

School Board Meeting – October 21, 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 October 21, 2025, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Christine Carson, Jared Egger, Kathy Jaworski, and Ryan Knowlton, Todd McGaughey, and Carissa Smith. Christian Mattix was absent. Superintendent Christopher Winchell and eleven observers were present through Consent Agenda, and seven observers were present through the business meeting. The meeting was also available for virtual attendance.

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

Walkerton Elementary School

➤ Donations

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| • Greene Township Lions Club | \$750 | |
| • School Store/Reading for Education | \$1011.28 | |
| • Falcon 500 | \$50 | Ms. Roseberry's Class |
| • Falcon 500 | \$60 | High Ability |
| • Falcon 500 | \$50 | Title 1 |
| • Falcon 500 | \$50 | Owl Prowl |

North Liberty Elementary School

➤ Donations

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| • Falcon 500 | \$39.99 | Third Grade |
| • Falcon 500 | \$60 | Title 1 |
| • Falcon 500 | \$44 | Special Education |
| • Anonymous Grandparent | \$40 | Student Emergency Fund |

Urey Middle School

➤ Donations

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| • Falcon 500 | \$121.27 | Art |
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John Glenn High School

➤ Donations

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| • Aric & Lisa Bajer | \$250 | Cheerleading |
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➤ Fundraisers

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| • Girls Golf | 10/23 | Hacienda Give-Back Night |
| • National Honor Society | 10/31 | Halloween Dress-up Day |

Mr. Todd McGaughey made a motion to approve Donations and Fundraisers as presented, and Mrs. Kathy Jaworski seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was made at tonight's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 6

1. Approve Minutes – October 7, 2025 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Vouchers 106092 through 106167
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Jodi Alexander Girls Soccer Head Coach, Urey Middle School
Track Assistant Coach, Urey Middle School

Appointments

- a. Aaron Nicks Boys Basketball JV Head Coach, ½ pay, John Glenn High School
- b. Casey Groves Volleyball Assistant Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- c. Carter Yung Boys Basketball Head Coach, Walkerton Elementary School

Transfers

- a. Conner Shreve Transfer from Boys Basketball JV Head Coach to Boys Basketball Freshman Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. Matt Malstaff Transfer from Boys Basketball Freshman Coach to Boys Basketball JV Head Coach, ½ pay, John Glenn High School
- c. Jeniece Meeks Transfer from Volleyball Head Coach, ½ pay, to Volleyball Head Coach, Full-pay, Walkerton Elementary School

4. Approve Transfer Students

To date, we have 97 new transfer requests for the 2025-2026 school year, including the one student presented for approval at tonight's meeting.

5. Approve FMLA Request
6. Approve Leave of Absence Request

Mr. Winchell noted that there was a typographical error made in the Board Minutes that were originally shared in the board packet last week, regarding the adjournment time. This has since been corrected, and an updated copy was provided to the board for approval.

Mr. Winchell also noted that a staff member has requested an extended leave of absence through the end of the 2025-2026 school year. This staff member had previously been on FMLA, which has expired. Our board policy and collective bargaining agreement allow the board to approve the additional leave request for up to one year.

Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-6, and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adopt Resolution to Approve 2026 Budget as Advertised

Mr. Winchell noted it is the time of year when we are asking the board to approve our budget for the next calendar year. Budgeting in a school is very unique. We are funded July 1st through June 30th, but we

build a budget from January 1st through December 31st. essentially, we work on 18 months of budgeting at a time. This budget has been presented to the board. It has been advertised on our website and the Gateway portal. We also held our required public hearing at the last board meeting. All of our statutory requirements have been met. We do recommend that the board approve this budget as previously presented. Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to adopt Resolution to approve 2026 Budget as Advertised, and Mr. Todd McGaughey seconded the motion. Mrs. Carson clarified that a motion was received to adopt the Resolution to approve the 2026 Education Fund, Debt Service Fund, Operations Fund, and Rainy Day Fund as Advertised. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

