

School Board Meeting – March 6, 2012
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 6, 2012 in the Urey Middle School Cafeteria. Board members present were Tom McCormick, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Mike Daube, Curt Pletcher, Bill Groves, and Janice Ryan. Mark Maudlin, was present on behalf of Superintendent, Richard Reese, and thirteen observers were also in attendance. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by school board president Janice Ryan.

RECOGNITIONS

Tim Davis, Principal of Walkerton Elementary School, congratulated the fifth grade basketball teams for a wonderful season. The girls played in the North Liberty Tourney over the past weekend and played very well against tough teams. The PTA raised over \$4,000 from their recent Walk-A-Thon. The top class was Mrs. Dunbar's fourth grade class, second was Mrs. Walker's kindergarten class, and third was Mrs. Knaack's second grade class. The top students were Bryant Bowman and Dalton Ankin. The following students were recognized for participating in the Circle the State with Song on Saturday February 25, 2012 at Goshen College: Myah Hayes, Ashley McKesson, Lois Frey, Arden Scutchfield, Tiffany McCoige, Rebecca Klingensmith, and Abbigail Griffiths. The following students were congratulated for attending the Regional Science Fair at Notre Dame: Oleya Indekina – 1st place; Bryce LeRose and Bodin Jacobson – 1st place; Aaron Sherman – 3rd place; and Ashley McKesson – 3rd place. The board was asked to accept the donation of \$100 from the Walkerton Tri-Kappa for the Moderate classroom. Mr. Morton was recognized for arranging to have Cindi Clawson visit WES to read to the students.

Janet Carey, Principal of North Liberty Elementary School, thanked the custodial staff for preparing NLES for the fifth grade girls basketball tourney held over the weekend. The staff at NLES was recognized for working together to help cover the responsibilities of Ollie Frazier when he was called away on a family emergency. ISTEP+ is off to a great start and Deb Mosson was recognized for providing the mandatory training sessions to staff members. NLES students participated in the Mobile Dentist project coordinated by nursing staff, Teresa Russell and Jessica Beem. Approximately 30 students took advantage of the services provided on site at NLES. NLES fifth grade student, Gabe Weiss, received first place and a Special Award at the Regional Science Fair at Notre Dame. Other participants include Emmalie VanOverberghe, Brooke Miller, and Kyle Plencner. NLES participated in Read Across America last week. A team led by Brunie Mihail and Amy Weiss planned great activities for the kids to celebrate reading. NLES took part in a competition to break the previous record for AR points earned in a day and broke the previous record. Banners were hung in the hallway and guest readers visited each classroom.

Mark Maudlin, Principal of Urey Middle School, asked the board to accept the donation of cotton balls valued at \$46.35 from S & S Products for use in Field Day Activities. Congratulations were extended to February Students of the Month: seventh graders Mike Witkowski and Britley Scott; and eighth graders Daniel Shinkle and Kathleen Chenoweth. The boys' basketball teams concluded their season last month. The seventh grade team finished with an impressive 11-1 record and 6-1 in the NSC for second place. The eighth grade team ended the season with a record of 10-6 and 5-2 in the NSC for third place. On Saturday, February 4, 2012 the UMS choir students participated in the ISSMA Vocal District Competition. The board was provided with an impressive list of results. Overall the medal count was 20 Gold, 5 Silver, and 1 Bronze.

Tim Davis, read recognitions on behalf of, William Morton, Principal of John Glenn High School. The board was asked to accept the following donations: \$125 from the Marshall County Pork Producers for the Home Economics Bake Shop; and \$60 from Sean Heckaman Davis for Drama. Austin Coach, Myles White, and Andrew Frey qualified for Semi-State in wrestling. Josh Anderson was named offensive player of the year by the LaPorte Herald Argus. The boys' basketball team had a great season and made it to the final Sectional Game, where they were defeated by a tough Marion team in the last 20 seconds wherein they lost by two points. The following students participated in the ISSMA State Vocal Solo & Ensemble on February 18, 2012 and received a Gold Rating: Elly Alexander, Sage Bladow, Emily Bowen, Tiffany Pierce, Rhythm Express, Jahr Ensemble – Elly Alexander, Emily Bowen, and Jasmine Jahr, and O'Brien Ensemble – Allison Marsh, Kaysi O'Brien, and Celena Sherwood. First Edition received a Silver Rating. The following students participated in the ISSMA State Instrumental Solo & Ensemble Competition on February 25, and received a Gold rating: Christian Niedbalski, snare drum solo; JJ Silvey, oboe solo; Sage Bladow, JJ Silvey, and Mackenzie Hill, saxophone trio; Ann Heckaman-Davis, Kayla Scribner, Paige Reed, Emily Jones, JJ Silvey, Katelyn Russell, Aryana Moss, Allison Pearish, Sage Bladow, Jessica Small, Jessica Rex, Autumn Whiteman, Mollie Rudecki, Ashlee Bullers, Jordan Maure, Randi Bierly, Alex Crump, Mackenzie Hill, and Kirsten Brown, large woodwind ensemble; and Mackenzie Lowry, JJ Silvey, Christian Niedbalski, Jordan Burgh, Robbie Loukes, Becca Shoue, Sage Bladow, Brandon Boyd, Joe Schmalzried, and Nathan Kickbush, percussion ensemble. The John Glenn Theatre Company will present "Little Shop of Horrors" on Friday and Saturday March 16-17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. They will also present on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. All seats are \$7 and currently on sale. There will be over 40 students involved in this production.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Jeff Johnson, to approve donations as stated. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – February 7, 2012 - Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – 130 – 263
3. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Rebecca Kretchmer, UMS, Cafeteria
- b. Katy Fleck, NLES, Title I Aide

