

School Board Meeting – September 7, 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 September 7, 2021 at the John Glenn High School Auditorium. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Dan Drotar, Jared Egger, Bill Groves, Dennis Holland, Ryan Knowlton and Christian Mattix. There were 37 observers present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Groves noted his appreciation for the community's involvement in tonight's meeting.

Four members of the community addressed the Board to share their thoughts and opinions regarding COVID protocols. Mr. Alan Holland spoke in favor of masking, while Mr. Michael Griffin, Ms. Kaleigh Stafford and Mr. Jason Sullivan noted that masking students should be parent/family choice rather than mandated.

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

- Walkerton Elementary School Donations
 - Falcon 500 Scientific Calculators
 - Jennifer Darnell Student Water Bottles

- North Liberty Elementary School Donations
 - Tyner Lodge \$200 Student Needs
 - CocaCola Give Back \$468.18 Blessings in a Backpack

- Urey Middle School Donations
 - Falcon 500 \$200 Golf Bags for Golf Team

- John Glenn High School Donations
 - Anonymous Donation \$1000 Band
 - Dennis and Sarah Rippy \$50 Scholarship in Memory of Ron Brown Sr.
 - Walkerton United Methodist \$100 Scholarship in Memory of Dick Kickbush
 - Jennifer Carr \$30 Aerial
 - Jane Hostetler \$20 Aerial
 - Kay Freehauf \$50 Aerial
 - Chris Manering \$20 Aerial
 - Dennis and Sarah Rippy \$50 Aerial
 - Beth Schmeltz \$50 Aerial
 - American Legion Auxiliary #27 \$300 Falloween
 - G Pools LLC \$1000 Falloween
 - Hoosier Racing Tire \$1000 Falloween
 - Kaser Realty \$500 Falloween
 - Linda Parker/Edward Jones \$1000 Falloween
 - Plymouth Lodge #741 \$100 Falloween

➤ John Glenn High School Fundraisers

○ Girls Soccer	9/11 - 10/11	Juggleathon
○ Girls Soccer	9/10/21	Car Wash
○ JG Music Department	8/26 – 9/9/21	Cheese & Sausage Sales
○ Cross Country	8/1 – 8/25/21	Yard Sign Sales
○ Aerial Publication	8/21 – 6/22/22	Solicitation of Ads for Aerial
○ Baseball	10/20/21	Hit-a-thon
○ Baseball	2/26/22	Trivia Night
○ Football	8/17 – 9/5/21	Cookie Dough & Popcorn
○ Cross Country	8/20 – 9/1/21	Flag Sales

Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve the donations and fundraisers listed above and Mr. Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – August 17, 2021 – Regular Session
August 31, 2021 – Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – 1058 - 1117
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Rick Podell 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School
- b. Chris Houston Upper Grade Team Leader, North Liberty Elementary School
- c. Ryan Reese 6th Grade Boys B-team Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- d. Donna Johnson Cafeteria Staff, North Liberty Elementary School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Bill Snyder Mini-bus Driver, 10 hours per week, John Glenn School Corporation
- b. Tiffini Thompson Part-time Cafeteria Staff, 19 hours per week, Walkerton Elementary School
- c. Yuhan Huo Chinese Club Sponsor, John Glenn High School
- d. Trisha Miller 6th Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- e. Joe Stanley Transfer from 7th Grade Girls B-team Basketball Coach to 8th Grade Girls B-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- f. Brian Laskowski Transfer from 6th Grade A-team Girls Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School, to 7th Grade Girls B-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- g. Jennifer Traub Upper Grade Team Leader, North Liberty Elementary School
- h. David Guseilla Transfer from 5th Grade Boys B-team Basketball Coach to 6th Grade Boys B-team Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- i. Matt Rust Transfer from 5th Grade Boys A-team Basketball Coach to 6th Grade Boys A-team Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- j. Jared Pearish 5th Grade Boys A-team Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- k. Lexia Pearish 5th Grade Boys B-team Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- l. Jamie Chapman Special Education Teacher, Walkerton Elementary and Urey Middle School
- m. Autumn Lamont 7th Grade Girls A-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- n. Lindsey Bridge Cafeteria Staff, 20 hours per week, Urey Middle School
- o. Miranda Young Instructional Aide, 29.75 hours per week, Urey Middle School
- p. Doug Matthys Transfer from Girls JV Basketball Coach to Girls Freshman Basketball Coach, John Glenn High School

