

## School Board Meeting – August 19, 2025 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 August 19, 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 five observers were present in person. The meeting was also available for virtual attendance.

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

Walkerton Elementary School

- Donations
  - Joe and Dorothy Kronk      Preschool Bookshelves

North Liberty Elementary School

- Donations
  - Falcon 500                              \$184                              Title 1
  - Falcon 500                              \$133.19                              5<sup>th</sup> Grade Flocabulary
  - Falcon 500                              \$35                              3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Explain Everything
  - Falcon 500                              \$25                              5<sup>th</sup> Grade Author Room Event
  - American Heart Association      \$500                              Spring Assembly
- Fundraisers
  - Annual Yard Sign Fundraiser                              NLES Blessing in a Backpack

Urey Middle School

- Donations
  - Falcon 500                              \$121                              Art

John Glenn High School

- Donations
  - Bob’s Country Store                              \$150                              Falloween
  - Casey’s General Stores                              \$250                              Cheerleading
  - Collins & Company Realtors                              \$50                              Falloween
  - Community Foundation of St. Joseph County                              \$2,671                              Girls Basketball
  - Hiler Donation/JGEF                              \$30,000                              Falloween
  - Marshall County REMC                              \$1500                              Football

Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve Donations and Fundraisers as presented, and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was made at tonight’s meeting.

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – August 5, 2025 – Regular Session
2. Approve Vouchers 105716 through 105773
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

### *Retirements/Resignations*

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| a. Brandon Egger     | Girls Basketball Head Coach, North Liberty Elementary School      |
| b. Aimee Egger       | Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, North Liberty Elementary School |
| c. Hannah Weiss      | Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, Urey Middle School               |
| d. Brandon Diss      | Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, North Liberty Elementary School  |
| e. Hanna Houghtaling | Instructional Assistant, North Liberty Elementary School          |

### *Appointments*

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| a. Trenton Woods    | Temporary Teacher, John Glenn High School                   |
| b. Jessica Bogard   | Assistant Volleyball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School |
| c. Kelsey Robinson  | Extended School Year Teacher, John Glenn School Corporation |
| d. Lillian Barenie  | Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School             |
| e. Jeniece Meeks    | Volleyball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School               |
| f. Kim Keller       | Volleyball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School               |
| g. Heather Thompson | Fall & Winter Cheer Coach, Urey Middle School               |

4. Approve Transfer Students

To date, we have 86 new transfer requests for the 2025-2026 school year, including the 5 presented for approval at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Knowlton asked for clarification on what an Extended School Year Teacher does. Mr. Winchell informed the board that occasionally, we have a student with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) who requires more instructional days than the typical 180 days of the school year and summer school opportunities. In these cases, students may be scheduled for extended school year services. These details are outlined in the student's IEP, which is reviewed annually.

Ms. Smith asked if a temporary teacher has the same qualifications/requirements as any other teacher. Mr. Winchell explained that often, we have a teacher who holds a current teaching license, but they want to serve in another area where we have an opening. The state of Indiana will approve these requests on an annual basis, but the teacher can then take a test or attend classes to add that to their license. When we have someone in that situation, we ask the board to approve them on a one-year contract. They are a licensed teacher, they are still a member of the collective bargaining unit, they still receive full teacher pay and benefits, but they do not have that automatic contract renewal on July 1<sup>st</sup> that all other full-time teachers have. This puts some onus on the teammate to make sure they are doing their due diligence to add the appropriate subject to their licensure. In this particular situation, we have a teammate who has an ongoing medical situation, and in the best interest of our students, we knew we needed to hire a teacher who was familiar with our math curriculum to provide consistent instruction for the length of the school year.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. First Reading of NEOLA Policy Update 37-2

Mr. Winchell noted that this is our annual update for school board policies. Every year, the State Legislators meet. The bills that they pass become law every July 1<sup>st</sup>. Our partners at NEOLA bring us updates to our school board policies to keep us in compliance with the laws that were passed. In policy updated 37-2, there is a recommendation to update 44 policies and 4 technical corrections. Some of these updates approve how we utilize the consent agenda and executive sessions for our meetings, and address school attendance and curriculum changes. Dr. Fuller met with Mr. Snoddy, our NEOLA representative, to review these policy updates in detail. A full summary of all the proposed changes was provided in the board packet. There is no action that needs to be taken at tonight's meeting, as we will bring the same policies before the board for a second reading and consideration on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### 2. First Reading of NEOLA Special Update – July 2025

Similar to the last action item, this Special Update is in response to additional legislative changes and recommends the revision of 16 polices and one technical correction. A thorough review of these policies was provided in the board packet. Again, no action is required for tonight's meeting, as these policies will be presented again on September 2<sup>nd</sup> for a second reading and consideration.

