

School Board Meeting – May 21, 2024 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 May 21, 2024, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Christine Carson, Ryan Knowlton, Christian Mattix, Todd McGaughey and Carissa Smith. Jared Egger was absent, Christine Carson was acting President. Superintendent Christopher Winchell and 17 observers were present through Consent Agenda, and 9 observers were present for the remainder of the meeting.

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

Walkerton Elementary School

- Donations
 - Oregon Township \$200 Help with Meal Costs

North Liberty Elementary School

- Donations
 - Box Tops for Education \$76.30 Student Activities
 - Falcon 500 \$98.49 Second Grade

Urey Middle School

- Donations
 - Falcon 500 \$115 STEM Class
 - Cathy Reese \$100 Athletics
 - Kappa Kappa Kappa, North Liberty \$200 Transition Day

John Glenn High School

- Donations
 - Cleanrite Cleaning Service \$250 Fallween
 - Edward J White, Inc. \$500 Fallween
 - Falcon 500 \$50 Boys Soccer
 - Ron Gourker \$20 Girls Golf
 - Kaser Realty \$500 Fallween
 - Tangles Salon \$100 Fallween
 - Walkerton Bible Baptist Church \$50 Fallween
- Fundraisers
 - Football 5/1-7/31 Shirt Sponsorships
 - Football 5/1-7/31 Bourbon Street Discount Cards

Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve Donations and Fundraisers as read and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public made comment at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – April 16, 2024 – Regular & Executive Session
April 23, 2024 – Executive Session
2. Approve Vouchers – 102666 through 102912
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

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| a. Nicole Porogi | Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
Weight Room Supervisor, John Glenn High School |
| b. Katy King | Assistant Volleyball Coach, Urey Middle School |
| c. Scott Hostetler | Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School |
| d. Angela Kramer | Teacher, John Glenn High School |
| e. Adhemar Ennis | Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School |
| f. Ashley Walls | Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School |
| g. Natalie Kretchmer | Part-time Teacher, John Glenn High School |

Appointments

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| a. Nicholas DeHennes | Pit Crew, John Glenn High School |
| b. Danielle Lieto | Pit Crew, John Glenn High School |
| c. Nicholas Lieto | Pit Crew, John Glenn High School |
| d. Allison Middlebrook | Counselor, John Glenn High School |
| e. Heather Sherman | Cross Country Coach, Urey Middle School |
| f. Katelyn Reed | Fall & Winter Cheer Sponsor, Urey Middle School |
| g. Hannah Ciula | Volleyball Assistant Coach, Urey Middle School |
| h. Jennifer Medich | Show Group Choreographer, John Glenn High School |
| i. Bret Badjek | Social Studies Teacher, John Glenn High School |
| j. Amanda Paschen | Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School |
| k. Chris Lawler | Football Assistant Coach, Urey Middle School |
| l. Jeff Timm | Football Assistant Coach, Urey Middle School |
| m. Elizabeth Skorup | Full-time Custodian, North Liberty Elementary School |

Transfers

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| a. Christin Hannah | Transfer from Special Education Department Chairperson &
Supervisor to Director of Special Education, John Glenn School
Corporation |
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4. Approve FMLA Request for Employee #2268

Mr. Winchell took the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Scott Hostetler on a stellar career of 43 years to the corporation. Scott joins two other 40 year veterans, Mr. Tim Davis and Mrs. Kathy Snyder, in retirement this year. We thank them for their dedicated service. Mr. Winchell also introduced and welcomed our new teammates who will be joining us this fall.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve NIESC Dietician Contract

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that our food service program is a Federal Program so we are required to have our menus approved by a licensed dietician. Glenda Smith, Food Service Director, works closely

with the dietician through the Northern Indiana Education Service Center. NIESC employs the dietician, who we then have full access to through our contract. This is a contract that we renew annually. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve NIESC Dietician Contract and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

2. Approve Summer School Staff

Mr. Winchell explained that we will be running summer school as we have done in years past. We will have approximately 100 students in grades K-8 and then an additional 116 students in grades 9-12. The teachers have a contract that runs from July 1st through June 30th for 184 days of teaching. When they teach summer school, they receive a supplemental contract. Today, we are asking for approval of these supplemental contracts as well as the employment of all other summer school staff. Additionally, the Boys and Girls Club will be running a summer program that includes a curricular piece. They received a large grant from the state of Indiana to support their expenses. Their program will be free of charge for a full-day program. We will be running our program for our traditional half-day summer school at the same time. They are two different pieces, but it is important to note on the record that there are two options for our students this year. Some of our teachers will be working for the Boys and Girls Club Program and will be teaching our students, but they will be on the Boys and Girls Club payroll. Mr. Bob Borlik asked what Edmentum is. Mr. Davis and Mr. Winchell explained that Edmentum is a summer school computer program that we utilize to offer student programming not traditionally offered here at JGHS, as well as for credit recovery. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Summer School Staff and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

