

# **School Board Meeting – August 4, 2020**

## **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 4, 2020, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present in person were Bob Borlik, Dan Drotar, Dennis Holland and Christian Mattix. Curt Pletcher attended the meeting virtually and Bill Groves was absent. Christopher Winchell, Superintendent, was present virtually, with two observers attending virtually, and seven observers present in person.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

No school recognitions were presented at this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – July 21, 2020 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – 854 – 900
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

**Retirements/Resignations**

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| a. | Jeff Johnson    | School Board Trustee, John Glenn School Corporation       |
| b. | Karen Maudlin   | Art Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School                  |
| c. | David Dickinson | JV Volleyball Coach, John Glenn High School               |
| d. | John Bogucki    | Assistant Girl's Track Coach, John Glenn High School      |
| e. | Leslie Stec     | National Junior Honor Society Sponsor, Urey Middle School |

**Appointments/Transfers**

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| a. | Stephanie Reynolds | Junior National Honor Society Sponsor, Urey Middle School   |
| b. | Phil Groves        | Transfer from Head Custodian, Urey Middle School to Floating Maintenance Team, John Glenn School Corporation      |
| c. | Alyssa Warner      | Transfer from Part-Time to Full-Time Custodian. Urey Middle School  |
| d. | Jeff Johnson       | Floating Maintenance Team, John Glenn School Corporation  |
| e. | Ann Hoover         | Guidance Secretary, John Glenn High School  |
| f. | Douglas Matthys    | Transfer from Varsity Assistant Girls' Basketball to JV Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach, John Glenn High School |
| g. | Dan Dewar          | Girls' Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach, John Glenn High School   |
| h. | Kurt Foster        | Girls' Assistant Track Coach, John Glenn High School  |
| i. | Ed Johnson         | Boys' Assistant Golf Coach, John Glenn High School  |
| j. | Stephanie Burger   | School Psychologist, John Glenn School Corporation  |
| k. | William Morton     | Preparing for College and Careers Teacher, John Glenn High School   |
| j. | Beth Griffey       | Resource Teacher, North Liberty Elementary  |

4. Transfer Student Requests

There are currently 470 Out-of-District Transfer requests for the 2020 – 2021 school year, including the new requests listed below.

Abel Barone	WES/1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Caleb Brantley	WES/5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Joseph Brantley	WES/2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Morgan Brantley	JGHS/11 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Ily Brovold	WES/Kindergarten
Bryce Brown	WES/5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Riley Brown	WES/3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Tia Champion	JGHS/10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Aria Chandler	WES/Kindergarten
Kyle Herzeg	NLES/2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Izabella Hogue	NLES/2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Brooke Hickman	WES/5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Sean Hickman	WES/Kindergarten
Graison Howard	WES/Kindergarten
Carson Krueger	JGHS/9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Lilli Marosz	NLES/4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Maya Marosz	JGHS/10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Irelynn Messick	NLES/Kindergarten
Trayten Messick	NLES/2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
William Miller	WES/Kindergarten
Alaina Pittman	UMS/7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Lydia Pittman	WES/Kindergarten
Khloe Ramey	WES/4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Liam Ramey	WES/Kindergarten
Reese Ramey	WES/3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Blaze Rice	WES/2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Selena Thacker	WES/5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Trey Thacker	WES/6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Carter Tharpe	WES/3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Emma Tharpe	WES/5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Jaxson Tharpe	WES/3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Kerstyn vanBlaricom	JGHS/11 <sup>th</sup> Grade

Dennis Holland made a motion to approve consent agenda items 1- 4 and Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of four to zero. Roll call was held to confirm the votes: Curt Pletcher voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, and Christian Mattix voted yes. Bob Borlik arrived late and missed the first vote. Mr. Winchell highlighted the excellent service of Jeff Johnson, Retired Board Member, to the School Board and community. Mr. Winchell also noted that Mr. Morton's recommendation is for a  $\frac{3}{4}$  contract, 135 days.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Approve Publication of Notice of Hearing on Proposed Renovation and Improvements

Mr. Winchell noted that this approval is part of the bond process that will be followed for possible future renovations and improvements at North Liberty Elementary School and other corporation buildings, including a solar project at NLES. He also highlighted a list of high priority improvements that should be made at North Liberty Elementary School. Lisa Huntington, from Baker Tilly, provided details of different bond options that are available. The maximum scenario was \$5.35 million bond with a tax implication of a little over two cents. Mr. Winchell noted that last year we gave historic teacher raises, a 2% raise to all other staff, a GO bond for building repairs, increased corporation cash balances, and lowered the tax rate by seven cents. This bond still results in a lower tax rate than we had 2 years ago.

