

School Board Meeting – April 20, 2021

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 April 20, 2021 at the John Glenn High School Media Center. Board members present in person were Bob Borlik, Dan Drotar, Jared Egger, Dennis Holland, Ryan Knowlton and Christian Mattix. Bill Groves was absent. Eight observers were present.

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

Walkerton Elementary School Donations:

➤ Woodman Life	\$500	
➤ Summer Reading Program	\$2337.50	toward book vending machine
➤ Walkerton Elementary PTA	\$1500	toward book vending machine
➤ John Glenn Education Foundation	\$1000	toward book vending machine

Urey Middle School Fundraisers:

➤ Golf Coupon Cards	Urey Athletics	April 2021
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John Glenn High School Donations:

➤ American Legion Post #27	\$250	Falloween
➤ Falcon 500	\$20	Tutoring Snacks
➤ Falcon 500	\$20	Business Club
➤ Falcon 500	\$100	Chess Club
➤ Richard and Catherine Reese	\$1000	Baseball, Dick Reese Classic
➤ Richard and Catherine Reese	\$100	Girls Basketball in Honor of Ted Hayden Sr.
➤ Sons of the American Legion #27	\$100	Falloween
➤ Randy Smith	\$40	Chess Club

John Glenn High School Fundraisers:

➤ Track	Yard Sign Sales	4/1/21 - 4/9/2021
➤ Football	Fan Cloth Store	4/5/21 – 5/5/21

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. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve the above named fundraisers and donations, 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 – March 16, 2021– Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 304 - 422
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

There are no Resignations at this time

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Janice Allsop Temporary Secretary, North Liberty Elementary School
 - b. Knox Brodhead Assistant Football Coach, Urey Middle School
 - c. Tara Dome 5th Grade Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School
 - d. Ashleigh Filley Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation
 - e. Damen Jackson High Ability Teacher, John Glenn School Corporation
Football Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School
Wrestling Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School
Robotics Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
 - f. Natalie Kretchmer Secondary Special Education Teacher, John Glenn High School and Urey Middle School
 - g. Makayla Locsi Temporary Instructional Aide/Technology Facilitator, Urey Middle School
 - h. Jeremy Morton Assistant Middle School Golf Coach, Urey Middle School
 - i. Kerianne Schoff Speech Language Pathologist, John Glenn School Corporation
 - j. Traci Stewart Secretary, North Liberty Elementary School
4. Approve FMLA Request for Employee #4298

Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve consent agenda items 1-4 and Mr. Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

Mr. Winchell noted that it is the time of year that we normally receive notification from employees who are making alternate plans for the next school year. We anticipate more changes in the coming weeks. The High Ability Program was put on hold this school year due to COVID so we are very excited to welcome Damon Jackson as our new High Ability teacher for the upcoming school year. Mr. Winchell also briefly reviewed other new hires noting that Ms. Tara Dome is taking the open 5th Grade position at NLES. Tara has done a great job covering a recent maternity leave and completed her student teaching at North Liberty earlier this school year. Mrs. Natalie Kretchmer is currently filling a temporary Special Education position, but as we have reassessed the corporation needs, we have decided to bring her on permanently to meet the needs of our growing special education students.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Advanced Placement/Dual Credit Update

We have a long tradition here at John Glenn that we give hands on treatment to each of our students. Years ago it was noted that our higher ability kids, particularly in the high school, needed the same additional support as students who may be struggling. It is customary that the Board be presented with an annual report to update them on progress made. Mrs. Rose Dodson presented the Board with an update to the Advanced Placement and Dual Credit classes that are currently offered at the high school. One interesting note is that our overall passing

percentages increased in the COVID year. Our kids and teachers showed great resiliency to show growth in such an adverse semester. You can review the report in its entirety, [here](#).

