

School Board Meeting – November 4, 2014 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 on November 4, 2014 at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Dennis Holland, Jeff Johnson, Tom McCormick, Janice Ryan, Curt Pletcher, Bob Borlik, and Bill Groves. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and four observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Parent/Teacher conferences were held Wednesday and Thursday, October 21st and 22nd at Walkerton Elementary. Conferences were well attended with the percentage of parents attending for each grade level as follows: Kindergarten – 96%; First Grade – 97%; Second Grade – 98%; Third Grade - 93%; Fourth Grade - 84%; Fifth Grade - 92%; Sixth Grade – 82%; Resource – 90%. Student participation during Red Ribbon Week was recognized by Mr. Tim Davis. Students had a great time dressing up to ‘stomp out drugs’ (wear boots); ‘Drugs can’t find me’ (Camouflage day); Put a Lid on Drugs (Hat day); and ‘Wear Red Day’. Mrs. Kaser and Mr. Hannah, along with Mr. and Mrs. Winchell, recently hosted a 6th Grade Fall Party. The 6th graders decorated the front of the school, went on a Hayride, and celebrated at JGHS with a bon fire. Mr. Reese and Board Members were invited to attend Walkerton Elementary Veteran’s Day Program on Tuesday, November 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Ryan Reese, Mr. Matt Malstaff and Mr. John Schmidt were recognized for their efforts in organizing a ‘Lock In’ on Friday, October 17th for all students in grades K-6. This night raised \$970.00 for the Boys/Girls basketball programs at WES. On Thursday, October 23rd, the WES PTA held their first BINGO Night with more than 150 people attending. Mrs. Emily Walker organized the first Box Tops Contest for this school year. First place was won by the Kindergarten class, with 3,571 box tops, 2nd place went to 1st grade with 3,363 box tops, and 3rd place went to 3rd grade with 1,352 box tops. In total, WES raised a little over \$2,000.00 through this contest.

Mr. Romer presented each board member with a copy of the “Shamrock Shout Out” newsletter and highlighted important events happening at North Liberty Elementary. The 6th Grade Student Council will be conducting a community food drive within the next few weeks. NLES’s Veteran’s Day program will begin at 1:00 p.m. on November 11, 2014, and the Science Fair will be held on November 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the main gym.

Urey Middle School recently received the following donations to be used for Business Club Activities: Kappa Kappa Kappa Zeta Pi; North Liberty Chapter - \$50.00; Mr. and Mrs. David McKee, \$100.00. Congratulations to 7th graders Jaime Galvez and Salem Slater, and 8th graders Alyssa Clements and Nicholas Frankiewicz, for being named October Students of the Month. The following students were “Caught Doing Good” by staff members during the month of October: Charles Arndt, David Dion, Evan Dreibelbeis, Nicholas Frankiewicz, William Kepperling, Michael Lawler, Owen Lewis, and Mason Miller. These students will enjoy a pizza and pop lunch as a reward. The Urey bands and choirs performed to a packed house on Wednesday, October 29th at John Glenn High School. Congratulations to all the participants, Mr. Fortlander, and Mr. Dollins for putting on a great show. UMS Spell Bowl team competed Tuesday, November 4th, in the District Spell Bowl Competition. The team placed first in their division with a score of 59 out of 72 words spelled correctly and will advance to the state finals at Purdue University on November 15, 2014.

The Board was asked to accept the following donations for John Glenn High School: Margaret Irwin, \$75.00, Drama. In scholastic news, the JG spellers took second place at the Regional Spell Bowl with a score of 81, with New Prairie just ahead with 82. The JGHS spellers were led by Ryan Arick, Joel Hadden, Delaney Patterson, and Holly Rowe with Perfect Spelling scores of 9; Near Perfect Spelling scores of 8 from Anna Dennie, Jake Kickbush, and Billy Harness; and solid spelling contributions from Genesee Winger, Riley Patterson, and Jennifer Almaguer. Congratulations to the Dairy Judging Team of Paige Reed, Grace Klopfenstein, and Bryce Birk who will represent the state of Indiana at the North America Livestock Exposition National Dairy Judging Finals. This will take place November 7-10 in Louisville, Kentucky. WNDU, Channel 16 recently visited John Glenn High School to interview students for their "School Rules" special segment. Many students from extra-curricular groups were interviewed during WNDU's morning news program. Mr. Winchell announced that the John Glenn High School Spell Bowl Team had advanced to the state competition to be held on November 15, 2014 at Purdue University.

Curt Pletcher made a motion to approve the recognitions and donations as presented, and Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – October 21, 2014 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – # 1521 - 1596
3. Personnel Recommendations

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Robert Gendron Industrial Technology Teacher, John Glenn High School
- b. Melissa Williams Para-Professional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
- c. Heather Boyer Winter Cheer Sponsor, Urey Middle School
- d. Chris Lawler *Transfer* from 7th Boys' B Basketball to 8th Boys' B Basketball Coach Coach, Urey Middle School
- e. John Bogucki 7th Boys' B Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- f. Gavin McNeeley *Transfer* from Co-Coach Girls' Track to Head Boys' Track Coach, UMS
- g. Erin Sarber *Transfer* from Co-Coach Girls' Track to Head Girls' Track Coach, UMS
- h. Patrick Crone 6th Grade Boys A Team Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary
- i. Kimberley Podell 5th Grade Boys' B Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary
- j. Sarah Martin 6th Grade Cheer Sponsor, North Liberty Elementary
- k. Ryan Reese 5th Grade Boys' A Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary
- l. Matt Malstaff 5th Grade Boys' B Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary
- m. Miranda Vinson 5th Grade Cheer Sponsor, Walkerton Elementary
- n. Ken Gradeless Head Softball Coach, John Glenn High School
- o. Dennis Cochran Assistant Wrestling Coach, John Glenn High School

4. Transfer Tuition

Brayden Dial Pre-K/ WES Scott Rajski 11/JGHS

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

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was presented at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Balanced Calendar Discussion

Mr. Reese presented to the Board four calendar options to consider. Mrs. Sleek explained the differences in the four calendars and answered questions from the Board. A lengthy discussion was held to discuss the calendar options presented, with several board members stressing the importance of making the right decision to positively impact the student body. Mr. Reese asked the Board to study the calendars and get outside feedback from community members before make any final decisions. Board President Bill Groves asked Mr. Reese to produce an online survey in which all parents can participate with opportunity to provide comments and concerns. The results of this survey will be studied by the board before making a final decision.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Reese recently received a memorandum from the Indiana Department of Education concerning John Glenn's Special Education Program. The memorandum concludes that the John Glenn School Corporation meets the program requirements as set forth by the IDOE at 100%.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Jeff Johnson reminded board members about the upcoming seminars in November and December.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

November 7, 2014 – ISBA Current Issues in Special Education, Carmel, IN

December 12, 2014 – ISBA School Law Seminar – Indianapolis, IN

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 18, 2014 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Groves called the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held to discuss collective bargaining. No other information was discussed. The meeting started at 8:13 p.m. and ended at 9:34 p.m.

_____ PRES. _____

_____ SEC'Y. _____
