

# **School Board Meeting – December 1, 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 December 1, 2020 at the John Glenn High School Media Center. Board members present were Dan Drotar, Bill Groves, and Christian Mattix. Bob Borlik, Dennis Holland and Ryan Knowlton attended virtually, and Curt Pletcher was absent. There were five observers present in person and one virtual observer.

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

Urey Middle School Donations:

- \$50 for Soccer game balls from Falcon 500
- \$25 for Robotics competition entry fees from Falcon 500
- \$164 for Athletics from an Anonymous Donor

John Glenn High School Donations:

- \$10 for Aerial from Donna Rummel
- \$20 for Aerial from Rebekah Parsons
- \$162 for Falloween from Tri-Kappa

Recognitions:

Students at all of our buildings do so many great things that we would like to share with the community. Please see a list of recognitions from each building principal attached at the bottom of the minutes.

Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the above named donations and Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero. Roll call was held to confirm the votes. Bob Borlik voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Bill Groves voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Ryan Knowlton voted yes, and Christian Mattix voted yes.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – November 10, 2020 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – 1408 - 1477
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Chip Cochran                      Head Boys Golf Coach, John Glenn High School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Kyler Columbia                      Freshman Girls Basketball Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. Adam Dunlap                      JV Baseball Head Coach, John Glenn High School

4. Approve Transfer Student Requests

We currently have 502 Out-of-District Transfer requests for the 2020-2021 school year with no additional requests at this time.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Approve Seven-Semester Graduate Requests

Mr. Winchell noted that we typically invite our early graduates to attend the Board meeting for recognition, but with the current COVID situation, that wasn't in our best interest this year. Mr. Chris Manering, John Glenn High School Principal, explained that he has met with each of the thirteen students to discuss future plans and is happy to report that they all have plans in place for success. He noted that these students have worked very hard to complete their credits, and he is honored to recommend their early graduation to the Board for approval. The thirteen students are Delilah Allsop, Haleigh Amor, Dalton Ankin, Wyatt Auer, Olivia Baldwin, Jordan Basham, Jade Janssen, Ashley Kelly, Sydney Lowry, Aiyana Raby, Phillip Wallace, Hailie White and Melachi Wright. Mr. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve Seven-Semester Graduate Requests and Mr. Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero. Roll call was held to confirm the votes. Bob Borlik voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Bill Groves voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Ryan Knowlton voted yes, and Christian Mattix voted yes.

### 2. Approve Administrative Contracts – Retroactive to July 1, 2020

Mr. Winchell informed the Board that we typically recommend two-year contracts for all administrators. With the completion of a successful bargaining season with the Teachers Union, it is Mr. Winchell's recommendation that we provide the administrators with a similar raise, \$700 raise to base pay plus a one-time \$500 stipend. Mr. Winchell went on to add that the administrators are also licensed teachers, therefore they are covered under the Master Teacher Contract as any other teacher in the corporation, as well as the benefits outlined in the Administrator Contract Addendum included in the Board packet. In Addition, Mr. Winchell recommended an additional five vacation days for Mr. Tom Bendy. He explained that Mr. Bendy is in a unique situation because he is not a licensed teacher, but the head of our Financial Department. His current vacation time is not in-line with his responsibilities. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Administrative Contracts – Retroactive to July 1, 2020, and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero. Roll call was held to confirm the votes. Bob Borlik voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Bill Groves voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Ryan Knowlton voted yes, and Christian Mattix voted yes.

### 3. Approve Support Staff Stipend

Mr. Winchell explained to the Board that similar to Administrator Contracts, we generally wait until after we have settled the teacher's contract to make recommendations for support staff raises. Historically, we have provided support staff with a 1 – 4% raise. After looking over our budget with Mr. Bendy, Mr. Winchell is recommending that all support staff team members receive a \$500 one-time stipend, just as the teachers and administrators will receive. Mr. Winchell noted how appreciative he is of every employee. With our unique year, everyone has stepped up to the plate and filled in when needed. He feels this is just one small way that the Board can help express this gratitude. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Support Staff Stipend and Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero. Roll call was held to confirm the votes. Bob Borlik voted yes, Dan Drotar voted yes, Bill Groves voted yes, Dennis Holland voted yes, Ryan Knowlton voted yes, and Christian Mattix voted yes.

## REPORTS

## 1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell noted the following:

- COVID Update – Shared the COVID Dashboard that is available at [www.jgsc.k12.in.us](http://www.jgsc.k12.in.us) and explained that this spreadsheet is an effort to provide continual transparency to parents and the community of current COVID cases in our schools. Explained the difficult decision recently made to transition the high school students to a 100% virtual learning platform due to recommendation from the St. Joseph County Health Department and in consultation with the Indiana Department of Health. It is our full intention to return to in-person learning following Winter Break on January 4, 2021. Mr. Winchell also reminded the Board that he is in frequent contact with the Marshall and St. Joseph County Health Departments, Indiana State Department of Health and local superintendents, and will continue to keep the Board and JG family updated with any future recommendations.
- TCU Gymnasium updates – continuing to make progress on the gym renovations. Unfortunately, we were unable to make our December 1<sup>st</sup> completion deadline due to some backordered supplies. Mr. Groves added that Mr. Eric Stephens, Athletic Director, has done an excellent job collecting and coordinating input on the final designs and feels that these renovations will make us all proud. It is still our goal to finish prior to the end of the boys basketball season.
- Barton – Coe – Vilamaa has been back to campus to tease out final details for the potential projects at North Liberty and Walkerton Elementary Schools. These projects will go out to bid prior to Christmas, and will be brought to the Board for approval at the end of January/early February.
- Vermillion Systems has begun work on the installation of the key fob entry system at JGHS and the administration building. They are currently on schedule and will continue installation at all buildings.
- The JGEA and administration team have been working on calendar suggestions for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years. The benefit of approving two calendars this year allows for additional planning time for families. Rather than having a school calendar that starts in 6 months, we are providing it 18 months in advance. We have brought our combined recommendation for the Board to review as we continue to fine tune a few details. These are very reciprocal of past years with the exception of incorporating more eLearning days to combat inclement weather and fewer scheduled snow make-up days.

## 2. Conference Requests

- a. Tim McLochlin

### BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Mattix inquired on the status of the NLES Solar Project and the zoning variance process. Mr. Winchell explained that they are mostly resolved with the next step being anticipated approval at the North Liberty Town Board meeting on December 7, 2020. Mr. Winchell noted that he planned to attend. After this, we will attend a hearing at the St. Joseph County Area Board of Zoning Appeals. We fully anticipate being able to move forward very soon.

### UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 15, 2020 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Christian Mattix called the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held immediately following the Regular Session to discuss school safety, personnel matters and confidential records. No other matters were discussed. Mr. Christian Mattix called the Executive Session adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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