

School Board Meeting – August 20, 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 August 20, 2024, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Christine Carson, Jared Egger, Ryan Knowlton, Todd McGaughey, Christian Mattix and Carissa Smith. Bob Borlik was absent. Superintendent Christopher Winchell and 11 observers were present throughout the meeting.

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

Walkerton Elementary School

- Donations
 - Falcon 500 \$80 5th Grade Quill

North Liberty Elementary School

- Donations
 - Falcon 500 \$37 3rd Grade “Explain Everything”
 - Falcon 500 \$138 5th Grade “Flocabulary”
 - Santa’s Workshop \$500 Blessings in a Backpack
- Fundraiser
 - Blessings in a Backpack Annual Yard Sign Fundraiser

Urey Middle School

- Fundraiser
 - Golf Ball Sales UMS Athletics

John Glenn High School

- Donations
 - 1Body Fitness \$100 Falloween
 - Absolute Plumbing, Heating & Cooling \$250 Falloween
 - Falcon 500 \$100 Academic Super Bowl
 - German and Asian Concepts \$500 Cross Country
 - Gibson Lewis \$600 Falloween
 - Kabelin Ace Hardware \$100 Falloween
 - Marshall County Community Foundation \$1750 Football
 - Northern Electric \$600 Football
 - O’Connor Delivery Service \$500 Cross Country
 - Opta (USA) Inc. \$2500 Falloween
 - Charles B Reeve Post #27 \$1000 Falloween

Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Donations and Fundraisers and Mrs. Christine Carson 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 – 5

1. Approve Minutes – August 6, 2024 – Regular Session
2. Approve Vouchers 103374 through 103513
2. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Aaron Nicks Boys Basketball JV Head Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. Kathryn Miser Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation

Appointments

- a. Casey Groves Volleyball Assistant Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- b. Jessica Baca Student Council Sponsor, John Glenn High School
- c. Anthony Borrelli Freshman Class Sponsor, John Glenn High School
- d. Cassandra Lamirand Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- e. Maxwell Blevins SADD Sponsor, Urey Middle School
- f. Sean Haas National Junior Honor Society Sponsor, Urey Middle School
- g. Rachel Wallace Girls Wrestling Head Coach, John Glenn High School
- h. Tyson Nisley Wrestling Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School
- i. Kelley Edelbrock Part-time Case Conference Chairperson
- j. Addie Baker Part-time Case Conference Chairperson
- k. Josie Jankowski Assistant Volleyball Coach, Urey Middle School
- l. Audrey Carr Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- m. Dan Patterson Freshman Volleyball Coach, John Glenn High School
- n. Justine Prikosovich Freshman Volleyball Coach, John Glenn High School

4. Approve Transfer Students

To date, we have 61 new transfer students for the 2024-25 school year.

5. Approve FMLA Request for Employee #1578

Mrs. Christine Carson made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 – 5 and Mr. Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Second Reading of NEOLA Update 35-2

Mr. Winchell noted that this is the second reading of this set of policies from NEOLA. Mr. Bill Kaminski, our local legal counsel, is here tonight. We work with NEOLA who specializes in board policy. The Legislature updates the law every July, often we get policy update suggestions from NEOLA to keep us in compliance following each legislative session. Pending your approval tonight, these policies will be updated. Most of these are language updates and clarification. There are some internal controls in this summary and there is also some new language about nursing mothers. Mr. Todd McGaughey made a motion to approve Second Reading of NEOLA Update 35-2 and Ms. Carissa Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six to zero.

Mr. Christian Mattix suggested that we have our website audited to ensure that we are meeting the newest ADA Compliance Standards. Mr. Kaminski agreed that it is a good idea to review our compliance to avoid future issues.

