

School Board Meeting – March 21, 2017 Regular & Executive 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 21, 2017, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Christian Mattix, Curt Pletcher, Janice Ryan, Bill Groves and Bob Borlik. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and five observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Teachers and students at Walkerton Elementary, in grades three through six, were recognized for their hard work on the first round of ISTEP. Emma Knowlton won two awards at the Notre Dame Regional Science Fair on March 4, 2017. Emma's project was called Under Pressure and won the ETHOS Microscope Award and the Purdue Agriculture Award. Michaela Hurford won the Runner – Up DNA Learning Center Elementary Award for her project called Photosynthesis. Mr. Amor's Reading class has been participating in a classroom challenge for reading and has read a total of 405 books. Students have passed and earned 780 AR points during the challenge, with a total of 1,974 points for the entire school year. The Board was asked to accept the following donations from Falcon 500: \$27.50 for WES Basketball uniforms and \$50 for Keep a Clear Mind shirts. Walkerton Elementary is currently participating in their annual Walk-a-Thon, where all students walk during their PE class time. If students raise enough money, they will get a chance to throw a pie at their favorite principal or teacher. Lastly, Mrs. Cathy VanDuyne, teachers, and students in grades one through three were recognized for their performance of "Wing It" last Thursday, March 16, 2017.

The Board was asked to accept two donations from Falcon 500, \$25 for Keep a Clear Mind shirts and \$50 to purchase books by visiting author Patricia Pollaco. The Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade classes created cards to thank the School Board, Mr. Reese, Mr. Stegemiller and the technology staff for their efforts to acquire, set up and load apps for the new iPads recently purchased. The entire North Liberty and Walkerton Cub Scout Packs displayed great sportsmanship recently during the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby. Results of the Derby are Third Place, Atticus Wakeman; Second Place, Jake DuVal; and First Place, Cohen Pena. The following Sixth Grade students volunteered to be tour guides and engage with the incoming Kindergarten students during Kindergarten Roundup on March 21, 2017: Isabel Allsop, Hayley Arick, Will Brinkhoff, Matt Ciula, Hayden Franklin, Isabelle Matthews, Sofia May, Tatum Carrasco, Madisyn Muller, Max Murray, Carlye Ort, Ryan Shoue, and Nathan Taylor.

Mark Maudlin, Urey Middle School Principal, congratulated 8th graders Cami Ennis and Matt Moore, and 7th graders Averie Sanchez and Shane Gee for being named March Students-of-the-Month. The following students were "Caught Doing Good" during the month of February and enjoyed a pizza and pop lunch as a reward: Gabriella Bishop, Lilie Borsch, Brandon Campion, Caleb Cripe, Sydney Edgerton, Lucy Franklin, Hailey Harness, Dylan Heckman, Jayden Keller, Dustin Kissinger, Emma Lichtenbarger, Misty McAlister, Owen Minnick, Kambri Scott, Emma Sinderson, Conner Szuba, and Allison Vandall. Congratulations to Mr. Jordan Dollins and the Urey Sound Sensation Choir for receiving a Gold Rating in Group II at the ISSMA Jazz Festival in LaPorte on Saturday, March 4, 2017. Students who participated in the contest were: Kraig Alvarez, Lexia Andert, Connor Arick, Isabelle Awald, Jordan Basham, Bryant Bowman, Jaden Chamberlin, Jillian Clark, Mia Collins, Caleb Cripe, Michael Day, Cecilia Delinski, Alexandria Flaharty, Abrianna Harding, Claire Holston, Elizabeth Hostetler, Riley Jones, Jordan Keeley,

Makayla Klingensmith, Mikayla Knowlton, Gabriel Medich, Anastasia Myers, Grace Rice, Alexia Rodriguez, Emma Romer, Emma Rothe, Justin Rush, Wyatt Scott, David Shinkle, Bryce Smith, Alexis Snodgrass, Andrew Snyder, Morgan Tibbs, Maya Vermillion, and Skyler Vermilyer. Another congratulations goes out to Mr. Dollins and the 7th and 8th grade choirs for their winning performances at ISSMA Organizational Contest at Goshen Middle School on Saturday, March 18, 2017. The 8th grade choir participated in Group I and received a Gold Rating, while the 7th grade choir participated in Group III and received a Silver Rating.

