

School Board Meeting – December 15, 2015

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 December 15, 2015, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Tom McCormick, Bill Groves, Bob Borlik, Curt Pletcher, and Janice Ryan. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 11 observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Mr. Tim Davis, Walkerton Elementary Principal, thanked Mrs. Cathy Van Duyne for directing the Christmas program on Thursday, December 10, 2015. The program was called “The Grumps from Ring-A-Ding Town”, with all students in grades one through three participating. Mrs. Snyder and her PTA helpers were recognized for organizing the annual PTA Movie night on Friday, December 11, 2015. This night is held to give parents a little time for seasonal shopping or just a night out; approximately 200 students attended. WES recently collected 4500 Box Tops, which resulted in \$450 for the school. Mr. Davis thanked all area businesses and others who graciously adopted a family for the annual Adopt-a-Family program. There were 48 families adopted this year which included 121 children. WES is also helping 20 families with Food baskets prepared by Bob’s Country Store, which were paid by a \$1,115 donation from a South Bend company. The LaPaz American Legion is also supplying three additional families with Christmas meals. Donations of \$200.00 from Koontz Lake Missionary Church and \$150.00 from the Pippenger Family were used for the Adopt-A-Family Program as well. Mr. Davis recognized Mrs. Jodi Park for organizing the Adopt-A-Family program, and PTA volunteers, Mrs. Raquel Snyder and Mrs. Dawn Rensberger, for helping distribute the gifts. Mrs. Fletcher, Knox Elementary, recently hosted a sensory-friendly holiday party for Moderate students. Last Saturday at the North Liberty Basketball Tourney, the WES 5th grade B-Team lost in the championship game to a strong North Liberty team. However, in the 5th grade A-Team Championship game, WES was able to pull away for the victory. Wayne Flora and Mae Park won first and second places respectively in WES’s Texas Roadhouse fundraiser. Wayne sold over \$1,800 in gift cards, winning an iPad mini, while Mae sold over \$900, winning a \$50 VISA gift card. This fundraiser earned approximately \$1,500 for the Summer Reading program. Mr. Davis asked the board to accept a donation from the ‘Free Teacher Store’ (part of Feed the Children, Inc.). They donated over 5,000 pounds to WES including teacher chairs, file cabinets, teacher and student desks, a full skid of paper, candy and cookies.

Mr. Randy Romer presented to the Board a copy of the program “Snow Biz”, which was performed by 4th, 5th, and 6th grade North Liberty Elementary students on Monday, December 14, 2015.

Congratulations to 8th graders Brian Dresbach and Jorjia Ayers, and 7th graders, Anthony Kaser and Jordan Basham, for being named as December Students of the Month. The following Urey Middle School students were “Caught Doing Good” during the month of November; Zayn Gunn, Joel Gee, and Olivia Baldwin. Students who are “Caught Doing Good” receive a pizza and pop lunch as a reward. The Urey Choir and band students, along with their instructors, Mr. Fortlander and Mr. Dollins, put on an excellent holiday concert on Wednesday, December 9th. Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade A Boys’ Basketball teams for winning the LaVille Shootout on Saturday, December 5, 2015 (7th grade) and Saturday, December 12, 2015 (8th grade). Mr. Mark Maudlin, Principal, thanked Urey Middle School

students and parents for donating to Urey's annual toy drive. The students brought in 435 toys, which were donated to families in the community.

Mr. Chris Winchell, Associate Principal of John Glenn High School, asked the Board to accept the following donations: Tri Kappa (Walkerton Chapter) donated \$50 to Aerial, \$50 to Band, \$50 to Choir, \$50 to Drama, and \$50 to Yearbook; Dennis & Kay Freehauf, \$50 to Drama; Schmeltz & Irwin Family, \$100 to Drama; and Richard and Cathy Reese, \$1000 to the Falcon Fan Club.

Tom McCormick made a motion to approve the recognitions and donations as presented, and Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a seven to zero vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – December 1, 2015 – Regular & Executive Session
- December 8, 2015 – Executive Session

2. Approve Claims – 1569 - 1709

3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Damon Groves 8th Grade Girls' A-Team Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- b. Youxin Fan Chinese Teacher, Urey Middle School and John Glenn High School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Erica Franklin Girls' Intramural Sports Coach, North Liberty Elementary School

4. Transfer Students

Grace Conroy 7th Grade/UMS

Shelby Lawton 8th Grade/UMS

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 4, and Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion passed with a seven to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Modification to Soccer/Practice Field Contract

The Board was asked to approve a \$12,075 deduct from the practice fields final cost. This deduction was a savings due to top soil being used at the sight, rather than having to bring in off-site soil. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the modification to the soccer/practice field contract. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero. Mr. Reese noted that approximately \$7,500 of the savings from this deduct will be used to purchase grass seed, fertilizer, and lime for the fields.

