

School Board Meeting – May 5, 2020

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 May 5, 2020, at the John Glenn Administration Office. Board members present in person were Jeff Johnson, and Dan Drotar. Dennis Holland, Christian Mattix, Curt Pletcher and Bill Groves attended the meeting virtually. Bob Borlik was absent. Christopher Winchell, Superintendent, and one observer were present, with ten observers attending virtually.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

No school recognitions were presented at this

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – April 21, 2020 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 503 - 571
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Jane Hostetler Spell Bowl Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. Pam Pearish P.E./Health Teacher, Urey Middle School, (38 years of service)
- c. Kari Hoenert Agriculture Teacher, John Glenn High School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Max Blevins P.E./Health Teacher, Urey Middle School

Several board members commented on the quality teaching of Mrs. Pearish during her 38 years of service, and what an outstanding faculty member she has been. Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 - 3 and Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of six to zero. Roll call was held to confirm the votes, Jeff Johnson voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Curt Pletcher voted yes, Christian Mattix voted yes, and Bill Groves voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve First Reading of the NEOLA Policies – Special Update November 2019, Special Update March 2020

Mr. Chris Winchell, Superintendent, presented special updates to policies, including other policies as “maintenance” items. These other policies include Anti-Harassment, Purchasing, and Wellness. In addition, NEOLA recently re-issued the Control of Casual-Contract Communicable Diseases, which adds “. . . and others designated by the Indiana Department of Public Health”. This addition to the list of communicable diseases is designed to encompass the current COVID-19 pandemic as well as any others that may occur in the future.

Bill Groves made a motion to approve the First Reading of the NEOLA Policy Revisions and Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of six to zero. Roll call was held to confirm the votes, Jeff Johnson voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Curt Pletcher voted yes, Christian Mattix voted yes, and Bill Groves voted yes.

2. Approve Bid for Blacktop Projects

Mr. Winchell the Board to approve a bid from Reith Riley for blacktop work at all four buildings for the total amount of \$653,060. This is a first action step in the corporation's goal to audit facilities and address needs inside of budget and bonding capacities. Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the bid from Reith Riley for a total price of \$653,060 and Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of six to zero. Roll call was held to confirm the votes, Jeff Johnson voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Curt Pletcher voted yes, Christian Mattix voted yes, and Bill Groves voted yes.

3. Approve 2020 – 2021 School Improvement Plans – WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS

As a result of cancelled/postponed state standardized testing, the Indiana Department of Education has recommended adopting synonymous School Improvement plans for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Winchell presented these to the Board and recommended approval of the 2020-2021 School Improvement plans. Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 School Improvement Plans for all four school buildings as presented. Dennis Holland seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a six to zero vote. Roll call was held to confirm the votes, Jeff Johnson voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Curt Pletcher voted yes, Christian Mattix voted yes, and Bill Groves voted yes.

4. Approve Early Graduation Requests

Mr. Morton presented to the Board information on two early graduate requests. Mr. Morton noted that both students have met the required 45 credits to graduate. The Board reviewed the information presented before Bill Groves made a motion to approve the early graduation requests for Perla Leanos and Noemi Leanos. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. Roll call was held to confirm the votes, Jeff Johnson voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Curt Pletcher voted yes, Christian Mattix voted yes, and Bill Groves voted yes.

5. Approve Canvas Learning Management System for Annual Renewal

Andy Stegemiller asked the Board for approval to renew the Canvas Learning Management System for \$12,336.45. Mr. Stegemiller stated the Canvas program has proved invaluable during this extended eLearning event. Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the Canvas Learning Management System renewal for \$12,336.45 and Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion passed with a six to zero vote. Roll call was held to confirm the votes, Jeff Johnson voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Curt Pletcher voted yes, Christian Mattix voted yes, and Bill Groves voted yes.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- E-Learning has been going well, with excellent teamwork displayed by staff and students. E-Learning will continue Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays through May 22, 2020. Special activities will be held for all students the last week of school.
- Food service will continue through June 26, 2020, after which, a two-week break will be observed.
- Facilities improvements are continuing with roofing bids coming in. After the vote tonight, asphalt work will begin at all buildings. Mr. Winchell noted that an exterminator has been as

work in the high school gymnasium ridding the floor of termites. Asbestos reports are back and the gym floor has been found to be asbestos-free.

- Mr. Winchell noted that staffing is still at a minimum, with a plan for teachers to re-enter the buildings still being considered.
- Teacher appreciation week is usually held the first full week of May. Mr. Winchell noted that he had several surprises planned for teachers and staff.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 19, 2020 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Christian Mattix called the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
