

School Board Meeting – February 2, 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 February 2, 2021 at the John Glenn High School Media Center. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Dan Drotar, Jared Egger, Dennis Holland, Ryan Knowlton and Christian Mattix. Bill Groves was absent. There were seven observers present.

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

Walkerton Elementary School Donations:

➤ Brems Family	\$100	Family in need
➤ Lifetouch	\$2254.18	Fall Picture Commissions
➤ Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser	\$112.00	Summer Reading Program
➤ Box Tops Commission	\$143.30	
➤ Casey's Rewards	\$12.00	
➤ Girls Basketball Shoot-a-thon	\$1718.00	

Fundraiser:

➤ Flower Grams for Valentine's Day		WES Student Council
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John Glenn High School Donations:

➤ Falcon 500	\$396.00	Top 10% Senior Banquet
➤ Schweitzer Engineering Labs	\$100.00	Robotics

Fundraisers:

➤ Krispie Kreme Donuts	1/26-2/9	Softball
➤ Raffle	2/16-2/19	Freshman Class
➤ Hot Chocolate Sales	2/11/21	Senior Class
➤ Butter Braid Sales	3/2-3/16	Choral Department

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.

Special Recognition was given by Mr. Chris Manering with the announcement of the Class of 2021 Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Samuel Thomas is the 2021 Valedictorian and Seja Lang is the 2021 Salutatorian.

Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve the above named donations and fundraisers, and Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – January 19, 2021– Regular Session & Finance Board Meeting

2. Approve Claims – 1 - 117

3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Kelsi West JV Assistant Softball Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. David Guseilla 6th Grade Girls Basketball, Walkerton Elementary School
- c. Austin O'Connor 7A Boys Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Melissa Williams Temporary 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher and Girls Track Coach, Urey Middle School
- b. Lori Jacob Temporary Study Hall Instructional Aide, Urey Middle School
- c. Amy Turner Temporary Study Hall Instructional Aide, Urey Middle School
- d. Melita Beeney Elementary Activities Coordinator, North Liberty Elementary School
- e. Scott Hostetler Elementary Activities Coordinator, Walkerton Elementary School
- f. Ryan Reese Transfer from 5A Girls Basketball Coach to 6A Girls Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- g. Michelle Jarr Transfer from 5B Girls Basketball Coach to 6B Girls Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- h. Amanda Smith Assistant Spring Musical Director, John Glenn High School

4. Approve FMLA Request for Employee #3120

Mr. Bob Borlik took a moment to congratulate Amanda Smith on her appointment as the Spring Musical Assistant Director. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 - 4 as described above and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Resolution to Transfer Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that HB1009 allows the Corporation to transfer money from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund to cover expenses. This is a resolution we approve each quarter. Mr. Bendy informed the Board that we will transfer \$141,666.67 per month. This is approximately 12% of our total of our Education Fund which is well below the state recommended allowance of 15%. Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve Resolution to Transfer Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund and Mr. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

2. Approve Purchase of 1150 Chrome Education Licenses from SHI for \$27,542.50

Mr. Andy Stegmiller informed the board that Chrome Education licenses are needed to manage our Chromebooks. These licenses allow us to integrate our Chromebooks into our Google Gsuite domain, and to control apps and extensions that are available to students. Google has announced that there will be a price increase for each license of approximately 30% in March 2021. Since we anticipate purchasing Chromebooks in the very near future, it is Mr. Stegmiller's recommendation that we go ahead and purchase the education licenses prior to the price increase. Per Board policy for purchases over \$25,000, three quotes were obtained with the lowest bid being from SHI for a total of \$27,542.50. The other quotes were from Dell for a total of \$29,060.50 and Trafera for a total of \$27,600. After brief discussion, Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Purchase of 1150 Chrome Education Licenses from SHI for \$27,542.50 and Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

