

School Board Meeting – August 5, 2025

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 5, 2025, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jared Egger, Kathy Jaworski, Ryan Knowlton, and Christian Mattix. Christine Carson, Todd McGaughey and Carissa Smith were absent. Superintendent Christopher Winchell and three observers were present in person. The meeting was also available for virtual attendance.

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

There were no donations or fundraisers presented at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was made at tonight's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – July 29, 2025 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Vouchers 105665 through 105715
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

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| a. Lori Rush | Boys Tennis Head Coach, John Glenn High School
Girls Tennis Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School |
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Appointments

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| a. Scott Richie | Business & FACS Department Head, John Glenn High School |
| b. Heather Thompson | School Nurse, John Glenn High School |
| c. Shana Leed | School Nurse, Urey Middle School |
| d. Dale Christopher | Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation |
| e. Amanda Mortensen | Boys Tennis Head Coach, John Glenn High School |
| f. Colin Stephens | Boys Tennis Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School |
| h. Ashley Abbiehl | Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation |
| i. Candace Lewis | Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glen School Corporation |
| j. Hannah Weiss | Attendance Coordinator, Urey Middle School
Intramural Sports Sponsor, Urey Middle School
Activity Coordinator, Urey Middle School |
| k. Devin Nuner | Girls Soccer Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School |
| l. Audrey Carr | Special Education Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School |

4. Approve Transfer Students

To date, we have 81 new transfer requests for the 2025-2026 school year, including the 9 presented for approval at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-4, and Mrs. Kathy Jaworski seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of four to zero.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve MOU with Michiana Behavioral Health

Mr. Winchell shared that we provide guidance counselors at each of our buildings. There are times when a student and family need services beyond what we can provide here at the school. As such, State Statute requires that school corporations have a memorandum of understanding with a local mental health service provider for those kids who need more support than the school can provide. One of the main benefits of having a partnership with a mental health provider is access to prompt appointments and evaluations. Michiana Behavioral Health will provide free-of-charge initial assessments for students in need. For a long time, we had a partnership with 4C Services. They no longer service our counties, so we have had to find a new service provider. Dr. Fuller has met extensively with our partners at Michiana Behavioral Health, and we are excited to recommend this MOU. Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve Michiana Behavioral Health, and Mr. Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of four to zero.

2. Approve Resolution to Declare Items Surplus

Mr. Winchell noted that it is the time of year when we clear out items that are no longer beneficial to students and the corporation, but they may have some life left in them. Mr. Groves has provided an extensive list of items that will be auctioned off as surplus, pending your approval tonight. The online auction will begin tomorrow and will be active for ten days. Mr. Egger asked if we would advertise this to the public. Mr. Groves noted that we will post the link on our social media pages, and Kaser Auction Services does a great job of posting our items on their websites as well. Mr. Winchell added that we can send a mass email as well. Mr. Knowlton asked if the funds earned are deposited into the Operations Fund, and Mr. Winchell noted yes. All of these items are owned by the corporation and likely purchased from the Operations Fund. Funds will be returned to the Operations Fund. Mr. Jared Egger made a motion to approve Resolution to Declare Items Surplus, and Mrs. Kathy Jaworski seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of four to zero.

REPORTS

1. Assistant Superintendent's Report– Dr. Patrick Fuller

Dr. Fuller reported the following:

- Each year staff and teachers are required to complete several annual trainings. This year there are 16 different trainings that must be completed. Last year there were 17 required trainings, but the IDOE removed the Stop the Bleed training for the 2025-26 school year. As a corporation, we hope to continue this training, even though it is not required.
- Building principals hold a building safety meeting each year where all staff review building safety information, including fire drill exit routes, location of extinguishers, armed intruder drills, and severe weather drills, etc.
- We also hold the Indiana Assessment Requirements Meeting. In this meeting, principals cover the required tests (IREAD/ILEARN/PSAT/SAT), the Indiana Assessments Code of Ethics, and the Indiana Testing Security and Integrity Agreement.

- New Teacher Orientation was held last week. We had five new teachers join us. We are very fortunate to only be onboarding five new teachers, as a former colleague recently noted that they have 19 new teachers in their building this school year. New teachers were connected with their mentors for the year, and we look forward to supporting them.

2. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Christopher Winchell

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- We are so excited to welcome back students and staff for the first day tomorrow!
- The transportation and technology teams have been working tirelessly to get everyone set up for tomorrow morning.
- We have had wonderful crowds at all of the open house events.
- We had the pleasure of handing out 300 backpacks full of school supplies thanks to the Back to School Bash on Saturday. The local churches, businesses, and R & B Car Company, under the leadership and direction of Lisa Patton from Main Street Realty, and Emily Winchell from 1st Source Bank, coordinated this amazing event that benefits our students.
- I had the pleasure of hosting all of the staff at the Back to School Meeting yesterday. We had a popcorn bar sponsored by the Central Office, and Kona Ice sponsored by United Way. The John Glenn Education Foundation handed out \$100 bills to all certified staff and \$50 bills to all non-certified staff. I was so proud to tell our staff that no other school corporation hands out almost \$20,000 on the first staff day of the year to teammates to help kids start the year.
- We are really blessed to have a veteran staff who has truly rolled out the red carpet for our kids.
- We are finished at Urey Middle School with construction. We updated the front entrance to make it secure, updated some HVAC, updated the carpet, restrooms, and painted.
- The WES project punch list is almost completed. Since 2019-2020, we have now updated both elementary schools with updated windows, roofing, HVAC, carpet, paint, and student furniture.
- The JGHS project is well underway and is right on schedule. The band tower and practice area have been moved to the east side of the building. The extensive work at the baseball and softball fields is well underway, new concrete has been poured around the football field and track, and we are excited to have our community experience the easier access. New lockers for the high school are expected to be delivered and installed prior to Labor Day. We appreciate the community support, the support of the board, and the support of the staff.
- It is my honor and privilege to officially declare that this school year has started!

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Mattix asked how far into Greene Township we are traveling to pick up students. Mr. Groves noted that we go to almost the furthest possible northeast corner of the corporation. Families are so happy to have transportation provided.

Mr. Knowlton asked if we had addressed the sinkhole at UMS. Mr. Winchell noted that we had it filled with limestone, and it does appear to be a suitable fix.

Mrs. Jaworski wished everyone a great school year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

First day of School! August 6, 2025

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 19, 2025 7:00 P.M. JG Admin Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ryan Knowlton called the meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