## REPORTS

### 1. Assistant Superintendent's Report– Dr. Patrick Fuller

Dr. Fuller reported the following:

- The state released all of the I-READ scores from last spring. We are happy to report that 92.16% of our students passed. While we haven't met the goal of 95%, we are well above the state average of 87.3% and we have mapped out our pathway to achieving that goal.
- Dr. Fuller's full report is posted on our website under the Assistant Superintendent's report.

### 2. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Christopher Winchell

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- We finished day 10 of school. The last time we met, we were on the eve of the first day. We had wonderful attendance at all of our open house events.
- As Mr. Manering reported, fall events are in full swing. Both the cross-country teams and the volleyball teams are off to an outstanding start to their seasons. Volleyball won their tourney last weekend, and there are two things that I feel deserve special recognition. In one game, they were really behind in points. It was amazing to see them re-group, show a lot of grit, and turn the game around to win the entire tournament. Secondly, once they received their trophy, they gathered together and demonstrated great school spirit, singing the school fight song.
- The building project is continuing. There are a lot of things out of place, but there are a lot of things going back into place as well. We are excited to host the first football game this Friday, but we also know that it will be slightly challenging with the limited space available.
- Last meeting, the principals had the night off as they prepared for the first day of school. This week, the operations team has the night off. We have all been working very hard to kick off the school year. Mr. Bendy asked me to inform you that we are in budget season. Tom plans to provide some budget information during the first meeting of September, and then ask for permission to advertise the budget at the second meeting.

- We have all been talking about Senate Bill 1. One thing we wanted to point out specifically this year is that the legislation in SB 1 gives all property owners up to a \$300 credit to their property taxes. That is going to hit this next budget cycle. This is important because it will affect our circuit breaker. We are watching these credits and the circuit breaker very closely. We already know that SB 1 will affect our Assess Value (AV). As that legislation decreases the AV, it will raise our tax rate, even if we are taking the same amount of levy. It is important to think about because it will also affect the circuit breaker. The circuit breaker, years ago, when it was determined to cap property taxes at the 1%, 2%, and 3% assessed value levels, any tax levy that a municipality was trying to collect that was over the 1%, 2% or 3% value, you would not be able to collect. That loss is termed the circuit breaker loss. Senate Bill 1 will affect us for the next 7 years. Any dollar loss is substantial when you are planning programming for students. We will provide more detailed information as we determine how we will be impacted.
- When we start talking about the budget, we are also starting to think about collective bargaining. There is a Collective Bargaining Webinar on August 26<sup>th</sup> that we plan to view here at our office. Any board member is welcome to join as well. Additionally, this Thursday, the IEERB (Indiana Education Employment Relations Board) will be holding its annual conference. We plan to attend with a joint team of administrators and collective bargaining team members. There will be much more to come.
- The Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) has changed. In the past, all teachers who were rated effective or highly effective were eligible. That has been changed by the general assembly. Now, only the top 20% of your highly effective teachers are eligible. That is one of the many things we hope to gain clarity on throughout these two meetings.
- I always try to remind the board that we exist to provide student programming opportunities. In order to do that, we need good fiscal and facility planning so we can maximize the dollars that go into the classroom. A few years ago, we did not have an abundance of students interested in taking shop class at Urey Middle School. We put a plan in place for the teacher to change their schedule, and started teaching the middle school students at the high school. Now, that has grown to the point where our Building Trades class is so full that we had to start a class called Civil Construction. Those classes have grown so much that we no longer have space to host middle school students at the high school. In order to continue this programming at UMS, we tweaked the master schedule, and Mr. Buss obtained an emergency license to teach the shop class at Urey. We have a very robust 7-12 shop curriculum now that has taken shape over the last several years. We are proud to offer yet another CTE pathway for our high school students.
- It has been a great start to the school year. We have a great team, a great plan in place with great students and a great community. We are excited for an amazing year.
- There is an executive session immediately following our regular session this evening.

### BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Labor Day – NO SCHOOL – September 1, 2025

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 2, 2025      7:00 P.M. JG Admin      Regular Session

### ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Christine Carson called the meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session immediately following the regular session to discuss records classified as confidential by federal or state statute, and job performance evaluation of an individual employee. No other topics were discussed. The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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