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Randy Schmeltz, UMS, 8th Grade Girls' B Team Basketball Coach
Half-Time Pay
- b. Carrie Edison, NLES, 6th Grade Girls' B Team Basketball Coach
- c. Charly Porter, WES, 6th Grade Girls' B Team Basketball Coach

4. Transfer Tuition

- a. Kasten Lang, NLES, Grade 3

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Jeff Johnson, seconded by Bill Groves, to approve consent agenda items one through four. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Advertisement for Bids for the NLES Media Center Renovation

The Notice to Bidders will be published in the South Bend Tribune and Plymouth Pilot on March 14th and 21st.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Jeff Johnson, to approve the advertisement for bids for the NLES Media Center Renovation. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

2. Approve Advertisement for Bids for the NLES Turnaround

The Notice to Bidders will be published in the South Bend Tribune and Plymouth Pilot on March 14th and 21st.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mike Daube, seconded by Curt Pletcher, to approve advertisement for bids for the NLES turnaround. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

3. Approve Purchase over \$5,000 – 78 Passenger Bus

Three bids were received through the Northern Indiana Educational Service Center. The lowest bid was received from International in the amount of \$86,807 for a 78 passenger bus similar to what has been purchased in the past. This bus will be paid for out of the Bus Replacement Fund and approximate delivery is the first of August.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Tom McCormick, seconded by Jeff Johnson, to approve the purchase of a 78 International bus in the amount of \$86,807. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

4. Approve FMLA – Melanie Heiser

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mike Daube, seconded by Jeff Johnson, to approve the FMLA request for Melanie Heiser. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

5. Approve FMLA – Melita Beeney

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Jeff Johnson, seconded by Curt Pletcher, to approve the FMLA request for Melita Beeney. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

6. Approve Early Graduation – Savhana Ciula, Jessica Burek, and Kayla Grossman

The high school principal, counselors, and parents of Savhana Ciula, Jessica Burek, and Kayla Grossman are in full support of the early graduation requests. All three students will meet the required credit hours to graduate early and plan on obtaining post-secondary education.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Curt Pletcher, to approve the early graduation requests for Savhana Ciula, Jessica Burek, and Kayla Grossman. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

7. Approve JESSE Reorganization Agreement

Linda Holland, Assistant Director of JESSE, stated that approval of the agreement means that JGSC is accepting the JESSE certified staff into the JGSC teachers' union. JGSC will share costs with Union North School Corporation based on the overall enrollment and special education count in each district on December 1st.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Curt Pletcher, seconded by Jeff Johnson, to approve the JESSE Reorganization Agreement. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

8. Indiana Math Requirements for High School Graduation Discussion – Mark Maudlin

Mark Maudlin, Principal of Urey Middle School, explained changes made in math requirements by the Department of Education (DOE). The DOE is now requiring students to enroll in math for four years in high school to earn a Core 40 Diploma. This change will affect current eighth grade students that are currently taking math courses for high school credit. These students will now be required to take math their freshman through senior year. An information night was held to explain the state mandated changes to parents and students.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Maudlin provided the board with a "Band Against Bullying" bracelet to highlight the campaign that started this week. Every student signed a petition to band against bullying. ISTEP+ testing started this week and is going well.

2. Conference Requests

3. Conference Reports

The school board was provided with a listing of conference requests and reports.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Janice Ryan thanked Mark Maudlin and the administrative staff for their extra working during the superintendents absence.

Tom McCormick asked when the 2012-13 school calendar would be brought before the board for approval. Mark Maudlin informed Mr. McCormick that the calendar would be on the March 20, 2012 agenda.

Jeff Johnson stated that he attended the Collective Bargaining Seminar with Richard Reese and Dennis Holland. The meeting provided great information and it was beneficial to hear how schools that have already adopted the changes in contracts are working through the challenges. There will be a banquet for high school achievement on March 22, 2012 at Christo's. The ISBA Spring Regional Meeting is on April 3, 2012 at Christo's.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

- March 3, 2012 – ISSMA Jazz Band at LaPorte High School – 11:25 a.m.
- March 11, 2012 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 16-17, 2012 – JGHS Spring Musical – 7:30 p.m.
- March 17, 2012 – ISSMA MS Concert Band Contest at North Manchester
- March 18, 2012 – JGHS Spring Musical – 2:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 20, 2012 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of School Trustees of the John Glenn School Corporation met in executive session at 7:55 p.m. on March 6, 2012 for the purpose of discussing job performance evaluation of individual employees Board members present were Tom McCormick, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Mike Daube, Curt Pletcher, Bill Groves, and Janice Ryan. Mark Maudlin, William Morton, Janet Carey, Tim Davis, and Darlene Flora were also in attendance. No other matters were discussed. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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