

School Board Meeting – March 8, 2022
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 March 8, 2022, at Walkerton Elementary School. Board members present were Jared Egger, Bill Groves, Ryan Knowlton, Dan Drotar, Dennis Holland and Christian Mattix. Bob Borlik was absent. Christopher Winchell, Superintendent, and 28 observers were also present.

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

Walkerton Elementary:

- Donations
 - North Liberty VFW \$2,000

John Glenn High School:

- Donations
 - Christopher and Chasity Adkins \$150 Wrestling
 - Keanon and Patricia Giese \$100 Baseball
 - Roger and Shirley Hamilton \$300 Drama
 - Kerry Knappe \$60 Baseball
 - Majority Builders \$250 Drama
 - McMahan Insurance \$100 Baseball
 - North Liberty Post 154 \$50 Drama
 - John and Alice Rizek \$100 Wrestling
 - Bryan and Marie Strycker \$25 Drama
- Fundraisers
 - JG Esports 4/1/22 Hat Day
 - Sophomore Class 3/17/22 Hat Day
 - Boys Golf 3/12/22 Port-a-pit
 - Strength Training 3/7 – 3/17 Lift-a-thon

Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve the above named donations and fundraisers, and Mr. Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Five members of the community addressed the Board to share their thoughts and opinions regarding COVID protocols and medical freedoms. Raquel Snyder, Erica Franklin, Krystal Fairchild, Naomi Nelson and Aiden Nelson all spoke in favor of medical freedom and parental choice. They also presented petitions signed by members of our community to be reviewed by Mr. Winchell.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 5

1. Approve Minutes – February 1, 2022– Regular & Executive Session

2. Approve Claims – 100 - 224
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

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| a. Jason Dipert | Full-time Custodian, North Liberty Elementary School |
| b. Leigh Forkner | Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School |
| c. Laurie Morris | Elementary Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School |
| d. Victoria Kelsey | FACS Teacher, John Glenn High School |
| e. John Jolley | Assistant Football Coach, John Glenn High School |
| f. Carissa Smith | JV Softball Head Coach, John Glenn High School |
| g. Sydney Donlon | JV Softball Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School |

Appointments/Transfers

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| a. Tara Dome | Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School |
| b. Stephanie Rohr-Press | 8 th Grade Girls B-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School |
| c. Desiree Freeman | Temporary Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School |
| d. Melanie Fix | Temporary Elementary Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School |
| e. Kiersten Tyner | School Nurse, Walkerton Elementary School |
| f. Annie-Michele Laberge | ELL Aide, John Glenn School Corporation |
| g. Ryan Reese | Girls Softball Varsity Head Coach, John Glenn High School |
| h. Jose Capeles | Girls Softball Varsity Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School |
| i. Brian Laskowski | JV Softball Head Coach, John Glenn High School |
| j. Kara Kaser | Girls Tennis Varsity Head Coach, John Glenn High School |
| k. Matt Malstaff | Boys Track Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School |

4. Transfer Requests

We currently have 384 transfer students for the 2021-2022 school year, including the student approved tonight.

5. Approve FMLA Request for Employee #2156 and #2220

Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-5, and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

Mr. Egger took the opportunity to commend Laurie Morris for her 36 years of dedication not only to our students, but to the entire John Glenn community.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ratify Updated COVID Protocols; mask NOT required, contact tracing/quarantining NOT required

Mr. Winchell noted that this has been a two year process throughout COVID. Despite disagreements, we tried our best to follow the guidance from the health departments who govern us. True to what the Board and administration said from the beginning, when the color coded map and data started to move in the right direction, and the health departments gave us the go ahead, Marshall County being the first, we removed our mask and quarantining requirement. We will still notify parents when their child(ren) has been exposed, and we will still keep track of positive cases on the dashboard. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to ratify Updated COVID Protocols; mask NOT required, contact tracing/quarantining NOT required, and Mr. Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

2. Approve Purchase over \$25,000 – Boiler for North Liberty Elementary School from D.A. Dodd for \$106,810

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that any purchase over \$25,000 but under \$150,000 requires that we gather three bids per board policy. Mr. Will Groves collected the three bids and coordinated this project. We had hoped that this boiler would last us a few more years, but during the most recent cold snap, it was clear that it needed immediate replacement. We were very fortunate that our partners at D.A. Dodd not only had the most competitive pricing, but they also had the system in stock at one of their distribution centers. The new system being installed is actually two smaller boilers that will be much more efficient at heating the building with less energy expenditure. It should also be noted that last year, we had signed up for a rebate program that covers the replacement of boiler systems. Even though we had not planned on replacing this boiler yet, by signing up for this program, we will be eligible to receive up to \$30,000. Mr. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve Purchase over \$25,000 – Boiler for North Liberty Elementary School from D.A. Dodd for \$106,810, and Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

