

## **School Board Meeting – April 5, 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 April 5, 2022, at Walkerton Elementary School. Board members present were Jared Egger, Bob Borlik, Ryan Knowlton, Dan Drotar, Dennis Holland and Christian Mattix. Bill Groves was absent. Christopher Winchell, Superintendent, and 26 observers were also present.

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

Walkerton Elementary:

➤ Donations

○ North Liberty VFW	\$2,000	Summer Golf Outing
○ Falcon 500	\$85.49	Minds in Motion

John Glenn High School:

➤ Donations

○ Anonymous	\$20	Boys Golf
○ Falcon 500	\$350	Drama
○ Giving Fund/Casey's	\$200	Esports
○ Daniel and Joni Patterson	\$500	Volleyball
○ Ryan and Melody Reese	\$1500	Softball
○ Carolyn Sheley	\$200	Drama

➤ Fundraisers

○ Choral Department	5/7/22	Pancake Breakfast
○ League of Falcons	5/6/22	Port-A-Pit

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 6

1. Approve Minutes – March 8, 2022– Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 225 - 316
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

### ***Retirements/Resignations***

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| a. Rhiley Hellyer | Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School                     |
| b. Jeanna Burch   | Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School                                |
| c. Joseph Stanley | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls A-team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School |

### ***Appointments/Transfers***

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|---------------------|---|
| a. Michele Weiss    | Math Bowl Sponsor, North Liberty Elementary School    |
| b. Kim Kosinski     | Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School        |
| c. Dawn Marks       | Student Tutor, North Liberty Elementary School        |
| d. Max Blevins      | Boys Assistant Track Coach, Urey Middle School        |
| e. Shaina Patriquin | Second Grade Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School |
| f. Kim Philson      | Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School       |

#### 4. Transfer Requests

We currently have 385 transfer students for the 2021-2022 school year, including the student approved tonight.

5. Approve FMLA Request for Employee #3115
6. Approve Administrative Leave for Employee #4997, #3323, #1050

Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-6, and Mr. Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approve Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Education Fund to the Operations fund in the amount of \$141,666.67

Mr. Winchell reminded the board that this is our quarterly action to move funds from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund. We currently transfer approximately 12% of our budget which is well below the State allowance of 15%. In 2019, the State changed the way these funds are handled, requiring a quarterly transfer to cover expenses that are not allocated to student instruction and learning. Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Education Fund to the Operations fund in the amount of \$141,666.67, and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

2. Approve Purchase over \$25,000 - Gym Floor Resurfacing with Floor Care Concepts for \$29,323.54

Mr. Winchell noted that we have a Master Facilities Plan that helps us to plan and budget for upcoming projects. This helps us protect our fiscal integrity, while ensuring our properties get the upgrades necessary to provide the best learning environment for our students. This particular project will focus on the high school auxiliary gym. Typically this type of maintenance is required every seven to ten years to maintain the quality of the floor. The auxiliary gym was built in 2005, and while our maintenance team has done yearly waxing and polishing, the floor has never been professionally sanded and refinished. Mr. Groves added that we should keep in mind that the auxiliary gym is essentially two gyms in one, so when planning for future projects, the cost could be expected to be significantly lower. In addition to the auxiliary gym, they will also add an additional top coat finish to the new floor in the varsity gym. Yearly maintenance is particularly important to protect our warranty. Floor Care Concepts has proven to be a great partner who does quality work, we are excited to partner with them once again. Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve Purchase over \$25,000 - Gym Floor Resurfacing with Floor Care Concepts for \$29,323.54 and Mr. Dan Drotar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

3. Approve Purchase over \$25,000 – Basketball Backboard and Structure Replacement with Lee Company for \$47,510

Mr. Winchell informed the board that during the winter sports season, we were preparing to host a home wrestling meet and tried to raise the basketball hoops so that spectators would be able to see. At that time, we noticed that one of the hoops did not want to move, and that the wench had broken. Upon further investigation by the repair company, it was noted that all of our framing in the gym is outdated, and could no longer be serviced, but would require an upgrade. While it wasn't in our original facilities plan to tackle this project this summer, it was determined that hoop components, would need to take precedence as a safety issue and functionality. With this update, all backboards, steel structures and electric will be replaced to meet industry standards. After a brief discussion, Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Purchase over \$25,000 – Basketball Backboard and Structure Replacement with Lee Company for \$47,510, and Mr. Jared Egger seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

#### 4. Approve Overnight Field Trips

Mr. Winchell noted that we have three field trips to approve, two for the FFA, and one for the band. The first is a retroactive approval from March 26-27<sup>th</sup> to Michigan State. This trip was originally scheduled to be held virtually, but with the continued decrease in COVID concerns, it was changed to in person at the last minute. We did not want the students to miss out on the event due to the last minute changes, so we ask for retroactive approval. The second is for a trip to the State Horse Judging Contest April 29-30<sup>th</sup>. The band has been invited to perform at the Indianapolis 500 Parade which will be held May 28<sup>th</sup>, and then attend the race the following day. This honor is a direct reflection of the excellent season the Marching Band had in the fall. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Overnight Field Trips, and Mr. Dan Drotar 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