3. Approve Lunch Prices for the 2024-25 School Year

Mr. Winchell stated that similar to the dietician, we have a lot of rules and regulations regarding our school lunch prices. There is a formula that is used to determine if we have to raise our lunch prices, or if we can hold them steady from year to year. For the last several years, we have been fortunate enough to not raise our lunch prices and apply for a waiver to not increase our price. After careful consideration and close review of expenses, we determined we need to raise meal prices and recommend a five cent increase each for the coming school year. Breakfast will now be \$1.35 per meal. Lunch at the elementary schools will be \$2.15 and at the middle and high school will be \$2.40. Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve Lunch Prices for the 2024-25 School Year and Mr. Todd McGaughey seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

4. Approve Corporation Calendar for 2025-2026 School Year

Mr. Winchell noted that we have tried to maintain a practice of approving corporation calendars 18 months in advance so that parents/families can plan for vacations. Unfortunately, changing Falloween vendors got us a little off schedule from our advanced planning. Tonight we are bringing a recommended 2025-2026 Corporation Calendar, which is jointly recommended by the Teachers Union and administration team, for your approval. You will notice that Falloween for 2025 has been scheduled for the fourth weekend in September. We are working with the carnival company to sign a longer contract so that we can have continuity from year to year. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Corporation Calendar for the 2025-2026 School Year and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote a six to zero.

REPORTS

1. Director of Learning Report – Mr. Tim Davis

Mr. Davis reported the following:

- We are gearing up for our summer activities. Summer school and summer camps will be underway as of next week. The building project will continue at WES and NLES as well as deep cleaning at

all of our buildings. Our summer food program will start next Wednesday and will provide free lunch and breakfast to all students 0-18 years of age. At Urey Middle School meals will be served from June 3rd through July 12th with breakfast from 7:45-8:15 AM. Lunch will be from 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM. At JGHS, meals will be served May 29th through June 21st with breakfast from 7:30-8:00 AM and lunch from 11:45 AM to 12:15PM.

- ILEARN was completed and we are currently waiting on official scores. The principals will share those when available.
- We are working on staffing for next year.
- We have 25 staff members working though LETRS coursework related to the Science of Reading initiative. They have to complete 80 hours of training and take a test to prove they are proficient in the Science of Reading curriculum and instruction.

2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- For a quick legislative update, there has been a lot of feedback provided to the Department of Education regarding the Science of Reading requirements for teachers. We are closely monitoring the situation as we expect changes will be coming soon. As we pride ourselves in doing, we are happy to be ahead of the curve and already have our teachers and staff receiving this training. We have actually received a couple of stipend checks from the IDOE for teachers who have already completed their training.
- Congratulations to the Creative Writing Class for another wonderful edition of the Aerial. A copy of the Aerial has been provided for each board member. Thanks to the high school team.
- Softball is playing in the Sectional tonight. Baseball plays their Sectional this week. Lydia Goodsell has had a stellar track season and was crowned Sectional Champion in the 100, 200 and long jump. She is competing at Regional tonight. We are so proud of all of our athletes!
- Sixth Grade celebrations have been held at both buildings. It is great to celebrate our sixth graders.
- Last night, UMS held the 8th Grade Awards Night. Another packed house at UMS.
- Commencement will take place on Friday, May 24th.
- We had a really nice reception for our Teachers of the Year and our retiring teammate's last Wednesday. Thank you to the Administration Office Staff for your hard work planning and organizing the event. Thank you Mr. Knowlton for taking the time to attend. We always love to celebrate our students and all of their achievements but we couldn't do it without the awesome staff that we have.
- As we talked last meeting about the NLES Solar project, I am happy to report that our partners at Veregy will be at our next meeting in June to discuss the details on the NLES production, as well as provide information for the potential project here at JGHS.
- Mr. Groves and I met with Barton Coe Vilamaa to discuss a project list for the next bond, which we have been referring to as the 2025 Series Bond. It is a long list that we will use to plan how many projects we can complete. This list includes lights at the baseball field which is partially being funded by a generous donation from Cathy Reese. This donation prompted us to look closely at adding lights to the softball field and updating the lights at the football field. Mr. Groves has been working hard to gather quotes for all three fields and it looks like the price will be approximately \$650,000-\$750,000 range. We have the \$150,000 donation and we are looking at potentially using interest from our last \$10 million bond to fund this project (which will be about \$600,000 when finished). This is a unique way to fund this project and is exactly how we funded the upgraded scoreboards a couple of years ago. We will be bringing official recommendations to the Board within the next few meetings to begin the project.
- Additionally, we really feel like we need restrooms added to the soccer/softball side of our high school outdoor facilitates that would be able to service the soccer and softball fields as well as visiting football fans. We would also like to add a concession stand. Since we are adding the lights, it makes sense to add more accessible bleachers and add a lot of concrete that will also help