- r. Ryan Reese Girls JV Basketball Coach, John Glenn High School
 - s. Jose Capeles Varsity Football Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School
4. Approve Transfer Students

We currently have a total of 371 transfer students for the 2021-22 school year including the seven that were approved at this meeting.

Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-4 and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy

Mr. Winchell noted that each year the School Board needs to adopt an annual policy concerning the distribution of teacher appreciation grants. This policy must remain on file with the IDOE. This year, both the administration and the union are recommending a reciprocal policy. Mr. Dan Drotar made a motion to approve the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

2. Ratify Updated COVID Protocols

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that COVID protocols have been discussed at our board meetings since March of 2020. While our plans have certainly evolved since then, COVID is still very much a part of our daily routines.

As you may recall, we approved our Back to School Plan at our meeting on June 23rd to go into effect on July 1st. It was stressed at the meeting on June 23rd, and again at our meeting on August 17th, that we would continue with parental choice, but closely monitor the local COVID numbers within our schools. We would adjust our protocols depending on community spread within our buildings. Between August 21 and August 27, JGSC had 24 positive cases and 252 students out of school for close contact reasons. After an additional 16 positive cases and roughly an additional 100 close contacts August 28-30th, we felt it was in the best interest of keeping our students in school to make changes to our current protocol to reduce close contact numbers. At this point on Monday the 30th, conversations with stakeholders were held, and it was overwhelmingly evident that we needed to do whatever we can do in order to keep kids in school.

Thus, it was decided that effective Wednesday, September 1, 2021, all students and staff would be required to wear a mask during the school day when six feet of social distancing could not be maintained. By requiring students to wear a mask during the school day, we would be able to shrink the close contact circle from a six foot radius to a three foot radius, thus having fewer students that would need to miss school due to close contact quarantining. Mr. Winchell had two circles constructed, one with a three foot radius, and one with a six foot radius, to show the substantial difference in contact tracing square footage with and without masks.

On September 1st, Governor Holcomb implemented a new order removing the requirement for schools to quarantine close contacts when all people within the contact tracing area are masked. As of September 1, 2021, our COVID protocol is the following:

- Masks are required when six feet of social distancing cannot be maintained and on school buses
- Vaccinations are strongly encouraged, but not required
- Emphasis on handwashing and good hygiene
- Continued systematic daily sanitation efforts
- Social distancing and cohort efforts remain in effect

Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Updated COVID Protocols as outlined above and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of seven to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- Fuel Project – We’ve been working with the Town of Walkerton to implement a dual fuel project. Mr. Nick Otis and our legal team have been working on the MOU agreement that is currently in draft form and provided the Board to review tonight. The Town will be reviewing the same draft and hopefully an agreement can be reached very soon. This project will bring significant operational savings since we will be able to purchase diesel and unleaded fuel at wholesale prices. The tanks have arrived, equipment is in and bids for the concrete have been secured. Once the MOU is agreed upon, we will get the installation finalized.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Groves asked for an update on the Head Start expansion into St. Pat’s. Mr. Winchell informed the Board that we are still currently drafting the MOU, our legal team is working with the legal teams at Head Start and the Dioceses. As soon as these agreements are reached the renovations will be completed.

Mr. Mattix noted that he had walked the new Stellar Trail in North Liberty and it is wonderful.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

September 18, 2021	North Liberty Stellar Trail Opening Celebration	9:00AM
September 8, 2021	JGHS National Honor Society Induction	7:00PM

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 21, 2021 John Glenn Admin Building 7PM

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bill Groves called the meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

PRES. _____

SEC’Y. _____
