

School Board Meeting – March 19, 2013 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 19, 2013, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Bob Borlik, Janice Ryan, Tom McCormick, and Bill Groves. Curt Pletcher was absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 5 observers were present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

The WES Math Bowl Team placed first in their division at the annual competition on Thursday, February 28th. Tri-Kappa donated \$50.00 for the Artist in Residence Program. Cathy Van Duyne was recognized for arranging the Artist in Residence Program for WES and NLES. There will be a “Hacienda Gives Back” fundraising night on April 2nd, 2013 at the Hacienda Restaurant on Ireland Road in South Bend. The Pre-Algebra students from NLES and WES are participating in the Notre Dame Engineering and Geological Science Lego Competition being held at WES on April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in Mrs. Kaser’s room.

The Falcon 500 donated \$250 towards the Dancing Drums presentation, and also \$192.50 to the NLES 4th Grade trip to Indianapolis. NLES PTO donated \$300 to the 4th Grade trip to Indianapolis. Recognitions included Skylar Hooten, Michelle Weiss and NLES raising \$5,337.92 which was donated to St. Jude Children’s Hospital. The Fun Fair will be held on April 26th, with raffle ticket sales going on now. Prizes available to win include a 51” TV, various gift certificates, \$500, \$300, \$100, and more. Amy Hughes, Karen Maudlin, and John Thomas worked to coordinate the JGSC Art Fair. Best of Show was Luke Lemert who also won the “Sketch the Sky” award from WSBT recently. The Girls’ Basketball season has completed and 5th Grade A Team finished with a 3-5 record, and the B Team finished with a 3-4 record. The 6th Grade A Team and B teams both finished their season with 7 wins and 3 losses. The 5th and 6th Grade teams were coached by Randy Pontius and Dawn Marks.

Liam Cummins has been selected to represent Urey Middle School at the state level of the National Geographic Bee. Liam will be competing on April 5th for a chance to move on to the national competition in Washington D.C. This year both the Boys’ A & B teams, and the Girls’ A & B teams won the NSC Basketball tournaments.

The Board was asked to accept the following donations to John Glenn High School. Richard Parker - \$100 for the Aerial; Caitlin Worm - \$20 for the Aerial; Julie Parent - \$75 to the Drama department. The following donations were made for Boys’ Baseball: R & B Car Company - \$100; AK Industries Inc. - \$500; Dick & Cathy Reese - \$400; Steve Dreessen - \$100; Brian Kaser - \$400; Steel Warehouse - \$240; The Skillet - \$100. The musical “Guys and Dolls” was performed this past weekend by the John Glenn Theatre Group and all three shows were well attended. Senior Janay Crane and Junior Jahna Almaguer have both earned a Gold Key National Award for writing, and have been invited to New York City to receive their award onstage at Carnegie Hall on Friday, May 31, 2013. Senior Kim Scribner won a National Silver Key in Art for her imaginative painting. 18 seniors were inducted into the Academic Hall of Fame during an awards banquet on March 18, 2013. These 18 students honored 14 of their “Most Influential Educators”.

A motion to accept all donations was made by Tom McCormick and seconded by Janice Ryan. The motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – March 5, 2013 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – # 221 - 278
3. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Randy Pontius Special Education Aide, Boys and Girls Basketball Coach, NLES

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Angela Blancovargas Co-Choreographer, JGHS Music Department
- b. Mewsette Cartwright Co-Choreographer, JGHS Music Department
- c. Cindy Hepler Mini-Bus Driver, WES
- d. Valena Clauss Title I Aide, NLES
- c. Erica Franklin Special Education Aide, NLES

A motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 3 was made by Janice Ryan, and seconded by Bill Groves. The motion passed with a 6 – 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Overnight Stay for Winter Guard Group – Friday, March 16, 2013

A short discussion was held to discuss the details concerning the trip, then a motion to approve the overnight stay for the Winter Guard Group was made by Bill Groves. The motion was seconded by Bob Borlik, and then approved by a six to zero vote.

2. Purchase over \$5,000 – Single Person Lift

A discussion was held concerning lift specifications and pricing. A motion to approve the purchase of the single-person lift at a price of \$7,575 was made by Janice Ryan. The motion was seconded by Bill Groves, and the motion passed with a six to zero vote.

3. 1:1 Computer to Student Ratio for Grades 7 – 12

Andy Stegemiller explained the information provided to Board Members concerning the purchase proposal for laptops in grades 7 through 12. Mr. Reese anticipates funding will be coming from the Walkerton TIF unit for approximately half of the annual cost of the laptops.

A motion to approve the purchase of 465 laptops along with 750 laptop cases for the amount of \$324,207.90 from Global Gov Ed, and in addition, the restructure of last year's middle school purchases through the same company (Providence Capital Network) at the monthly lease payment listed on the paperwork provided by Mr. Stegemiller, was made by Jeff Johnson. The motion was seconded by Janice Ryan and the motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Reese notified the Board of a letter sent home to parents with grade cards explaining the 1:1 computer implementation. Mr. Reese also mentioned that Jim Houser has been working with high school teachers to prepare for the utilization of laptops in the classroom next school year.

An information session concerning Health Care Reform will be hosted by Indiana Public Schools and the PPACA on March 27, 2013, at Bremen High School. The presenter will be Jim Hamilton, MACE Insurance Attorney. Mr. Reese encouraged all Board Members and Administration to attend.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

The John Glenn School Board of Trustees has achieved “Outstanding Status” through the Indiana School Boards Association. The board has completed all requirements necessary and will receive an award during the Spring Regional Meeting being held May 15, 2013. In addition, Dennis Holland and Janice Ryan will receive CAP pins for earning the required number of points for their levels.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 16, 2013 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Holland called the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held to discuss an individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction and to receive information concerning the individual’s alleged misconduct. Nothing else was discussed. The Executive Session began at 8:00 p.m. and adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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