

School Board Meeting – January 19, 2021

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 January 19, 2021 at the John Glenn High School Media Center. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Dan Drotar, Jared Egger, Bill Groves, Dennis Holland and Ryan Knowlton. Christian Mattix was absent. There were nine observers present.

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

John Glenn High School Donations:

➤ Falcon 500	\$52.50	Boys Soccer
➤ Kay Freehauf	\$50	Aerial
➤ Tamara McNally	\$25	Aerial
➤ Richard and Catherine Reese	\$250	Wrestling
➤ John and Nancy Turner	\$500	Theater
➤ Teachers Credit Union	\$500	Band/Choir

Gift Cards/Certificates for the Class of 2024

➤ Corner Cup	\$20 Gift Card
➤ Four Winds Casino	\$100 Gift Card
➤ Hacienda	\$25 certificate (2)
➤ KFC	\$70 multiple certificates
➤ Subway	5 free sub cards

Fundraiser:

➤ Junior Class	1/25-2/5/21	Carnation Sale
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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 on our website following each meeting.

Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve the above named donations and Mr. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – January 12, 2021– Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Jill Byrd 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher, Urey Middle School

- b. Wendy Peters Spell Bowl Coach, Urey Middle School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Donna Johnson Part-time Cafeteria Staff, North Liberty Elementary School
- b. Johnny Drews Assistant Wrestling Coach, Urey Middle School
- c. Ryan Reese 6B Boys Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School

3. Approve Transfer Student Requests

We currently have 508 Out-of-District Transfer requests for the 2020-2021 school year including the students listed below.

- Hazel Frazier NLES/5
- Chance Sapp WES/3

Mr. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve consent agenda items as described above and Mr. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approve Bid of \$3,541,400 for North Liberty and Walkerton Elementary School Renovations with Brown and Brown General Contractors, Inc.

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that this is the next step in our overall facilities plan and bond process that we have been working on. Mr. Ryan Bowland, Barton Coe Vilamaa, provided a project summary and review of the bids. Overall BCV is very happy with the bids that were received. There were seven contractors that bid the base project, along with seven alternate projects that we were hoping to include depending on the bids that we received. It is exciting to report that the bid from Brown and Brown was not only the lowest bid, but also came in significantly under budget allowing us to be able to complete the base project and all seven alternates. The project is expected to begin when school ends in May and should be mostly completed by the time we start school in August. We are currently making plans to hold elementary summer school at either Urey Middle School or John Glenn High School since both elementary buildings will be unavailable. Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve the Bid of \$3,541,400 for North Liberty and Walkerton Elementary School Renovations with Brown and Brown General Contractors, Inc. and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

- 2. Approve Bid of \$248,280 for Urey Middle School Re-roofing with Morris & Sons Roofing, Inc.

Mr. Ryan Bowland from BCV noted that we received bids from four contractors for the re-roofing project at Urey Middle School. Again, these bids came in very well and under budget. Morris & Sons Roofing, Inc. provided the lowest bid for the base project and one alternate project. After brief discussion, Mr. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve the Bid of \$248,280 for Urey Middle School Re-roofing with Morris & Sons Roofing, Inc. and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

REPORTS

- 1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell noted the following:

- COVID Update – The statistic we follow very closely is the positivity rate. At our last meeting, Mr. Winchell reported that this rate has been fluctuating reaching a high of approximately 15% but is currently in a downward trend in the 12% range currently. We will monitor this closely alongside the local health departments. Again, we have had a few positive cases in our district which resulted in some contact tracing but nothing wide spread at this time.
- The Gym floor is complete, bleachers are installed and we had a soft opening on Monday evening when we hosted the first round of the 2021 Bi-County Basketball Tournament for both boys and girls.
- The Key Fob project continues to progress with installation of a few cameras. It is on schedule for a mid-February completion.
- Solar project – The final variance for the Solar Project Zoning was approved at the North Liberty Town Board meeting on Monday, January 18th. Construction resumed today.
- The Walkerton Town Council met on Monday the 18th and they have given initial approval to move forward with the fuel project. All stake holders will have a meeting to put together a blueprint to show exactly where the tanks will be located and outline the next steps that will need to happen. These double walled tanks will be located above ground, in a fenced, secured area. The tanks are self-monitoring for fuel level and any leakage. The pumping mechanisms will be on the outside of the fenced area to eliminate excess traffic. Legal counsel from the Town and Corporation will begin developing a formal inner local agreement as a final step to this partnership. We have also prepared a proposal for the RDC “TIFF” board to assist with the startup costs. They have given an initial favorable recommendation and we hope to have approval late this month.

2. Conference Requests

- a. Donia Hudgen

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Groves provided the Board with an updated copy of the Superintendent’s Contract as it was requested from Mr. Kaminski, our legal counsel. President Groves noted that this represents a reciprocal contract to what Mr. Winchell currently holds with a \$700 raise to the base pay and a one-time \$500 stipend parallel to what teachers, support staff and administrators also received this year. The contract would run from 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2024. He asked that the Board contact him directly with any questions no later than Thursday, January 20, 2021 so that we can get the contract advertised and proceed with the approval process.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 2, 2021 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

Mr. Groves called the regular meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M. and called to order the Board of Finance meeting.

1. Organize Board of Finance by Electing a President and Secretary

By statute, the School Board must appoint a President and Secretary for the Board of Finance. Traditionally, the officers of the School Board serve as the officers of the Board of Finance.

President Bill Groves Secretary Christian Mattix

Dennis Holland made a motion to approve the appointment of Bill Groves as President and Christian Mattix as Secretary for the Board of Finance. Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

2. Annual Board of Finance Report and Review of 2020 Investments

Mr. Tom Bendy provided a detailed review of the Corporation's financial status (current and historical information) as well as the financial indicators as provided by the DUAB (Distressed Unit Appeals Board). It is to be noted that our Corporation has increased staff salaries, completed over \$7 million in school improvements, lowered the tax rate twice, and increased our cash balances in the last 18 months. This has been a great team effort.

Mr. Winchell noted that there should be great pride in the financial situation of the district at this time.

1. We have provided increased compensation to all employees in both 2019 and 2020.
2. We have increased our total cash balance by \$1 million.
3. When the building projects are completed this summer, we will have invested over \$7 million in our facilities while lowering the tax rate twice, once for 2020 and again for 2021.

Mr. Groves called the Board of Finance meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
