

School Board Meeting – March 15, 2016

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 March 15, 2016, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Janice Ryan, Jeff Johnson, Tom McCormick, Bob Borlik, Dennis Holland, Curt Pletcher, and Bill Groves. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and fifteen observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Mr. Tim Davis, Walkerton Elementary Principal, recognized teachers and students at WES in grades three through six. All students in these grades recently took the first round of ISTEP and third grade students are currently in the middle of the IREAD+ test. Mr. Davis announced that Josh Knowlton won two awards at the Notre Dame Regional Science Fair. One of the awards received is the JINA award which comes with a free week of camp at the ART 2 Science Camp, to be held at Notre Dame in July. Mason Kobelt placed second in the 95 pound weight class at the State Folk Style Wrestling Finals in Indianapolis. Mrs. Dana Ferman and her aides were recognized for a wonderful PTA Parent Night on Thursday, March 3, 2016. The theme was “Dr. Seuss on the Loose” with over 100 parents and students attending. On Saturday, March 5, 2016, the Fifth Grade Girls’ Basketball A-Team competed in the North Liberty Tourney. In the first game, the girls defeated Bremen, and then faced North Liberty in the final round, winning the Championship. Mr. Ryan Reese and his third grade basketball team recently won their division in the Plymouth Winter League, finishing 9-1, while the sixth grade boys’ AAU team, made up of sixth graders from WES and NLES, recently won the AAU Tournament held on March 5, 2016. This same team also won the Northern Indiana Spring Shootout tournament at West Noble School. Mr. Davis asked the School Board to accept the following donation of \$111 from the WES PTA for ISTEP Snacks. The Social Skills group at WES, which meets each Friday to work on communication skills, modeling appropriate behavior, and having fun in an inclusive setting with a diverse group of third, fourth, and fifth grade students, was recognized for their many service-oriented activities.

Mr. Romer, North Liberty Elementary Principal, reported that Daniel Solymosi, sixth grade, received the One Book, One Michiana Award for an excellent junior project at the Northern Indiana Science and Engineering Fair at Notre Dame University. Daniel also received the Water Crusader Award for outstanding work in understanding and promoting the importance of water environment. The North Liberty Fifth Grade Girls’ Basketball Tourney was very successful, with Walkerton and North Liberty making it to the A team championship round. Walkerton won the A-Team Championship game, while LaVille defeated Bremen in overtime in the B-team Championship game. The week of February 29 through March 4, 2016, students and staff experienced daily quiz questions from picture book classics to chapter books. The classroom teachers decorated their doors in a Dr. Seuss theme and students voted for the winner at the Title I Family Night. The doors with the most votes were second grade Laurie Morris, first grade Nikki Buss, and second grade Carmen Olds. Mr. Romer thanked Amy Weiss and the Title I staff for assisting in promoting literacy through the Title I Family Night. The Plymouth Pilot recognized the North Liberty Elementary Family Night in their March 8, 2016 publication. WSBT Channel 22 Sports Director Pete Byrne visited North Liberty Elementary on March 3, 2016, to congratulate and read to the school for winning the “I Love to Read” challenge. Derek Orsund and Grace Sharpe were interviewed by Pete with questions about their love of reading. Leanna Thomas, sixth grade student, was the top sixth grade reader in Michiana for the 2016 I Love to Read Challenge, reading 5,355 minutes. She will be recognized at an awards ceremony Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 3:00 p.m., in the Colfax Auditorium at the

St. Joseph County Public Library, and will also receive a \$50 Visa gift card. The Sixth Grade Travel Basketball Team, comprised of Walkerton and North Liberty students, won the March Madness Classic Tourney held at John Glenn High School on March 5, 2016, and also donated \$2,000 to Isaac Porogi. The team members are Nathan Creed, Joseph Delinski, Jacoby Taylor, Colten England, John Botset, Brayden Codet, and Blake Mulstaff.