2. Adopt Resolution to Approve Capital Projects Plan

Mr. Winchell explained that, as part of the official budget process, not only do we need to submit our official budget to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF), but we also need to advertise, approve, and submit a Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Plan, which we will do momentarily. The 2026 Capital Projects Plan has been advertised according to state statute and has also been updated to reflect projects that have been completed over the last calendar year. We also provided the board with a binder at the last meeting that encompassed all of the capital bond projects that have been completed since 2019. This Capital Projects Plan reflects those updates as well. Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to adopt Resolution to Approve Capital Projects Plan, and Mrs. Kathy Jaworski seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

Mr. Knowlton commented that the binder that was provided as an overview of the capital projects was very nice and extremely helpful.

3. Adopt Resolution to Approve Bus Replacement Plan

Mr. Winchell explained that the last official step of approving the 2026 Budget is approving the Bus Replacement Plan. This is a five-year plan that we update annually. You may remember that we did substantial revisions to the Bus Replacement Plan when we took on the transportation of students living in Greene Township. First, we added some used buses that we purchased from Michigan City. When the annexation of Greene Township was finalized and received the Max Levy Appeal, we updated our Bus Replacement Plan to reflect our current and future needs. It is important to note that we moved our bus fleet from 19 buses to 25, depending on how you count our special education and CTE routes. That was a substantial addition to our transportation services. Mr. Todd McGaughey made a motion to adopt Resolution to Approve Bus Replacement Plan as presented, and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

Mr. McGaughey noted that he read that Marshall County is going to begin purchasing highway vehicles that are Certified Rebuilt and wondered if that was ever an option for purchasing school buses. Mr. Winchell commented that it is not something he is familiar with, but he will look into it and report back.

REPORTS

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

Dr. Fuller reported the following:

- As you know, we have recently started sending out district newsletters. We have sent out three newsletters so far. We have received a total of 3,411 individual views of these newsletters!
- Dr. Fuller shared a lot of interesting data related to these individual views. His full report is available on the website.

2. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Christopher Winchell

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- As you know, we have been focusing a majority of our time over the last few weeks on Collective Bargaining. I am happy to report that we have a tentative agreement with the teachers' union. We will discuss it tonight in our executive session. We will hold a public hearing on October 28th, and we will request official approval on Tuesday, November 4th.
- Parent-teacher Conferences are a great time to see families, celebrate kids, and even get kids back on track who need it. I have had a lot of time to think about parent-teacher conferences over my 25 years in education, and recently heard an interesting statistic. If we get 25 kids to come to parent-teacher conferences at the elementary level, that is 100% attendance, but if we get 30 kids to come at the secondary level, that is only 20% attendance. As I was pulling into the middle school last week and saw so many cars, I thought, WOW, we have a lot of parents here tonight. Mr. Steinkellner then shared that they encouraged signups from parents. At the high school level, it just isn't the same, particularly with the access to Harmony and the ability to have weekly grades sent to parents. They are still very valuable, just different from what they used to be. Even though it is contracted time for our teachers to be on campus, I am still very thankful they are willing to go the extra mile for our students.
- We had a great fall break! I did have more questions about adding a few days to fall break than I have in the past. It seems that we may be one of the only schools in our area that doesn't have a full week off for fall break.
- Fall break always serves as the unofficial switch from fall activities to winter activities. Volleyball wasn't able to make it out of the sectional last week, although they had a great season. Our Cross Country team will have five athletes compete this weekend at the regional. Our band qualified for semi-state and will perform in Indianapolis on November 8th for a chance to go to the state finals. Football will compete at sectionals this Friday at Calumet. We are in the last stretch of the fall activities. Girls' basketball and Girls' Wrestling started yesterday, and we are preparing to begin all the other winter activities.
- We have an executive session immediately following our meeting tonight.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 4, 2025 7:00 P.M. JG Admin Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Christine Carson called the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in executive session immediately following the regular session to discuss collective bargaining and to discuss records classified as confidential by federal or state statute. No other topics were discussed. The executive session was adjourned at 8:58P.M.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____

