

School Board Meeting – October 15, 2013 Executive & 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 15, 2013, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Janice Ryan, Bill Groves, and Tom McCormick. Curt Pletcher and Bob Borlik were absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 6 observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Walkerton Elementary thanked the Polk and Lincoln Township Firefighters for their instruction on fire safety during a recent kindergarten trip to the Lincoln Township Fire Station. WES recently received notice that they have won a \$25 gift card through “Give with Target Gift Cards”. This money will be used to purchase supplies for classrooms. 236 students at WES had perfect attendance for the first nine week grading period, which gives WES an attendance rate of 97.75%. The girls’ 6th grade volleyball team won their own tourney, defeating Knox and LaVille teams. WES Student Council members for the 2013-2014 school year are: Ashleigh Bolze, Ian Clanton, Jill Clark, Taylor Cuskaden, John Drews, Alex Haney, McKenzie Hudgen, Mikayla Knowlton, Abby Machnic, Cholee Rozwarski, Weston Salyer, Aaron Sherman, Jillian Sweda, Ariel Tysver, Martha Velasco, and Maya Vermillion. The Walkerton Redevelopment Commission awarded a \$7,500 grant to WES to assist with the sensory playground. Thanks went to Miller’s Merry Manor, Sharon McGee, and Christy Clark for all their work in coordinating the Art & Appetizer event. This event raised over \$4,000 for the sensory playground. Mr. Jeff Nowitzki was recognized for his efforts in acquiring items to be raffled off for the sensory playground. WES Boys basketball has started their season with 17 fifth graders and 15 sixth graders participating.

North Liberty Fire Department was thanked for their participation in events held at North Liberty Elementary School during Fire Safety Week. Students were trained by firemen Chuck Pritchett, Al Albright, John Dooms, Brandon Patrick, and Tom McCormick. Winners of the Fire Prevention Week contests were: First Grade: 2nd place, Ryder Patrick; 1st place, Olivia Carlin; Grand Prize, Alex Stuber. Second grade, 3rd place winner was Zach Litteral; 2nd place, Olivia Limerick, 1st place, Sophie Minnick, and Grand Prize went to Harley Taylor. Third grade winners were: 3rd place, Connor LaLone; 2nd place, Emma Borton; 1st place Brooklyn Marazita; and Grand Prize went to Will Brinkhoff. Fourth Grade winners were: 3rd place, Natalie Beem; 2nd place, Madilynn Hudspeth; 1st place, Mia Collins; and the Grand Prize winner was Jack Porter. Fifth grade winners were: 3rd place, Allison Plew; 2nd place, Kennedy Tibbs; 1st place, Cecilia Delinski; Grand Prize, Jamie Babcock. Sixth Grade winners were: 3rd place, Nathan Kluszczynski; 2nd place, Madeline VanHuss; 1st place, Raegan Romer; and Grand Prize went to Brocton Szuba. Special thanks went to the NLES Student Council for escorting and directing traffic during a very successful Grandparents week. Denise Scott was recognized for organizing the Scholastic Book Fair. Other parents assisting with this event were Kim Bers and Lisa Rice. October 24 is Pink Day at NLES in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Board was asked to accept a donation from Kappa Kappa Kappa Inc., Epsilon Chi, Walkerton Chapter for \$200 for Business Club Activities. Urey Middle School received word from the State Board of Accounts that all extra-curricular records for the school were in order for the period audited. Mrs. Debi Johnson was recognized for her hard work in ensuring the Urey accounts are in pristine order. The UMS Athletic Department donated 100% of the concession sales (\$428) from the Urey vs. LaPorte Kesling

Football game, plus additional monies collected, totaling \$550 dollars, to the Bethany Lutheran Church in LaPorte in memory of Jake West. Congratulations was given to Rheese Adamson, Melinda Dodson, Claire Heying, and Maria Cole for making Top 25, All-Conference at the Cross Country NSC meet on October 9th at LaVille.

The John Glenn High School Spell Bowl team took first place at Regional with a score of 78. They have also qualified for State with a third place overall score. The JGHS spellers were led by Ryan Arick and Jacob Kickbush with perfect spelling scores of 9; near perfect spelling scores of 8 from Erin Patterson, Jahna Almaguer, Holly Rowe, Joel Hadden, and Anna Dennie. Cole Jacobson, Riley Patterson, and Billy Harness contributed solid spelling scores as well. The Boys' Soccer team was a sectional runner-up and finished 12-4-2 on the season, which is a new Glenn record. Evan Rhodes and Drew McDonald advanced to the first round of regionals in #1 doubles for tennis. Sydney Carson recently competed in a skeet shooting competition in Tucson, Arizona. She took 2nd place in the Gold Medal Round for Junior Women. This puts her in a great position to be chosen for the World Championship Team at the Spring Selection.

A motion to accept the donations as listed was made by Tom McCormick, and seconded by Bill Groves. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – October 1, 2013 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Minutes – October 9, 2013 – Special Session
3. Approve Claims – # 1307 - 1385
4. Personnel Recommendations

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Melissa McNeill Bus Aide, JGSC
- b. Caleb Hadden Freshmen Boys' Basketball Coach, JGHS
- c. Victoria Clark Before and After Care Aide, NLES

A motion to accept Consent Agenda Items 1 - 4 was made by Janice Ryan, and seconded by Bill Groves. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing of 2014 Budget
 - a. General Fund
 - b. Debt Service Fund
 - c. Exempt Debt Service Fund
 - d. Exempt Retirement/Severance Bond
 - e. Capital Projects Plan and Capital Projects Fund
 - f. Transportation Fund and Transportation Levy Appeal
 - g. Bus Replacement Plan and Bus Replacement Fund
 - h. Rainy Day Fund
 - i. Resolution of Neutrality Agreement between Exempt Debt Service Retirement/Severance Bond and School Bus Replacement

A motion was made to approve the 2014 Budget as published by Jeff Johnson, and seconded by Janice Ryan. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

a. Northern State Conference Discussion

Mr. Reese provided an update to the Board concerning the Northern State Conference. Four teams have decided to leave the conference, which leaves the NSC with only four members. Mr. Reese presented the Board with options and possible actions to be taken. A discussion was held to consider the information presented.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 5, 2013 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Holland called the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of School Trustees of the John Glenn School Corporation met in executive session at 8:02 p.m. The executive session was held for the purpose of discussing individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction; nothing else was discussed. The meeting ended at 9:34 p.m.

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