

School Board Meeting – June 23, 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 June 23, 2021 at the John Glenn High School Media Center. Board members present in person were Bob Borlik, Jared Egger, Bill Groves, Dennis Holland, Ryan Knowlton and Christian Mattix. Mr. Dan Drotar was absent. There were fifteen observers present.

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

Urey Middle School Donations:

- Kappa Kappa Kappa Epsilon Chi – Walkerton \$250 Student Activities/Transition Day

John Glenn High School Donations:

- American Legion Post 189 \$250 Falloween
- North Liberty Post 1954 \$300 Band
- Richard and Catherine Reese \$500 Football
- Dennis and Sarah Rippy \$50 Scholarship fund in memory of Frank Severa

- TriKappa, Walkerton \$50 Aerial
- TriKappa, Walkerton \$50 Art
- TriKappa, Walkerton \$50 Band
- TriKappa, Walkerton \$50 Theatre
- TriKappa, Walkerton \$50 Yearbook
- TriKappa, Walkerton \$50 Choir
- TriKappa, Walkerton \$50 Junior Class Prom
- TriKappa, Walkerton \$50 Academic Superbowl

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 the meeting.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – June 1, 2021 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 679 - 740
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations
4. Approve FMLA Request for Employee #2127

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Chantel Beeney Extended Day Director, John Glenn School Corporation
- b. Marisa Green 7th Grade A-team Girls Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- c. Demi Montgomery Before and After Care Aide, John Glenn School Corporation

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Dana Lentz Full-time Custodian, Walkerton Elementary School
- b. Laine Vincent Assistant to the Food Service Department, John Glenn School Corporation
- c. Neal Rush Transfer from Groundskeeper, John Glenn School Corporation, to Custodian, Urey Middle School
- d. Derek Meilaender Choral Director and Vocal Music Director, John Glenn High School and Urey Middle School
- e. Daniel Medesi Director of Technology, John Glenn School Corporation
- f. Heather Harrison Extended Day Director, John Glenn School Corporation
- g. Jessica Bogard Guidance Counselor, North Liberty Elementary School
- h. Patrick Fuller Principal, Walkerton Elementary School
- i. William Groves, Jr. Director of Transportation, John Glenn School Corporation

Mr. Bill Groves requested the Board make a motion to pull out Consent Agenda, Personnel item, number 3i so that it could be voted on separately. Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion for this second vote to be held, Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion.

Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve consent agenda items 1-4, with the exception of item 3i, and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero. Mr. Christian Mattix then made a motion to approve consent agenda item 3i, and Mr. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero, one abstention.

Mr. Winchell took this opportunity to introduce our new teammates who were present at the meeting and welcomed them to the John Glenn Family. Specifically Mr. Patrick Fuller, Mr. William Groves, Mr. Daniel Medesi, Mrs. Jessica Bogard, and Mr. Derek Meilaender.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Overnight Field Trips

Mr. Chris Manering, Principal at John Glenn High School, and Mr. Eric Stephens, Athletic Director, have submitted all appropriate paperwork requesting permission for the FFA and Boys Basketball Team to attend events requiring an overnight stay. Mr. Winchell noted that these are exciting opportunities for our students to get to participate in these events. He thanked the staff for their extra efforts to give our students these opportunities. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve the Overnight Field Trips, and Mr. Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

2. Approve Additional Summer School Staff

Mr. Tim Davis provided a list of additional staff members for the 2021 Summer School Session. This included the technology staff for each building, as well as an additional aide for kinder camp. Mr. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve Additional Summer School Staff, and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

3. Approve Corporation Handbooks (Elementary, Middle School, and High School) for the 2021-2022 School Year

Mr. Winchell noted that it is an annual process to approve handbooks for the elementary schools, Urey Middle School and John Glenn High School. The handbooks are reviewed each year and there is an effort to improve them each year. Mr. Kaminski and his office were involved in the review as well.. Standard items were updated for this upcoming year, as well as anti-harassment policies. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Corporation Handbooks (Elementary, Middle School and High School) for the 2021-2022 School year, and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

4. Approve Corporation Book Fees for the 2021-2022 School Year

Mr. Winchell noted that this too, is an annual process to approve the book fees for the upcoming school year. The base book fees for each grade level are listed below. Middle school and high school fees can fluctuate depending on what classes students are enrolled in. Mr. Groves asked if we are usually successful at collecting all of our book fees each year. Mr. Winchell informed him that we have students who receive free and reduced fees, and then we have families who are full pay. Mr. Bendy, Corporation Treasurer, reported that currently we have collected approximately 90% of our book fees and have approximately \$20,000 not collected. It has been difficult to collect the past due fees for the past two years due to the pandemic, and we made a decision as a corporation to not aggressively collect past due monies at this time, as we are even more sensitive than normal regarding financial hardships brought on by COVID. Mr. Bendy went on to note that there is a new program we are looking into that would allow us to collect past due book fees from the county of residence when a taxpayer receives a tax refund. They are looking into the details and will report back if this is something we would like to set up going forward. Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve Corporation Book Fees for the 2021-2022 School Year, and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