2. Review Agreement Between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contract

The signed contract between Mark Milo Enterprises and John Glenn School Corporation was presented to the board for review. No vote was needed as this agreement was approved at the December 1, 2015 meeting.

3. Approve Early Graduation Requests

Three high school seniors, Mikayla Evans, Damien White and Alex Rhodes, requested seventh semester graduation. Mr. Chris Winchell, John Glenn High School Associate Principal, introduced Damien White and Alex Rhodes to the Board; Mikayla Evans could not attend the meeting. A short discussion was held

before Bill Groves made a motion to approve the early graduation requests. Bob Borlik seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

4. Public Hearing – Superintendent of Schools Contract

As per legal requirements (IC 5-3-1 and IC 20-26-5-4.3), John Glenn School Corporation's School Board of Trustees opened the public hearing addressing the Superintendent's revised contract. Mr. Richard Reese's revised contract includes a 2% increase in base pay with a contract length of three years. The public hearing was opened at 7:24 p.m. as Curt Pletcher, President, asked for any feedback from the community members present. No comments or feedback were presented and the hearing was closed by Mr. Pletcher at 7:26 p.m. The regular meeting was resumed.

5. Approve Superintendent's Contract – Retroactive to July 1, 2015

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the superintendent's contract for three years, retroactive to July 1, 2015. Bill Groves seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

6. Approve High School Principal Contract Revisions

A short discussion was held to review the revisions to Mr. Will Morton's contract, after which Tom McCormick made a motion to approve the high school principal's contract revisions. Dennis Holland seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

7. Approve Revision to Salary Increase for Technology Coordinator

Inadvertently, Andy Stegemiller's base salary amount was not listed correctly on the agenda notes for the December 1, 2015 meeting. His base pay amount was listed as \$74,740, which does not include the 2% increase. Mr. Stegemiller's new base pay should have been listed as \$76,235 to reflect a 2% increase in his base pay. Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the revision to the Technology Coordinator's salary and Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

8. Approve JESSE Contract

Mr. Richard Reese stated this agreement allows John Glenn School Corporation to participate in many of the special education services that JESSE offers. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve the JESSE Contract and Janice Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

9. Approve Construction Fund Affidavit – \$215,375.36

This affidavit request is part of the John Glenn High School Building Corporation Bond Refinance Program. The affidavit requests a payment from Regions Bank of \$215,375.36 for reimbursement of expenses for the soccer complex and practice fields. Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the construction fund affidavit for \$215,375.36 and Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

10. Approve Resolution to Transfer Funds

Mr. Tom Bendy submitted a resolution for Board approval, requesting a transfer of funds. Mr. Bendy proposed transferring \$55,000 from the Transportation Fund to the Rainy Day Fund, and \$45,000 from the Bus Replacement Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. A short discussion was held before Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the resolution to transfer funds and Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

11. Approve Resolution to Accept Property/Real Estate Donation

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hiler have decided to donate their home in Walkerton to the John Glenn School Corporation. Mr. Reese commented on the outstanding generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Hiler and noted that the home will be sold at a later time and profits from the sale will be placed into the newly-formed John Glenn Educational Foundation. A short discussion was held before Tom McCormick made a motion to approve the resolution to accept the property donation from Mr. and Mrs. Hiler. Bill Groves seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

12. Retreat Discussion

A discussion was held to determine options for the administration/board retreat to be held in January. A decision was made to hire Dr. Jim Halik to facilitate the retreat, which will be held on January 9, 2016, with a dinner to be held on January 8, 2016, to kick off the retreat and finalize the agenda. The retreat will be held at Swan Lake with many items on the agenda including short-term and long-term goals for the corporation.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Reese reported on the School Law Seminar he recently attended with board members Dennis Holland, Janice Ryan, and Curt Pletcher. Mr. Reese also attended the IAPSS Annual Meeting December 13 -15, and commented on the information presented which included leadership guidance and marketing the positive alternatives of the John Glenn School Corporation. Mr. Pletcher announced that Mr. Reese received his Ten-Year Service Award Pin during the meeting.

- 2. Conference Requests
- 3. Conference Reports

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

The Building Trades house is now for sale, as reported by Dennis Holland. Interested parties may contact Dick Pippenger at 574-220-7150 or the Corporation office at 574-586-3129 for more information.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 5, 2015 7:00 P.M. WES Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Pletcher called the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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