The advertisement of the public hearing will be published on August 7<sup>th</sup> in the South Bend Tribune and the Plymouth Pilot. After a brief discussion, Curt Pletcher made a motion to approve the Publication of Notice of Hearing on Proposed Renovation and Improvements and Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero. Roll call was held to confirm the votes: Curt Pletcher voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Bob Borlik voted yes, and Christian Mattix voted yes.

## 2. Approve Resolution to Transfer Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund

Mr. Winchell noted that this is a resolution passed each quarter to allow the Treasurer to transfer an amount from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund as allowed by HB1009. The amount requested to transfer is \$141,667. After brief comment from Mr. Tom Bendy, Treasurer, noting that the requested amount is 13%, which under the state's recommended guidelines for transfers of 15%, Dennis Holland made a motion to approve the Resolution to Transfer Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund in the amount of \$141,667, and Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero. Roll call was held to confirm the votes: Curt Pletcher voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Bob Borlik voted yes, and Christian Mattix voted yes.

## 3. Approve Back-to-School Plan – Revised 7/29/2020

Mr. Winchell highlighted the most recent updates made to the Back to School Plan detailing a red 100% virtual plan, a yellow 50% capacity plan, and a green 100% capacity plan. A letter was sent to parents on July 29<sup>th</sup> noting the intention to begin the 2020-2021 school year in the "RED" phase. Despite every effort made to return to on-campus learning, his decision is in large part the result of the recommendations of local health departments. It is Mr. Winchell's intention to move to the "yellow" hybrid plan as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve the Back-to-School Plan – Revised 7/29/2020, and Dan Drotar seconded the motion. During further discussion Mr. Drotar questioned who holds the authority to decide what phase we are under. Mr. Winchell noted that decisions of this sort are derived by working with a group of many stake holders, but ultimately the Board has bestowed the final authority with the Superintendent. Mr. Winchell stated that he takes that responsibility very seriously and accepts the responsibility of any consequences that may surface. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero. Roll call was held to confirm the votes: Curt Pletcher voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Bob Borlik voted yes, and Christian Mattix voted yes.

## 4. Select Guaranteed Energy Savings Provider in Anticipation of Potential Solar Project

Mr. Winchell and Mr. Bob Borlik provided summaries of the sub-committee interviews with two potential Guaranteed Savings Providers. They noted both companies are highly qualified with excellent references. It is the recommendation of the sub-committee to proceed with Johnson Mellow Solutions at this time. After a brief discussion, Dennis Holland made a motion to approve Johnson Mellow as the Selected Guaranteed Energy Savings Provider in Anticipation of potential solar project, and Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero. Roll call was held to confirm the votes: Curt Pletcher voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Bob Borlik voted yes, and Christian Mattix voted yes.

## REPORTS

### 1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- Multiple staff meetings were held last week in preparation for the first days/weeks of school. Administrators and staff, along with the JGEA, have been working tirelessly to make detailed

plans for a smooth start to the year, with outdoor open houses being planned for each building. Mr. Eric Stephens, Athletic and Activities Director has been working hard to make sure all safety protocols are being followed as fall activities have begun to take place on campus.

- Renovations to the high school gym continue as scheduled.

#### BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- A reminder was given to board members about the upcoming ISBA School Budgeting and Finance Seminar to be held on August 12, 2020.

#### UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

August 11, 2020 – School Begins *Virtually*

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 18, 2020 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

#### ADJOURNMENT

Christian Mattix, Board President, called the meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session was held to discuss employee job performance. No other business was discussed. Bob Borlik, Dan Drotar, Dennis Holland, and Christian Mattix attended in person, while Curt Pletcher attended virtually. The executive session began at 8:25 P.M. and adjourned at 8:46 P.M.