William Morton, John Glenn High School Principal, asked the Board to accept the following donations: \$3,800 to Baseball from Majority Builders; \$20 to Theatre from Karie VanGundy; \$50 to Theatre from TPC Technologies; \$100 to FFA from Mike and Pam Hayes; and \$50 for the Class of 2017 Awards Banquet from Falcon 500. Senior and 4-year Chinese student, Anna Dennie, will be embarking on the experience of a lifetime on Saturday, March 25, 2017, when she travels to China with the Confucius Institute of Valparaiso University and 25 other students. Sheyenne Auer is the February Student-of-the-Month. Sheyenne is a cadet teacher at Urey and does an excellent job with the students, as well as maintaining outstanding grades and working outside of school. In high school athletics, Hoosier Basketball Magazine selected Kyannah Stull as one of the Top-60 Senior Girl basketball players in the state. Kyannah has also been named Honorable Mention IBCA All-State, as well as IBCA Academic All-State. Kelly Freehauf, Matt Strong, and Billy Harness were named IBCA Academic All-State Honorable Mention, and Matt Strong was selected first team All NIC Boys Basketball Team. The following athletes were selected for NIC All-Academic Winter Sports: Kyannah Stull, Kelly Freehauf, Issac Porogi, Billy Harness, Matt Strong, Grant Borsch and Amillo Lopez.

In high school music news, the Men's Ensemble received a gold rating at the ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble Contest. Members include Joel Ayers, Keegan Carrasco, Matt Kline, Kevin Schmalzried, Niko Domonte, Liam Cummins, Luke Lemert, and Trevor Weiss. Tess Bladow received gold for her solo and Chelsea Tibbs received a silver rating for her solo. At the ISSMA Instrumental State Solo & Ensemble Contest, members of the Percussion Ensemble received a "perfect" score and a gold rating. Members include Anna Schmeltz, Logan Chastain, Dylan Glennon, Tyler Johnson, Evan Baker, Gavin Collins, Sean Carlin, Ty Bajer, Ashley McKesson, Bryce LeRose and Josh Basham. Aubrey Houser received gold for her Violin solo, and the Jazz Ensemble received a gold at the ISSMA Jazz contest. In Agricultural news, the Livestock Evaluation Team comprised of Savannah Orsund, Alex Toth, Ean Holmgren, Zack Szuba and Alex Tungate placed second in the Questions Division out of 11 teams. Taylor Verhaeghe, Hannah McLochlin, Joey Parker and Cody Toth placed 11th out of 42 teams in the Reasons Division. The Dairy Evaluation Team comprised of Bryce Birk, Grace Klopfenstein, Jim Feitz and Arden Scutchfield, placed first as a team. Bryce placed First as an individual, and Grace placed Fourth. At the District II Leadership Conference, Ean Holmgren placed Eighth in the Agriculture Mechanics & Technology Demonstration; Cody Toth placed Third in the Agriculture Sales Presentation; Alex Toth placed Fourth in the Discovery Degree Creed; Grace Klopfenstein placed Second with her essay; Hannah McLochlin placed Fourth in the Job Interview Category. In the Plant and Soil Demonstration, Jessica Peterson took Third Place, in Prepared Public Speaking, Hannah McLochlin took Third Place, and the Quiz Bowl Team of Ariel Tysver, Alexandria Tungate, Grace Tibbs, and Elizabeth Miller took First Place, which advances them to the State Competition.

A motion to accept the donations as presented was made by Bob Borlik, and seconded by Dennis Holland. The motion passed with a seven to zero vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – February 21, 2017 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – # 236-399
3. Personnel Recommendations
Retirements/Resignations

- a. Damon Groves Head Varsity Football Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. Gavin McNeeley Assistant Football Coach, Urey Middle School
- c. Pam Pearish 8th Grade A-Team Volleyball Coach, Urey Middle School
- d. Tim White Assistant Wrestling Coach, John Glenn High School
- e. Ashley Carey Before & After Care Aide, North Liberty Elementary

