked if this umbrella of approval covered band trips as well. Mr. Winchell explained that the band does not usually require an overnight trip, and if they do, they have plenty of notice, as it takes a lot of advanced planning. Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve Overnight Athletic and FFA Field Trips for the 2025-2026 School Year, and Mrs. Kathy Jaworski seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

REPORTS

1. Assistant Superintendent's Report— Dr. Patrick Fuller

Dr. Fuller reported the following:

- As you are aware, we partnered with the Boys and Girls Club for summer school this year. Overall, we have received a lot of positive feedback from the parents and staff members, and have identified a few things that we would be interested in changing going forward.
- I-Ready scores were released last week. As we have done in previous years, we have compared our data with fourteen surrounding school corporations. We are ranked 4th out of 14. Across the state, there has been a drop in ELA scores from 2024 to 2025 while there was an increase in Math scores.
- For Dr. Fuller's complete report on i-Ready scores, please visit our website.

2. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Christopher Winchell

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- We are fortunate to have all of our teaching positions filled, except the position at NLES in Special Education.
- School starts next week! As we are preparing to welcome back students, we are excited to meet with the bus drivers tomorrow morning. Getting the bus drivers back to school and working on their routes is the first official step of the new school year. We will have our all-staff meeting on Monday at 1 PM.
- One of the newer traditions we are establishing is having the prior year's Teacher of the Year share a few words at our all-staff meeting. We look forward to hearing from Mr. Merrill on Monday.
- Another tradition we have been doing for a few years is to honor those who have multiple years of service. Tonight, we thought we would honor a couple of board members. Mr. Knowlton (6 years total) and Mr. Mattix (8 years total) were presented with their 5-year pins.
- We frequently remind our staff that the school board is really a group of unsung heroes. Everyone knows the importance of hiring great teachers and support staff, but not everyone realizes that it takes a special group of individuals willing to run for the school board to help govern school board

policy, and to hire a superintendent who will lead the charge. Thank you to our school board for their time, unwavering support, and service.

- As you are aware, a few years ago, the school board voted to increase our spending threshold from \$25,000 to \$75,000. Any purchase under \$75,000 is approved through vouchers in our consent agenda at each meeting. The administration team agreed that we would report back any large purchases that do not require special board approval (purchased over \$75,000). Mr. Groves has been working with the Ag/FFA Department to update the greenhouse. The original company that built the greenhouse back in 2008 will be completing the repairs, and we are excited to partner with them again. The total cost of all updates is approximately \$49,000. These updates will begin very soon.
- A few brief construction project updates:
 - We are still waiting on the delivery and installation of the lockers at the high school. The incoming freshman will have lockers to start the year, but the remaining new lockers will be installed in the middle of August, therefore, Mr. Manering has communicated to parents that students will be able to carry their backpacks from class to class until installation is complete.
 - The outdoor project is well underway and is running on schedule. There will be some challenges, but they will be well worth it in the end.
 - The project at Walkerton Elementary School is in the final checklist stages. We are being particular with some of the details on the punch list, but we are 99% complete.
 - The UMS office work is almost complete. The secure entry will be operational for the first day of school, and the construction team is working hard to get the air conditioning turned on this week, so we are ready to welcome staff and students.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS

First day of School! August 6, 2025

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 5, 2025 7:00 P.M. JG Admin Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Christine Carson called the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session following the regular session to discuss the initiation of litigation of litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing, the purchase or lease of real property, to discuss records classified as confidential by federal or state statute, and to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. No additional topics were discussed. The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:57 P.M.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