to make our campus much more accessible. There are many additional things that we are considering for this list. We will share the menu of needs and wants as soon as Barton Coe Vilamaa has it available. We will start the official bond process very soon and review all of our financing options, as well as the project options.

- Mr. Mattix asked if the town of Walkerton was proceeding with the apartment complex that was briefly discussed. Mr. Winchell noted that as of now, they will not be proceeding with the project as proposed. It has been rumored that a similar project may be proposed in North Liberty.
- The Senior Walk has been about a 10 year tradition here at JGHS. It is such a wonderful/special day for the teachers at the elementary school and for the students. It's quite the event.
- Greene Township and the reorganization of the school board. As you know, Kathy Jaworski has been joining our meetings as an appointed liaison for Greene Township. She currently serves as a Greene Township Trustee Board Member. Greene Township officially became a part of John Glenn as of January 1, 2024. We have since started our Board Reorganization process. We passed a resolution on how we intended to reorganize. Once that was passed and published, it had to wait 120 days to allow for someone to petition against it or present an alternative realignment plan. We are in the middle of that 120 day period now. Once the 120 days is up, it will need to go before the State School Board for them to approve the reorganization plan, which can take 60-90 days to get on their agenda. It was our full intention to have this all completed in time for the 2024 election in November. Unfortunately, there was an unforeseen change in legislature for candidacy filing dates. It is now from May 21 through June 20th. Unfortunately, we are mathematically unable to make all this happen in time for this election cycle. Due to this, the St. Joe County Clerk has officially denied our request for the 2024 election. This means a couple of things. First, an apology to our Greene Township residents that we did not get this done in time for November 2024 and next is to ensure them that it is our intention to give them voter representation as soon as allowed by statute. Additionally, we are committed to continue providing them representation through the Township Trustee Board Member, Kathy Jaworski. We have tried to give Kathy as much of an open door as we can as our special appointee for Greene Township. Kathy Jaworski noted that the John Glenn Board and Mr. Winchell have been nothing short of fantastic and very transparent throughout the entire process. She said she understands the process and knows that we will move forward. Mr. Winchell added, for this election, anyone who wants to run for school board, the window is open now through June 20th and we have information from the ISBA for anyone interested. We have four seats up for re-election, Johnson Township, Liberty Township, Polk Township and Lincoln Township. We are working through a plan for going forward and will provide more details as they are available.
- We will have a brief Executive Session following tonight's meeting.

3. Conference Requests

- a. Andrew Soleim
- b. Glenda Smith
- c. Katie Nardi
- d. Jennifer Geyer
- e. Melody Pletcher
- f. Heather Pickens
- g. Kathleen McNeil-White
- h. Tiffini Thompson
- i. Trisha Tibbs
- j. Carol Zellers
- k. Lori Paschen
- l. Karen Keeling
- m. Miranda Clark
- n. Angie Kohler

Mr. McGaughey asked for an update on hiring a principal for Walkerton Elementary. Mr. Winchell informed the Board that we are working through all of our staff openings. Now that we have appointed Mrs. Hannah, there are a few more Special Ed openings. We do have a candidate that has verbally accepted our offer to be the Principal at WES. It wasn't brought for approval at tonight's meeting but with the Board's approval, we will get that announced along with our candidate who has accepted the position as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Typically we do not make that sort of announcement prior to Board approval, but with timely positions, we are happy to make those announcements with the Board's blessing.

Mr. Borlik congratulated Mr. Gregg Goewert who was awarded the District II Indiana Middle School Principal of the Year. Mr. Goewert noted that he is blessed to have an amazing staff to work alongside. It has been challenging since he joined Urey but he is proud of the progress they are making and he is fortunate to work with great people and have great students. Mr. Knowlton noted how amazing it was to sit at the Urey awards last night and hear the long list of students who carry a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 22nd – Last Day of School

May 24th – Commencement – 7pm

May 29th – 1st Day of JGHS Summer School

June 3rd – 1st Day of Elementary and Middle School Summer School

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 4, 2024 7:00 P.M. John Glenn Administration Building

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Christine Carson called the meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session following the regular session to discuss initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. No additional topics were discussed. The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