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Keith Meola Instructional Aide, increase from 29 to 37.5 hours per week, John Glenn High School
- b. Brenna Perry Before and After Care Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- c. Kayla Wright Before and After Care Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- b. Clark deFluiter Assistant Boys' Track Coach, John Glenn High School
- e. Gavin McNeeley Assistant Boys' Tennis Coach, John Glenn High School

4. Transfer Students

With the addition of the students listed, the total transfer student count is now at 400. Dakota Jones, JGHS/9th Grade; Deven Jones, UMS, 8th Grade; Gage Jones, NLES, 1st Grade; Diamond Edwards, NLES, 4th Grade; Emily Nagler, NLES, 2nd Grade; Stephanie Nagler, NLES, Kindergarten; Victoria Anderson, JGHS, 10th Grade.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. [Approve One \(1\) New Teaching Position for Math, Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts at UMS](#)

With enrollment numbers increasing at the middle school starting with the 2017-18 school year, Mr. Maudlin requested board approval to hire one new teacher for the following subjects: Math, Social Studies, and Language Arts. Mr. Maudlin would like to create this teaching position so class sizes will remain at an average of 25 students. A seventh class each of Math, Social Studies, Science, and Language Arts will be added to the Urey schedule, with Mr. Gerry Brown teaching the extra period of Science. Mr. Maudlin has located a teacher who is licensed in Math, English, and Social Studies, and who would follow this large class up to eighth grade during the 2018-19 school year. After a brief discussion, Curt Pletcher made a motion to approve adding one new section each of Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies at Urey Middle School for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. Bill Groves seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

2. [Approve John Glenn High School Curriculum Change](#)

Due to State requirements, Mr. Morton asked the Board for approval to replace *Digital Applications and Responsibility* with *Preparing for College and Careers*. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve the curriculum change as stated, and Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

3. [Approve Maternity Leave Request for Nicole Amor, John Glenn High School](#)

Nicole Amor is expecting her second child on April 25, 2017, and submitted a request for FMLA leave from her due date through the end of the school year. Catrina Kroeger, who covered for Mrs. Amor during her last maternity leave, will cover for Mrs. Amor again. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the FMLA Maternity Leave Request for Nicole Amor, and Janice Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

4. [Approve 2017 Summer Enrichment Program](#)

Charman Dreessen submitted for Board approval her suggested schedule for the 2017 Summer Enrichment Program. Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the 2017 Summer Enrichment Program, and Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

5. Approve Corporation Calendar Change – Parent/Teacher Conferences

After discussions with staff and administration, a suggestion was made to move the parent-teacher conferences from September 20 and 21 to one week later – September 27 and 28, 2017. A short discussion was held before Bill Groves made a motion to approve the Corporation Calendar Change and move Parent/Teacher Conferences to September 27 and 28, 2017. Christian Mattix seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

6. Real Estate at 123 Shamrock St. Walkerton, Discussion
Determine that property is no longer needed

This item was added to the agenda Tuesday afternoon and is a legal requirement to be able to sell the property donated to the school corporation. This property was donated with the intention of using the sale proceeds to fund the new John Glenn Education Foundation. A discussion was held to review the required steps to sell the property, after which it was determined to move ahead with selling the property. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the determination that the real estate located at 123 Shamrock Street, Walkerton, Indiana, is no longer needed for school use. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Reese reported to the Board that the high school would like to add two to three sections of Weight/Strength Training classes. These credited classes will be offered to male and female students with the purpose of helping student athletes become stronger and more competitive. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Reese and Mr. Morton, high school Principal, to pursue planning the addition of these classes.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Dennis Holland announced the Building Trades Open House will be held on May 21, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 426 Washington Street, Walkerton, Indiana.

Bob Borlik recognized Rose Dodson for her outstanding presentation of the Advanced Placement/Dual Credit Scores at the previous board meeting on February 21, 2017.

Richard Reese noted that magnets and information cards for the Education Foundation were distributed to patrons attending the Spring Musical on March 17 and 19, 2017. Mr. Reese stated the information was well-received by patrons.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 4, 2017 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Johnson called the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session began at 8:05 p.m. and was held to discuss personnel, prior to any determination on that individual's status as an employee. No other business was discussed, and the executive session was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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