2. First Reading of NEOLA Update 36-1

Mr. Winchell again noted that similar to what we discussed earlier, this is the most recent update from NEOLA. This includes updates to bookkeeping, our policy regarding a drug free/safe workplace as well as student safety from anything in regards to concussions to AED's. There are also updates about internal controls and complaints and concerns policies. There is no action to be taken tonight. This policy update will be brought back before the board on September 3rd for a second reading and potential approval

REPORTS

1. Director of Learning Report

Dr. Fuller reported the following:

- The State of Indiana released the IREAD-3 scores to the public last week. Almost 75,000 3rd grade students took the test across the state with a pass rate of 81.5%. Dr. Jenner, State Superintendent has noted that the State goal is 95%. We are happy to report that John Glenn School Corporation was at 94.9% pass rate for our 3rd grade students. Our teachers and students should be applauded. Our 2nd grade students also take the IREAD-3 and if they pass, they do not have to take it again in 3rd grade.
- Teachers are starting to prepare for this year's state testing including the revised pilot program for the ILEARN. The first round of testing checkpoints will begin September 16th. Training has started for our staff members.

2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- Legislative updates
 - We have now had our new School Board Election Plan updated by the IDOE. Our school board boundaries are officially changed effective January 1, 2025. According to State Statute, any Board Member that currently holds a seat, will be grandfathered in and allowed to complete their term. This is one of two final steps in our Greene Township plan, this approval by the State and then the new budget.
 - While I was at the State School Board Meeting, it was interesting to look at how the State Board of Education is comprised. There are eleven members that are appointed, one is appointed by the Senator ProTempore Rodric Bray, one is appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Todd Huston, and the other nine are appointed by the Governor. It is noteworthy that six of the nine appointed by the Governor are high ranking Charter School Officials even though charter school students do not comprise 6/11 of the state's students.
 - In speaking with Senator Bohachek, he is encouraging the formation of a portal to be developed to allow access to take the ILEARN test. He shared that he passed Differential Calculus in college and was only able to get a 90% on the 5th Grade ILEARN Math Test. Senator Bohachek was extremely helpful in our Greene Township annexation process along with State Representative Jake Teshka. Senator Bohachek is also one of the few elected officials who publicly supports the ISTA.
- Thanks to Mr. Kaminski, we have learned of some used buses for sale by a neighboring school corporation. We will be looking into this further later this week.
- The Reese family has brought forth their third installment of their donation toward the lighting project. I have asked the Board to hold off on accepting this donation so that the Reese Family can be here at a meeting. We are so very grateful for their generosity and the legacy Mr. Reese left of building relationships and making tough decisions from the lens of what is best for kids. There has been a conversation amongst the Admin Team that we would like to name the baseball

field after Mr. Reese once the project is completed. You may remember we have previously done this when naming the football field after John Hostrawser and the Everwise Gymnasium. All of this will take School Board approval at a later date.

- Building Project update – the building is back in business and looks really nice. With the substantial project we have going on, it is very clean and the students and staff are handling it well. We are on schedule. Mr. Groves added that every elementary student now has new furniture K-6. We have a lot of surplus items that will need to go to auction in the near future. As we have worked through this project, we are very focused on building safety. We are doing spot checks at all buildings through the day to ensure that doors are secure. If you walk through the buildings, you will see updated doors at NLES, and you will notice that we have closed off the front bathrooms at WES. The finished rooms are really impressive and we would love to give you a tour soon. We are on track and looking forward to moving another set of classrooms sometime in the next month. This project is a little over 50% completed at WES and closer to 90% completed at NLES.
- We are getting ready to start the collective bargaining season. You cannot officially bargain prior to September 15th. We need to have a public hearing prior to beginning bargaining which will likely occur on September 17th. All bargaining and contract approval must be completed prior to November 15th. Our goal is to be completed by November 5th.
- Our Average Daily Membership (ADM) is official on October 1st. On October 31th, the State will certify our ADM budget for the year.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Mattix asked how our ADM was looking for this school year. Today, we are at 1974 students but two weeks ago, our count was closer to 1983. We are always hesitant to give exact numbers until the official count day. If these numbers stand we will be right on par with last year when we had 1964 in the fall and then 1960 in spring.

Mr. McGaughey asked how things were going with the cell phone and devices changes have been going? Mr. Manering reported that it is going very well. It has only been ten days, but we have not had any student referrals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

No School – Labor Day – September 2, 2024

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 3, 2024 7:00 P.M. Walkerton Elementary School

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jared Egger called the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