3. Approve Purchase over \$25,000 – Combi Oven and Range at NLES to C & T Design Company for \$31,825.19

Mr. Winchell noted that very similar to the boiler replacement, this purchase also needed three quotes for the purchase price being over \$25,000, yet under \$150,000. Glenda Smith, Food Service Director worked to gather the three quotes. This is not only an oven, but also a steamer. NLES is the only building that had not received the updated equipment. The stove we are replacing is an original South Bend Iron stove that is no longer made, and therefore, unrepairable. Additionally, we have received preliminary notification that we have been awarded a grant for some dishwasher equipment, which we already had to replace. Mr. Bendy noted that we have a lot of kitchen equipment that needs to be updated and replaced so the board can expect many more purchases of this type over the next few years. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Purchase over \$25,000 – Combi Oven and Range at NLES to C & T Design Company for \$31,825.19, and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

4. Approve Overnight Field Trips

Mr. Winchell informed the Board that there are two overnight field trips for approval tonight. The first is a retroactive approval for the wrestling team to attend the State Finals. It is not always clear whether the team will have a wrestler qualify for the state tournament until the last minute. We had some boys that were very close to making it down to Indy, and ultimately they came up just short, but the team decided that they wanted to go ahead and go down for the tournament. The second trip for approval is the Health Sciences trip to Great Britain over Spring Break. This trip was originally scheduled for last Spring Break, but cancelled due to COVID travel restrictions. We are very happy that this group of students will be able to make this educational trip. Mr. Bill Groves added that taking kids to the state finals, especially the Wrestling State Finals is quite an event. It is such a once in a lifetime experience that good programs take their kids to witness. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Overnight Field Trips, and Mr. Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

5. Approve 2023-2024 Calendar

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that we have started the practice of trying to approve our calendar 18 months in advance to allow parents to plan travel and things of that nature. This is a joint recommendation from the administrative team and the teachers union. This calendar is a reciprocal calendar to what we have this year and next. There are a few minor differences of note. Falloween Monday will be used as a preplanned, practice eLearning day. Historically this has been a day off, unique

for our district, but there is real value in utilizing this time for a practice eLearning day so that when inclement weather does arrive, our students and staff will be comfortable with the eLearning process. There has also been a desire to have Good Friday be a scheduled day off. In previous years, we have reserved Good Friday and Easter Monday as potential snow make-up days, but with the institution of eLearning, there is not the desire to keep those scheduled. The Monday following Easter, will now be a regular school day. Mr. Ryan Knowlton inquired about pending legislation that would limit the number of eLearning days that a corporation would be allowed to utilize. Mr. Winchell noted that this legislation has not passed yet, but in the event it does, we would use the days we are allowed to use, and then add any remaining days onto the end of the school year. Mr. Winchell went on to note that one thing we do not utilize very often, is the ability to waive missed days of school due to our school performance and our standing waiver. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Calendar, and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

6. Approve Six-Semester Graduates

Mr. Manering presented five, six-semester graduates to the Board. These five students have, or will meet, all graduation requirements prior to the end of the 2021-2022 school year, and have plans to enter the work force, or attend post-secondary education in the fall of 2022. Mr. Winchell added that Mr. Manering and the guidance department at the high school do an excellent job making sure that all graduation pathways are met, so he also recommends the approval of these six-semester graduates. Mr. Winchell also encouraged the kids not to grow up too fast. The six-semester graduates are Emma Shaloli, Jadyann Risner, Joseph Richie, Madisyn Muller and Samantha Morris. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Six-Semester Graduates, and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

7. Approve Purchase over \$25,000 – Staff Technology Upgrade from DELL Technologies for \$242,724.40

Mr. Winchell again noted that purchases more than \$25,000 but less than \$150,000 require three bids. Purchases over \$150,000 require that the purchase be put out for public bid. We have not put this purchase out for public bid because the State puts certain items out for bid at the beginning of the year. It is called a state wide cooperative bid that school corporations and other public entities can take advantage of pre-bid pricing. Mr. Medesi informed the board that for the last several months, he has been meeting with staff members and building administration to get a feel of which platform and devices will best serve the classroom and daily activities. With this technology update, all staff members will be supplied with a laptop and a hub that they will be able to plug into and have the desktop feel. Staff members will be able to easily access all their school documents and work/teach from anywhere in the building and home. Mr. Mattix asked what we will be doing with the current items we are replacing. Mr. Medesi explained that some of our current devices are over eight years old and essentially contain little resale value. All items will therefore be recycled, which will result in a small payment from the recycling company. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Purchase over \$25,000 – Staff Technology Upgrade from DELL Technologies for \$242,724.40, and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

8. Approve Purchase over \$25,000 – NLES Roofing with Morris & Sons for \$149,975

Mr. Winchell noted that as part of our ongoing master facilities plan, we budget and plan to do a chunk of roofing projects every summer. Since we have a little bond money left over, we will actually be handling two chunks of roofing this summer as you will see when we discuss business item number nine. Morris & Sons is quickly becoming a trusted partner, similar to D.A.Dodd. They have completed several roofing projects for us now, and we have been very happy with their work. We are happy to bring this recommendation to you tonight. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Purchase over \$25,000 –