2. Approve Purchase of 1150 Chromebooks from Trafera for a total cost of \$368,000

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that this is the next step in our technology plan, very similar to our bus replacement plan. We have been reviewing our budget to see exactly how this planned expense will be covered. We have been fortunate to receive some really good bids back on recent building projects so we have some money left over from the GO Bond we took out in 2019, in addition to the great bids we received for the current building project 2020 Lease Rental Bond. We feel really comfortable using funds from the 2019 bond on this purchase. Mr. Stegemiller presented the board with a sample of the Chromebook that he would like to purchase. All students grades three through nine will have the exact same device, same chargers, and same cases. This is the only type of purchase that we will make that makes an impact on so many students, especially in the time of COVID and remote learning. We were fortunate that we had the foresight to provide a 1:1 technology situation for our students, pre-COVID, despite how expensive it was. We were much more prepared to pivot to virtual learning in the pandemic than many other districts. Our AP growth is one example of this. Mr. Winchell noted that Board policy requires special approval for any purchase over \$25,000, while Indiana State Statute requires a public bid process for any purchase over \$150,000. We are using a state wide bid that was already approved, so that we don't have to put out our own separate bids. This is a similar process to when we approved the bleacher purchase for the gymnasium. The bids are listed below. Mr. Mattix asked if the suppliers can commit delivering these Chromebooks in a timely manner, and Mr. Stegemiller confirmed that these are currently on hold with the supplier, just waiting for Board approval. After a brief discussion, Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve the Purchase of 1150 Chromebooks from Trafera for a total cost of \$368,000, Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of six to zero.

3. Approve the Purchase of 90 iPad Airs from Apple Computer for a total of \$29,605.50

Mr. Stegemiller informed the Board that we intend to replace the 90 oldest iPads that we have which are currently 7 years old. This is a necessary replacement because the older iPads are no longer able to support the apps that students use on a daily basis as well as meet state standardized testing requirements. Fortunately, we can also cover this expense with 2019 GO Bond. After brief discussion, Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve the Purchase of 90 iPad Airs from Apple Computer for a total of \$29,605.50 and Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of six to zero.

4. Approve Early Graduation Request

Mr. Manering informed the Board that Junior Mackenzie Werntz has requested to graduate a year early. She is a great young lady who has worked ahead and is well on track to graduate. She has been accepted to IUSB for the Fall Semester and has passed the ISTEP tests solidly. Mackenzie has always expressed that she wanted to graduate early since she entered high school and she has worked very hard to get to this point. As a six semester early graduate, she will be eligible for the Mitch Daniels Scholarship which is a substantial amount of money toward post-secondary education. Mr. Winchell noted we are always concerned kids are growing up too fast, and Mr. McCormick would always ask early graduates if they were sure they were ready to leave all the fun of high school. We want to keep the tradition of reminding the students not to grow up too fast. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve the Early Graduation Request, and Mr. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell noted the following:

- COVID - we still appear to have limited cases here in the schools. We have had to do some close contact tracing for a case here and there. All of our staff continues to do a great job enforcing our COVID protocols. We continue to try to plan end of the year activities that were cancelled last year while making them COVID safe.
- Building Projects update-
 - The Urey roof project is nearly completed. The bad weather slowed the project slightly but it is very close to being finished. Morris and Sons are a great partner.
 - Key Fob Project is completed however, despite our best planning efforts, we have some doors that are going need to be replaced. We have tried to repair them, but despite those efforts, we will have to replace them for the system to function as designed.
 - Solar project is 100% complete and we are making our own electric. The company that we partnered with, JMS, will complete a full, one year review and commissioning process to ensure our solar is working to specifications before the warranty begins. If we don't save the projected amounts, they will make up the difference via check payment as part of the guarantee from our "guaranteed energy savings project". We will report back.
 - Work over Spring Break at Walkerton Elementary with updating to LED lights. Work also started at North Liberty Elementary and completed some preliminary work in the auxiliary gym and some welding to prepare for the new air handling system. We have a weekly meeting with our facility team, Barton Coe Vilamaa, and the contractor to stay on top of any issues that may arise. The full project will commence as soon as school is out.
- We have a long standing, great relationship with the Walkerton Police Department. Occasionally, the department is awarded special grants to increase patrols and police presence in relation to bus routes and school zones. The increased police presence has reminded drivers that we take student safety very seriously. We really appreciate Chief Shaloliol and his leadership, as well as his entire team for their great partnership. We have had multiple community members who have expressed their gratitude.
- We will hold an executive session following our meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Knowlton asked if we have any sort of estimate on how much the necessary door repairs are going to cost. Mr. Winchell said from preliminary information, it appears the total bill will be around \$40,000 for 8 doors. We want to be cautious replacing any doors that may be planned to be replaced as part of a future project per our master plan. There will be additional change orders that we expect the board will need to approve. Any change order over \$25,000 will need special board approval.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

Spring Break - March 22-26, 2021

Legislative gathering - March 23, 2021

JGHS Top 10% Senior Banquet – March 31, 2021

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 4, 2021 7:00 P.M. JGHS Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ryan Knowlton called the meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The John Glenn School Board of Trustees met in Executive Session beginning at 8:10 PM to discuss Collective Bargaining, discuss prospective employees, to discuss confidential records and School Board member training. No other matters were discussed. The Executive Session was adjourned at 10:10 PM

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