Kindergarten	\$ 141.00	Seventh	\$117.98 to \$200.38
First	\$ 157.00	Eighth	\$112.50 to \$182.61
Second	\$ 160.00	Freshmen	\$89.08
Third	\$ 163.00	Sophomore	\$86.10
Fourth	\$ 167.00	Junior	\$61.10
Fifth	\$ 169.00	Senior	\$68.10
Sixth	\$ 154.00		

5. Approve 2021-2022 School Lunch Prices

Mr. Winchell informed that Glenda Smith, Food Service Director, received a recent updated from the IDOE regarding the need to increase our adult lunch pricing. Currently, adults pay \$1.80 for breakfast, and \$3.50 for lunch. The new pricing will be \$2.50 for breakfast, and \$4.60 for lunch. Student meal prices will remain the same for the 2021-2022 school year because all students will again be provided free breakfast and lunch for the entire year. Mr. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve 2021-2022 School Lunch Prices, and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

6. Adopt Return to School Guidance from the Indiana Department of Health

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that last fall, we used a green, yellow and red plan to help us determine when we would return to school in person, or virtually. We then transitioned to the state wide color coded map. Governor Holcomb has issued many Executive Orders over the last year in regards to the pandemic. As of June 30, 2021, all of these Executive Orders will expire with the understanding that each school corporation will work with local health departments and stakeholders to develop their own requirements for the return to school

in August 2021, as well as procedures beginning July 1st. With that in mind, we have reviewed the guidance from the Indiana Department of Health, which in summary states the following:

- ❖ Vaccinations are highly recommended and encouraged, but not required
- ❖ Masks will be optional while in school buildings BUT required on school buses
- ❖ Quarantining of positive students and identified close contacts who have not been vaccinated
- ❖ Continued extra sanitation and disinfecting as last year
- ❖ Continued efforts at social distancing

Mr. Winchell went on to note that by far, our highest amount of contact tracing this past school year was related to students who rode the school bus. It is his recommendation that we follow this guidance, beginning July 1st, for the 2021-2022 school year, with the plan to review it again prior to students returning to campus. Mr. Winchell also noted he has conversed with the union leadership, they were also supportive of this plan with one final review prior to students' return. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to adopt Return to School Guidance from the Indiana Department of Health, 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:

- **Head start expansion**... We continue to work with our teammates at St. Patrick's Church and the Head Start consortium. We had a team meeting at St. Pat's recently and finalized a list of items that need to be attended to prior to that building becoming "licensed" as a head start facility. John Glenn is assisting in coordinating this effort but overall the costs of these projects will be shouldered by the consortium. There will also be some maintenance and janitorial projects tackled by the JGSC team and the St. Pats team. We continue to work to finalize the draft MOU. We will continue to report on this and provide an all-encompassing list as this project moves forward to completion.
- **Building project**- The building projects continue to move according to plan. We did uncover some asbestos near door #10 at WES. This required us to close down that entrance and reroute some of our summer school traffic. We also moved B and A to Urey. Luckily, with the hard work of Jeff Johnson, we were able to get an abate team on campus within 24 hours of the discovery and that team began Monday morning with the abating of the asbestos. This has not slowed progress on the project at all, again great work by Jeff Johnson.
- **Fuel**-The Good Oil team was out last Friday working with our local teams. We continue to collect specifics for our site. This will lead to some bids for minor concrete work. This is being worked on while we also work to finalize a draft MOU. We still hope to be on track for kick off early in the 2021 school year.
- **Summer school**- has been very beneficial for a few hundred kids. I have heard some very positive feedback regarding some of the creative projects that have been a part of the summer school experience. Summer school will end this Friday.
- Mr. Winchell commented that it is exceptional that we are not waiting until the last minute to hire teachers, nor are we having to start the school year without teachers. That is a serious issue that some of our neighboring corporations have to do, and some positions, they never fill. Kudos to the admin team for being on top of this. He went on to note that if you look around the room, you have

four principals and a member of the union who are all off contract, and supposed to be on vacation, and yet here they are because that's what outstanding employees they are.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Holland commended on the hard work that everyone has put into hiring new teammates. Everyone from administration, to parents and students has done an excellent job.

Mr. Groves noted that he has had the privilege to work with some excellent superintendents, Mr. Winchell included. He made special note of the interview process that Mr. Winchell uses and how impressive and detailed it is. It's so important to do the work upfront when hiring new employees to ensure a perfect fit.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 20, 2021 John Glenn Admin Building 7PM

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bill Groves called the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
