

School Board Meeting – June 18, 2024

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 18, 2024, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Bob Borlik, Jared Egger, Ryan Knowlton, Christian Mattix, and Carissa Smith. Christine Carson and Todd McGaughey were absent. 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)

There were no Recognitions, Fundraisers & Donations presented at this meeting due to Summer Break.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public made comment at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – June 4, 2024 – Regular Session
2. Approve Vouchers – 103006 through 103067
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

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| a. Dyan Phillips | Teacher, Urey Middle School |
| b. Jennifer Stout | Instructional Aide, Urey Middle School |

Appointments

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| a. Christine Burdick | Summer School Instructional Aide, John Glenn High School |
| b. Geoff Jankowski | Special Education Teacher, John Glenn High School |
| c. Tyson Nisley | Teacher, John Glenn High School |
| | Summer School Instructional Aide, John Glenn High School |
| d. Randy Pontius | Teacher, John Glenn High School |
| | Event Supervisor, John Glenn High School |
| e. Sean Haas | Teacher, Urey Middle School |
| f. Katherine Bajdek | Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School |

4. Approve FMLA Request for Employee #3314

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 five to zero.

Mr. Winchell introduced our new teammates Geoff Jankowski, Tyson Nisley, Randy Pontius, Sean Haas and Katie Bajdek to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Overnight Field Trip – Girls Basketball to Wisconsin Dells

Mr. Winchell noted that the Board does a blanket approval each year for trips that are IHSAA connected. This trip is a separate tournament, so it is appropriate for the Board to approve this trip tonight. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Overnight Field Trip – Girls Basketball to Wisconsin Dells and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero.

2. Approve 2024-2025 Food Procurement Bids for Dairy, Bakery, GPO, Produce and Sanitation

Mr. Winchell explained that this is a recommendation from Mrs. Glenda Smith, our Food Service Director. We belong to the Northern Indiana Educational Service Center (NIESC) who we often partner with to obtain the best group pricing. With this action item, you are approving the group pricing, as well as making good on our Board and State Policy that the Board approves all the food bids for dairy, bakery, GPO, produce and sanitation on an annual basis. Mr. Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve 2024-2025 Food Procurement Bids for Dairy, Bakery, GPO, Produce and Sanitation and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero.

3. Approve Purchase over \$75,000 – Outdoor Lighting for Baseball, Softball, and Football Fields with Musco Lighting for a total not to exceed \$677,000

Mr. Winchell noted that we continually work on facility improvements. One of the facility improvements on our mind was outside facilities at the high school. Due to the gracious donation from the Reese Family who has donated \$100,000 so far and has promised an additional \$50,000 toward outdoor lighting at the baseball field, we have been able to accelerate our plans for the outdoor facility updates at the high school. As we were putting the baseball light quotes together, we had a statutory obligation to look at lighting at the softball field, and then a common sense obligation to check the aging football field lights. Mr. Will Groves, Director of Facilities, gathered bids, met with several companies and worked closely with Barton Coe Vilamaa to bring the recommendation tonight. Musco Lighting is a highly regarded lighting company and they have provided a very competitive cooperative bid quote. It was not the lowest bid, but it is very competitive and the Musco product is seen as the industry standard. Since the quote is a cooperative bid, we do not have to accept the lowest bid offered. This recommendation meets the IHSAA requirements for lighting on athletic fields and this system will be comparable to the lighting at the soccer field, just the newest version. It was asked if by updating the lighting, we will be eligible to host sectional games. Mr. Winchell explained that while lighting definitely increases our chances of hosting games such as the sectional, the IHSAA also looks at the potential facilities bleachers, restrooms and accessibility. Mr. Winchell further explained that we are continuing to work with Barton Coe to plan the upgrades to the bleachers and sidewalks, which is why it is important to plan in advance so we can make sure we are not planning to put a light pole where we will need to place a sidewalk for ADA compliance. This project will tie in perfectly with any additional updates that we are able to complete in the near future. Mr. Winchell took the opportunity to thank Mrs. Cathy Reese, who was in attendance at the meeting, for the family's generous donations towards this project. Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Purchase over \$75,000 – Outdoor Lighting for Baseball, Softball, and Football Fields with Musco Lighting for a total not to exceed \$677,000 and Mrs. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero.

4. Approve NIESC Media Center Specialist Contract

Mr. Winchell reminded the Board that we have a Nutritionist contract due to statutory requirements. We contract the nutritionist through the Northern Indiana Educational Service Center so that we do not have to employ one ourselves. Similarly, we are statutorily required to have a Media Center Specialist to assist our local Media Centers. We contract this through NIESC as well. This is an annual contract and this

specialist will ensure we are in compliance with all state statutes. Mr. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve NIESC Media Center Specialist Contract and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of five to zero.

REPORTS

1. Director of Learning Report – Mr. Tim Davis

Mr. Davis shared the following for his final Director of Learning report:

- Summer School is in its last days. It has run very smoothly.
- Boys and Girls Club is in week two out of five and they are having a fantastic time.

The Board shared their congratulations with Mr. Davis on his retirement. Mr. Winchell noted that we stand on the shoulders of those that have come before us. You can trust that we will continue to move John Glenn into the future as you have done through your career.

2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- On the heels of the outdoor lighting project being approved and circling back to our last meeting, we discussed the need to bond in order to fund or ongoing facility needs. As we continue to whittle the list down and prioritize it, we are looking ahead to what different bond amounts are available to us, as well as what projects we can afford with those bond funds. Brock Bowsher from Baker Tilly was present to review different financing options with those present. Baker Tilly will also be present at our meeting on July 16th. We are excited that with some old bonds paying off, we can bond this year without raising the tax rate, also known as tax neutral.
- The Greene Township Annexation Resolution was shared with the Board again to highlight Exhibit C which details the obligations Greene Township residents have to bonds already established and agreed to with the South Bend Community School Corporation. As of December of 2023, there were two financing issues that were of particular interest. One was the Capital Referendum and the other was the Operating Referendum. The operating referendum is money that South Bend tax payers agreed to pay to help the corporation operate which was an 8 year referendum that will expire in 2028. Greene Township is obligated to pay this operating referendum through 2028. The other debt that was of particular interest was the Capital Referendum Debt. This was a referendum that was used to renovate or build buildings. Those funds were potentially 20 year bonds, which actually ended up being a 15 year bond expiring in 2038. On Exhibit C that was approved back in 2023, the potential finance obligation was through 2042. Since our last board meeting, we have received a written document from the DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) that outlines how they view the finances and obligations of Greene Township to South Bend and John Glenn School Corporations. While we are already seeing the operating funds from Greene Township residents, we do not get an automatic increase to our max levy amount. We are going to go through a process called a Max Levy Appeal that will show the increased expenses we have incurred to service the students of Greene Township, mainly transportation. I anticipate that our Max Levy Appeal will be approved in some way, shape or form, but it is not a guarantee to reach the Max Levy amount. This is a lot of information, but it is important and helps answer some questions the Board had from the last meeting. We have been very seriously discussing the annexation of Greene Township since 2019. This is something that has rarely been done so we are forming our own path as we anticipate how the DLGF views the financial obligations. It is nice that they are now providing clarification.
- Mr. Knowlton asked if our annexation has been approved by the District Court, Mr. Winchell noted that we are still waiting on their final decision but the lawyers have been on top of watching for the response.

3. Conference Requests

- a. Will Groves

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

The Board was in support of the advertisement of the Preliminary Determination Hearings in the local newspapers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 16, 2024 7:00 P.M. John Glenn Administration Building

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jared Egger called the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

PRES. _____
SEC'Y. _____