NLES Roofing with Morris & Sons for \$149,975, and Mr. Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

9. Approve Purchase over \$25,000 – WES/Administration Building/Storage Building with Morris & Sons for \$116,745

In a similar way, this project is between \$25,000 and \$150,000 so we gathered three bids. This is a separate set of roofing projects because it is at different locations and buildings so it is appropriate to have this as two different action items. Again, Morris & Sons came in with the most competitive bid for the work that we know we will get from them. We do not always want to go with the cheapest bid, we want to go with the company who will provide us the best product and will stand behind their work if any issues arise. Morris & Sons is definitely that partner for us. Mr. Will Groves added that the roof on the administration building is the original roof that is approximately 25 years old, so it is definitely time to tackle some of these additional projects. Mr. Bill Groves made a motion to approve Purchase over \$25,000 – WES/Administration Building/Storage Building with Morris & Sons for \$116,745, and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

REPORTS

1. Director of Learning Report – Mr. Tim Davis presented by Mr. Winchell

- Our St. Pat's partnership with Head Start is continuing to go very well. There were a few hiccups when we first got started but things are running smoothly. It's exciting to have kids over in that building.
- We are starting to plan for summer school. It seems like it is a long way away but it is time to start planning. We will run our traditional K-8 summer school, and then the high school will run 9-12 based on student requests. We will also offer robust online summer school classes.
- We are also working on Kindergarten Kinder Camp for kids specifically going into kindergarten. You may remember in years past we have partnered with United Way for this, it is unclear if they will be able to assist this year, but we have a new partner in the Head Start Consortium where they have some extra funding and they are excited to step in and provide additional funding that United Way may not be able to fund.
- This is also the time of year that we begin looking at the master schedule for next year. This week we will hold kindergarten round up at both elementary schools. We will start coordinating schedules, staffing and course offerings over the next weeks. Mr. Mattix asked when the dual crediting changes go into effect, and Mr. Manering informed him that we have one full year left as it is, big changes will come with the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Bill Groves asked if we were doing anything to address learning loss with our students over the summer. Mr. Winchell noted that we will be offering full summer school classes to address these needs identified by teachers and parents. This year, we have already added staff to reduce class sizes, and we have added interventionists specifically to work with kids and offering push in, pull out services. As we continue to evaluate how that has helped our students, we will make decisions for staffing for next year. Where we currently see a need is with special education staffing. We have posted for some special education positions and anticipate adding those staff members to best serve our students. Our Ag numbers have also greatly increased since the return of Mr. McLochlin and with Mr. Schieber retiring at the end of the year, we will need to decide how we want to cover PLTW and incorporate new course offerings into our graduation pathways. We still have a need for college prep and AP classes, and we are starting to see more interest in computer and health science classes. There are a lot of things to think about before next school year and we want to get good quality team mates lined up.

2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- We are very excited to bring the COVID protocols to an end. We will keep the COVID dashboard updated through the rest of the school year so there is information available to our families. We will also continue to notify parents if we think their kids have been in close contact with a positive student/staff member.
- It has been an interesting legislative season. There have been some bills that seemed to have really strong traction in the House, but when they transferred over to the Senate, the bills failed. Since things are changing so much, and so quickly, I feel it is wise that we let the session end, and then I will provide a complete legislative update at its conclusion.
- We are continuing to work on the Greene Township project. I continue to meet with our bond council and municipal advisors. The SBCSC is transitioning legal counsel right now, so that has slowed our progress some. Mr. Kaminski has worked with the incoming SBCSC legal counsel before, so we anticipate no challenges once everything is switched over. There is still a lot of support to continue to investigate this.
- Reminder that the Spring Musical is this weekend. Friday night at 7pm, two shows on Saturday and one on Sunday afternoon. The Top 10% banquet is next Tuesday so there will be no regularly scheduled meeting on the 15th. Spring Break will begin March 21st through the 25th, and the ISBA Spring Meeting will be held in April, please let Kristan know if you would like to attend.

3. Conference Requests

- a. Tracey Duff
- b. Max Blevins
- c. Jenice Bogard
- d. Richard Stauffer
- e. Korey Horner
- f. Sharon Harasewicz
- g. Jodi Park
- h. Amy Arick

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Bill Groves noted that he had the opportunity to work the Marian Boys Basketball Sectional, and he has never been so proud of our community and fan base. Our boys' basketball team and coaching staff was just outstanding. It was a knockdown, drag out fight up until the very last buzzer. It made him proud of our community. He can remember a few years ago when people would say that John Glenn wouldn't be able to compete in the NIC, well on Saturday night, we competed very well and were seconds away from winning the sectional. Hats off to our program and our families.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 5, 2022 7:00 P.M. WES Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ryan Knowlton called the meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