Urey Middle School received a donation in the amount of \$500 from the University of Michigan for participation in their national survey, "Monitoring the Future: A Continuing Study of American Youth." Mrs. Donia Hudgen was acknowledged for her assistance in making the specific arrangements necessary for the operation of the survey at Urey. Congratulations to the following members of the Urey Sound Sensation Choir and their instructor, Mr. Jordan Dollins, for receiving a gold rating at the ISSMA Choral Competition on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at La Porte High School: Kraig Alvarez, Lexia Andert, Connor Arick, Jorjia Ayers, Alexis Baer, Jordan Basham, Vernon Burch, Sam Carson, Jaden Chamberlin, Ryleigh Collins, Emma Cripe, Taylor Cuskaden, Michael Day, Cecilia Delinski, Hannah Dickinson, Cami Ennis, Cali Geers, Colton Helminger, Elizabeth Hostetler, Briana Jacobs, Kasadie Johnson, Jordan Keeley, Mikayla Knowlton, Luke Lemert, Emily Neyhart, Qaiden Redmond, Grace Rice, Emma Romer, Raegan Romer, Justin Rush, Weston Salyer, David Shinkle, Cody Tibbs, Ariel Tysver, Emmalie VanOverberghe, Maya Vermillion, Zachary Williams, and Aleaha Ziola. Congratulations to 8th graders, Julianne Wilk and Luke Lemert, and 7th graders, Cynthia Galvez and Kasten Lang, for being named March Students of the Month.

Mr. Will Morton, John Glenn High School Principal, asked the Board to accept two donations to the Drama department from TCU for \$50, and Troy and Heather Kerckhove, \$50. In athletics, Alec Runyan was named Second Team All NIC in Boys Basketball, and the Athletic Department was able to present a check to the family of Isaac Porogi for \$2,520 on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. The funds were raised through the selling of bracelets.

A motion to accept the donations as presented was made by Tom McCormick and seconded by Jeff Johnson. The motion passed with a six to zero vote. Mr. Pletcher arrived late and did not vote on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – March 1, 2016 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – # 255 - 335
3. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Dan Drotar Social Studies Teacher, John Glenn High School (40 years of teaching, at the end of the 15-16 school year; 16 years at Caston and Eastside, 24 years at John Glenn)

Appointments/Transfers

- a. John Frey Assistant Boys' Track Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. Jeremy Merrill Anime Club Sponsor, John Glenn High School
- c. Kara Miller League of Extraordinary Falcons Sponsor (2/3 pay), John Glenn High School
- d. Tina Lauderback League of Extraordinary Falcons Sponsor (1/3 pay), John Glenn High School
- e. Courtney Dubie Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School

4. Transfer Students
Haley Faulk 10th/JGHS

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 Early Graduation Requests

Mr. Will Morton presented to the Board four students for early graduation. All four students, Zachary Kuchel, Alondra Venegas, Alyson Cretacci, and Anastasia Barnes, will be six semester graduates. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the early graduation requests and Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

2. Approve School Improvement Plans for WES, NLES, UMS and JGHS

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plans for all four schools and Bill Groves seconded the motion. There was a short discussion before the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

3. Approve 2016 Costa Rica Spring Break Trip - John Glenn High School

Mrs. Nicole Amor requested approval to take 15 students, along with four chaperones, to Costa Rica over Spring Break, March 25 to April 1, 2016. A short discussion was held before Bill Groves made a motion to approve the 2016 Costa Rica Spring Break Trip. Janice Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

4. Approve Purchase over \$10,000 – Combination Oven/Steamer for Walkerton Elementary \$21,362.64

Mrs. Dooms, Food Service Manager, requested approval of the purchase of an oven/steamer for the Walkerton Elementary Cafeteria. Mrs. Dooms provided two quotes for the Board's review, preferring to go with the quote from C&T Design, with a total purchase price of \$21,362.64, which will be paid from the cafeteria fund. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the purchase of the combination oven/steamer for Walkerton Elementary Cafeteria at the purchase price of \$21,362.64 from C&T Design. Dennis Holland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Reese provided feedback on the Leadership Seminar he attended on March 9, 2016, with Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Bob Borlik, and Bill Groves. Mr. Reese also attended a Collective Bargaining seminar on March 10, 2016, with Mark Maudlin, Tom Bendy, and Curt Pletcher. Mr. Reese stated that both seminars provided guidance and helpful information.

Mr. Reese asked the Board to consider cancelling the first meeting in April as he will be out of town the two weeks prior to April 5. The Board unanimously agreed to cancel the first meeting in April.

2. Conference Requests
3. Conference Reports

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 19, 2016 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Borlik called the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

_____ PRES. _____

_____ SEC'Y. _____