- St. Pat's/Head Start – Things continue to go very well. They are beginning to talk about enrollment for the next school year. Please spread the word.
- Boys and Girls Club Summer Program – They will run a summer camp for seven weeks. Students will attend Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-5:30pm, June 6<sup>th</sup>-July 21<sup>st</sup>. This program will be completely free of charge.
- Kinder camp – This year we will partner not only with United Way, but also Head Start, to provide Kinder Camp for incoming kindergarten students. Essentially, this gives our incoming kindergarten students the opportunity to practice attending school, prior to starting kindergarten in August.
- Summer School – We have sent the first round of summer school letters home to parents, and enrollment is open at the high school for this year's summer sessions. We plan to run at least one class per grade in the month of June for kindergarten through eighth grade. High school offerings will be based on student needs for in-person classes, and we have also had past success offering online classes through edmentum.
- Technology updates- As you may remember from a previous meeting, we recently purchased updated promethean boards/smart board technology for teachers to utilize. They were installed over spring break. Teachers are really excited to use these new boards. We have a lot of professional development scheduled for teachers to learn the full capability of these boards. Students are very excited about learning with this new technology.

### 2. Superintendent's Report

- Coach Travis Hannah was recognized as the District Coach of the Year. There are six districts in the state of Indiana, and Coach Hannah was one of six coaches selected by their peers as top

coaches. The boys' basketball team had an excellent season. Congratulations to Coach Hannah and his team.

- A legislative update packet was provided for the board to review. Typically we received guidance from three industry sources. The Indiana Association of School Business Officials (IASBO), the Indiana School Board Association (ISBA), and the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents (IAPSS). This particular update is from IASBO. They always have a good black and white take on the legislative update. We will continue to gather more information from other sources and we will provide a full update. The main thing to be of interest is the information the school has put out regarding eLearning days. The state has said that we can have three eLearning days, but when you read the fine print, that cap it to asynchronous eLearning days. An asynchronous eLearning day is when work is posted online, and students complete the work at their own pace. You are allowed to use more than three eLearning days if 50% of that time is synchronous learning. During synchronous learning, you are online live with a teacher. We are going to continue discussing our options with the teachers union and administration teams, but at this time, we do not feel that this legislative action will have any effect on our current calendar. We have proven that we are capable of running synchronous instruction live. The other topic of interest is in regards to public comment requirements. I do not think it will change our process much, as we have already made our public comment section very available to our patrons and we will continue to do so. More details will follow on the general overview of the short legislative session.
- Greene Township – A project of this nature moves very slowly. Mr. Kaminski and I have drafted a response to the last document on record. We are waiting to hear back from the South Bend Team and we anticipate that we will hear something around the middle of April. There is every reason to believe that we are working toward Greene Township deannexing from SBCSC but the wheels of government sometimes move slow.
- March 19<sup>th</sup> was the one year anniversary of the solar installation. Handouts were provided showing the guaranteed energy savings information. This document detailed how many kilowatts we were guaranteed vs. how many kilowatts were produced. Overall, these numbers were very close. There was a one year commissioning period. The first year is basically free energy that lived outside of the energy guarantee. We are still working on fine tuning our systems to work at max efficiency. It was asked if the success of this project has increased our interest in expanding guaranteed energy savings projects throughout our corporation. Mr. Winchell noted that the North Liberty project was chosen specifically because that buildings energy is supplied by NIPSCO. NIPSCO is known for being an excellent partner. Municipal power entities have a different solar meter scale than NIPSCO so it will require more investigation. Furthermore, it is anticipated that there will be substantial energy saving rebates/incentives that will be announced by the government over the next several months, particularly in the realm of electric school buses. This will be something we will look into as details become available. Our partner at Johnson Melloh is a nationwide company, they are very knowledgeable in electric buses, as they have partnered with other school districts who have an electric bus fleet. In conversations about electric buses, they mentioned that they would be willing to come in to do an audit and provide a proposal for all areas that we can save energy. This of course would be completed with no obligation to do any additional work. It was also mentioned that the solar field has provided a unique educational opportunity for students at NLES. There is a long term goal to bring this curriculum throughout all grade levels. Mr. Winchell also shared a copy of a recent NIPSCO bill that showed last year in March we used 51840 kilowatts of energy and in April we used 88 kilowatts. It is obvious that our solar field is providing energy on par with the scope and we hope that will continue. March 2021 we purchased \$6000 in electricity, in March of 2022, we only purchased \$2000 worth of electricity.
- Fuel project – we are one week away from adding gasoline and diesel fuel to our newly installed tanks here in Walkerton. We hope that by the next board meeting, our buses will be fueling up from our own fueling station.

- 3. Conference Requests
  - a. Emily Walker
  - b. Sara Haluda
  - c. Korey Horner
  - d. Jeniece Bogard
  - e. Patrick Fuller
  - f. Gail Crone
  - g. Travis Hannah
  - h. Kurt Foster
  - i. Tim Davis
  - j. Randy Romer

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 19, 2022 7:00 P.M. WES Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ryan Knowlton called the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

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