

School Board Meeting – October 16, 2012 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 October 16, 2012, in the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Janice Ryan, Jeff Johnson, Bill Groves, Dennis Holland, Curt Pletcher, Tom McCormick, and Bob Borlik. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 5 observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Tim Davis, Principal of Walkerton Elementary, presented his recognitions to the Board. Mr. Davis thanked the Polk and Lincoln Township Firefighters. The Kindergarten classes traveled to the Lincoln Township fire station, where they toured the station and were instructed on fire safety. The Polk Township firefighters came to the school and spoke to all students in grades 1 – 6. A coloring/essay contest was held by the firefighters and they chose one winning student from each grade level. WES received a \$25 gift card from Target; this money will be used to purchase supplies for the classrooms. Mr. Davis announced that WES had a 98% attendance rate for the first nine weeks, with 242 students having perfect attendance. Mrs. Dunbar's class recently had a bridge building contest as part of their science curriculum. The students were asked to build bridges from straws and duct tape, then the bridges were weight-tested with pennies. The winning group was Melachi Wright, Alexis Snodgrass, Tim Brassell, Vincent Flaharty, and Chloe Martin. The fourth grade students donated all the pennies (\$11.88) to Riley's Children's Hospital. Mr. Davis asked the Board to accept the following donations: Falcon 500 Club: \$200 to Music for the Drum Program, and \$200 to the Recycling Program. A \$50 gift card was anonymously given to the Kindergarten iPad program; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Feitz donated pumpkins and gourds to the Moderate classroom; *Donors Choose* project donated \$600 for the Moderate classroom. Mr. Davis wished to thank participating teachers for allowing Bethel College freshmen to observe classrooms for a day as part of Bethel College's "Foundation of Education" class.

Randy Romer, Principal of North Liberty Elementary School, asked the Board to accept the donation of two \$25 Target gift cards to help provide student resources. Mr. Romer also presented information to the Board concerning a fundraiser which collected \$2000 for the Scholastic *Kids in Distressed Situations and Kids in Need Foundation*. All money raised for this organization will be matched by Scholastic and results in NLES receiving a \$2000 credit with Scholastic to be used towards new books purchased through the Scholastic store. Recognitions included 2012 Fire Safety by Chuck Pritchett and Allen Albright; a poster and essay contest was held and three winners from each grade level were selected. The Volleyball team recently finished their season with the A-team record at 4 – 2, and the B-team record at 5 – 1. The teams were coached by Kara Kaser, Janiece Bogard, and Adriane Baker. Mr. Romer's final recognition went to the Student Council members who helped make Grandparent's Day week a success. There were 20 members who helped with escorting and directing traffic.

Mark Maudlin, Urey Middle School Principal, asked the Board to accept a donation from Falcon 500 in the amount of \$87.50 to be used to help purchase food lab supplies for FACS class. Mr. Maudlin recognized the Volunteer Group along with sponsors, Frank Sheneman and Brook LaBere, for raising over \$800 for the Hospice Walk. The group completed five miles during the walk on Saturday, September 30th, 2012. Ashley Sherman and Isaac Porogi were recognized as the 8th grade Outstanding Students of the Month for September. Lucas Minnick was recognized for winning top honors and a 1st

place medal at the Cross Country NSC meet at LaVille on October 3rd. The boys' team finished 3rd overall, missing 2nd place by just 6 points; the girls' team placed 6th. The 8th grade Girls A Volleyball team won a championship trophy at Westville on Saturday, October 13th. The Urey Student Council collected 1, 289 food items during their annual food drive; these donations will be delivered to the Walkerton Food Pantry to help local citizens. Mr. Maudlin also noted that Tim McLochlin, Agriculture Teacher, John Glenn High School, notified him earlier in the day that three middle school students have advanced to the State Finals for Soil Judging. This is the first time in John Glenn history that middle school students have qualified for the State Competition.