3. Public Hearing to review Superintendent of Schools Contract

Mr. Winchell informed the Board that Indiana code requires that we publish the Superintendent's proposed contract on our website and in local newspapers at least 10 days prior to holding a public hearing for constituents to comment for/against the contract. After this public hearing, the Board must wait seven days prior to approving the contract. We have met the advertising guidelines and a public hearing was opened at 7:18 PM by Vice President Ryan Knowlton, who was the Presidential Officer. Mr. Winchell noted that this contract is reciprocal to the contract he has currently. If approved, it will become effective on July 1, 2021 and run through June 30, 2024. Mr. Winchell will receive the same \$700 raise to his base pay and one-time \$500 stipend that teachers and administrators were awarded earlier this school year, along with a \$200 increase to his health savings account. Additional contractual language is proposed to provide health insurance benefits to the Superintendent's family for two years in the event of his untimely death during the contractual period. Mr. Christian Mattix took the opportunity to speak as a constituent of the corporation and noted that Mr. Winchell has done an excellent job navigating our corporation through the COVID pandemic, as well as moving our corporation forward with projects such as the gym renovations, solar project, and other building facility needs. These increases and extension are well deserved. With no additional comment from the Board or public, the hearing was closed at 7:22 PM.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell noted the following:

- COVID Update – The numbers continue to trend in the right direction. The positivity rate and contact tracing here at the schools is also beginning to taper off. From a state wide perspective, St. Joseph County has moved from the orange category to the yellow for this week. We will need to maintain that same status two weeks in a row in order to change any of our procedures. Since our community spread has been so low, there will be some changes to our current procedures in some of our buildings. Up until now, we have been very strict with co-horting and mask wearing. Those things won't change but we are hoping to allow our teachers, students and staff a little more flexibility and freedom while remaining very safe. While we realize that this is not the time to open things up completely, we feel that we can make some small changes to benefit our students and staff. We will also begin allowing 25% capacity for school events.
- Legislative Update – there are usually a few hundred bills a year that go before our state congress. It is always important that we keep track of bills that can affect us locally. There are three bills that we are watching closely. One is in regards to collective bargaining that would allow teachers to negotiate their own contract outside of collective bargaining. The second bill has to deal with Civics curriculum in the 6th-8th grades. While this bill is not clear on what the definition of civics is at this time, it is something that we will need to monitor. Lastly HB1367 is concerning de-annexation. It is important to note that Greene Township has been actively pursuing leaving the South Bend Community School Corporation

and joining the John Glenn School Corporation for the last several years. It is also important to note that Greene students represent approximately 8% of our student body. JGSC has maintained a neutral stance but has been an active participant to make it known where we stand on this bill and so that the corporation is accurately represented. Mr. Winchell, with the support of our Board, and at the request of Representative Teshka, was able to provide testimony before the Educational Committee on January 27th. This is a controversial bill but we have to do what is best for our local families and constituency. HB1367 is not being pursued by JGSC but rather by Greene Township.

- Construction update – TCU Gymnasium renovations are completed and it is getting a lot of positive feedback. Thank you to the Board for your support and patience. The key fob project is almost complete. We are waiting on a few door repairs and it will be wrapped up. The Solar project is up and running. The team is working hard to get the panels installed and making great progress. They plan to be completely finished and producing energy by the end of March. We are now under contract with Brown and Brown for our project and NLES and WES. BCV continues to work with us to make final plans and construction will begin as soon as school ends for the year.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Dennis Holland noted that Mr. Winchell represented the Corporation and the Board very well when he testified in front of the Education Committee last week. It was also noted that the gym floor looks amazing. There was a small discussion about HB1367 and Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that the best case scenario for all involved would be to reach an agreement between the two school corporations.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

February 5, 2021	Girls Basketball Semi-Finals at St Joe High School
February 9, 2021	ISBA State House Day
February 12-15, 2021	No School

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 16, 2021 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ryan Knowlton called the meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____