Chris Winchell, Assistant Principal of John Glenn High School asked the Board to accept the following donations for the Drama club: William Morton, \$50.00; Chris Winchell, \$50.00; Frank Sheneman, \$50.00; Glenn & Lori Jacob, \$100.00; Margaret Irwin, \$100.00; Richardson family, \$250.00. In sports recognitions, Luke Runyan competed in the Cross Country Regional Meet at Oxbo Park, and qualified for the Semi-State competition to be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012. The Volleyball team will begin sectional play on Thursday, October 18th. The Football team finished their regular season this past Friday and will begin Sectional playoff at JGHS on Friday, October 19th, competing against Culver Military Academy. In Fine Arts recognition, congratulations go to the Falcon Pride for their GOLD rating at the ISSMA Regional Competition. The Falcon Pride will go on to compete at the Semi-State Competition to be held on October 27th at Decatur High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. Recognition was given to the Spell Bowl team as they qualified for State Finals for the 27th year in a row! The Spell Bowl team had the highest score of 81 in Division 2, and the 4th highest score in the State, with only 3 teams in Division 1 scoring higher than our John Glenn students.

A motion to accept the donations was made by Tom McCormick and seconded by Jeff Johnson. After a brief discussion, the motion was passed with a seven to zero vote.

Mr. Reese took a moment to recognize the exceptional efforts of Mr. Hernandez and his success with the Spell Bowl team. Mr. Winchell also commented on Mr. Hernandez's remarkable commitment to the students in his Senior English class.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – September 29, 2012 – Special Session
2. Approve Minutes – October 2, 2012 – Regular Session
3. Approve Claims – # 1235 - 1309
4. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

1. Steve Morris 6th Grade Basketball Coach, NLES
2. Kelly White Instructional Aide, UMS
3. Ashlee Fansler Freshman Basketball Coach, JGHS

Appointments/Transfers

1. Charly Koopman Instructional Aide, UMS
2. Lloyd Meyer Bus Driver, NLES

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve 2013 Budget as advertised
 - a. 100 General Fund
 - b. 200 Debt Service Fund
 - c. 290 Exempt Debt Service Fund
 - d. 291 Exempt Retirement/Severance Bond Debt Service Fund
 - e. 350 Capital Projects fund
 - f. 410 Transportation Fund
 - g. 420 School Bus Replacement Fund
 - h. Fund 2083 2013 State General Fund Loan Repayment
 - i. 350 Capital Projects Plan
 - j. 420 School Bus Replacement Plan
 - k. Resolution of Neutrality agreement between Exempt Debt Service Retirement/Severance Bond and School Bus Replacement.
 - l. Resolution of one-time special Neutrality Agreement for Exempt Debt Service Retirement/Severance Bond.

The public hearing was opened and closed without anyone from the public asking to speak. Bill Groves made a motion to accept the 2013 Budget as advertised, with the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Exempt Debt Service Fund, Exempt Retirement/Severance Bond Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Transportation Fund, School Bus Replacement Fund, Fund 2083 2013 State General Fund Loan Repayment, Capital Projects Plan, School Bus Replacement Plan, Resolution of Neutrality Agreement between Exempt Debt Service Retirement/Severance Bond and School Bus Replacement, and Resolution of one-time special Neutrality Agreement for Exempt Debt Service Retirement/Severance Bond. The motion was seconded by Jeff Johnson and passed with a seven to zero vote.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Reese asked for a few volunteers to attend a meeting to be held on October 22, 2012, concerning Intermodal Development that may be taking place in LaPorte County. Janice Ryan, Bob Borlik, and Jeff Johnson volunteered to attend the meeting. The meeting will be held at the John Glenn Administration Building at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Reese updated the Board concerning lighting that is to be installed along the new drive at North Liberty Elementary School. The lights will be installed and maintained by NIPSCO.

Mr. Reese acknowledged the 100th Career Victory by Justin Bogunia at last Friday's Football game against Culver. This is a great accomplishment for Mr. Bogunia.

Mr. Reese also noted the ADM numbers for the September count were 1808.5 students, which is up by 12 students from last year. Kindergarten students are only counted as one "half" for the ADM, so this number does not reflect our actual enrollment numbers.

Mr. Reese addressed the Board concerning the RISE Evaluation Plan that is to be submitted to the I.D.O.E. The I.D.O.E. has extended the submission deadline to November 16, 2012. This information will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

2. Conference Requests

3. Conference Reports

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Two important dates for Board Members: October 24th, 2012 is the ISBA Fall Regional held at Christo’s in Plymouth. The second date is on November 14th, 2012, for the ISBA Constitutional Law Seminar to be held at Plymouth High School from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Jeff Johnson also noted another ISBA conference on November 9, 2012. The topic is “Current Issues in Special Education”.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 6, 2012 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Janice Ryan called the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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