

School Board Meeting – November 18, 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 18, 2014 at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Tom McCormick, Janice Ryan, Curt Pletcher, and Bill Groves. Bob Borlik and Dennis Holland were absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and twenty-nine observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Thursday, November 20, 2014, the Walkerton Elementary Spell Bowl team will compete in the Elementary version of the Hoosier Spell Bowl. Mrs. Vicky Tucker was recognized for organizing the Walkerton Elementary Veteran's Day program on November 11th. Mrs. DeGroff led the students in the pledge of allegiance – in song. Mrs. Maudlin's art classes displayed art work around the school honoring Veterans. Mrs. Tucker's After-School group presented three banners to Veterans, from the student body, that simply said "Thank You". Five students were awarded \$10.00 gift cards for their efforts in writing letters to the veterans. Gift cards were provided by Kim Murrell from ReMax Homes for Heroes. Winners were: Daelynn Nance, Natalie Wilson, Sam Strange, Emma Egger and Sydney Rozinski. Mrs. Ann Riggs and members of the WES Student Council recently held a food drive for the Walkerton Pantry. Approximately 975 items were collected, along with an anonymous donation of \$200.00 for the Food Pantry.

North Liberty Elementary held a Veterans Day program with well over 80 Veterans being honored, while six WW II Veterans were presented with gift bags. Kindergarten through sixth grade students sang songs, read speeches, and handed out certificates to Veterans. Students who spoke at the program included Olivia Limerick, Hudson Doyle, Emma Romer, Skylar Hooten, Connor Arick, Seja Lang, Averie Sanchez, Aubrie Walker, Ryan Shoue, Sofia May, and Nathan Marshman. Boy and Girl Scouts, led by Tom McCormick, started the Pledge of Allegiance. The Folding of the Flag was presented by Steve McCoige and several students, and James Farnsworth played "Taps". Darlene Bell, Ashley Carey, Cathy Burnett, and the entire NLES Staff were commended for making this day memorable for Veterans. Fourth through sixth grade student projects were on display at the recent science fair. The top participants will attend the Regional Science Fair at Notre Dame. Those students are Cora Ferinella – Tesla Coil, Landon Sinnot – Invisible Caffeine, and Daniel Solymosi – Battery Power vs. Time and Temperature. The Sixth Grade Boys Basketball team, coached by Pat Crone and Keith Meola, received a nice compliment from a referee at an away game. The referee noted the students played with respect while having fun at the same time. The North Liberty Elementary Spell Bowl Team will be competing on Thursday, November 20, 2014, in the elementary school version of the Hoosier Spell Bowl, which will be held at North Liberty Elementary, beginning at 5:00 p.m..

Urey Middle recently received the following donations to be used for Business Club Activities: American Legion Post 189 - \$50.00; American Legion Auxiliary Unit 189 - \$50.00; Sons of the American Legion Squadron 189 - \$50.00. Congratulations to the UMS Spell Bowl Team. On Tuesday, November 4th, they earned 1st place at the district competition at Kesling Middle School by spelling 59 of 72 words correctly. On Saturday, November 15th, the team continued their winning streak by spelling 60 out of 72 words correctly, taking first place and becoming the State Champions in Class 3 for the second year in a row. Members of the Spell Bowl team include 8th graders Tristan Carrasco, Brianna Helminger, and Lydia

Henry; and 7th graders Skye Franklin, Elly Piedra, Izzy Piedra, Salem Slater and Grace Tibbs. The team is coached by Wendy Badger-Peters.

Will Morton, John Glenn High School Principal, asked the Board to accept the following donations: Meyer Veterinary Hospital, \$50 to Drama; VanOverberghe's, \$250 to Drama; Greg & Michele Weiss, \$20 to Choir; Cheryl & Ronald Shinkle, \$50 to Choir; Daniel & Amy Bladow, \$50 to Choir; Jim & Amy Houser, \$30 to Choir; John & Jill Richardson, \$250 to Drama; Julie Parent, \$30 to Drama; and Fanco LLC, \$25 to Drama. On Saturday, November 15th, the John Glenn High School Spell Bowl Team won the State Spell Bowl Division II Championship with a score of 86 out of 90 points. A state record was set this year as John Glenn High School is the only school in the state to have earned 19 state championship titles.

Tom McCormick made a motion to approve the recognitions and donations as presented, and Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – November 4, 2014 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – # 1598 - 1640
3. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Wesley Walls 6th "B" Boys' Basketball Team Coach, North Liberty Elementary
- b. Tim Davis May 15, 16, and 19 – Suspension without pay
- c. Amy Hughes Title I Aide, North Liberty Elementary

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Crystal Edgerton *Transfer* from Part-time Cafeteria at JGHS to Part-time Cafeteria at NLES
- b. Lisa Sells Part-time Cafeteria, John Glenn High School
- c. Keith Meola 6th "B" Boys' Basketball Team Coach, North Liberty Elementary
- d. Caleb Hadden *Transfer* from JV Basketball to Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach, John Glenn High School
- e. Gary Strong *Transfer* from Freshman Basketball Coach to JV Basketball Coach, John Glenn High School
- f. Austin O'Connor Head Co-Ed Cross Country Coach, John Glenn High School
- g. Scott Walstra Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach, John Glenn High School

4. Transfer Tuition

Zoe Owens Pre-K/ WES
Vincenzo Miterko Pre-K/NLES (speech only)

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 4, and Curt Pletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Early Graduation of Four Students

Four high school students requested permission for early graduation. Those students are Stephanie Bella (6 semester – June 2015), Elizabeth Buck (7 semester – December 2014), Sarah Parks (7 semester – December 2014), and Faith White (7 semester – December 2014). Mr. Morton assured the Board he has met with these students to review the requirements needed for early graduation. All four students were present at the meeting and were given an opportunity to speak. The Board asked several questions before

a motion to approve the early graduation for all four students was made by Janice Ryan, and seconded by Jeff Johnson. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

2. JGSC 1:1 Project

Information was presented to the Board concerning recent technology needs and a financial request was submitted to the TIF District Board. Andy Stegemiller reviewed the 1:1 project and commented on the financial support we have received from the TIF District. Approximately \$90,000 has been donated to John Glenn during the calendar year 2014 to support the technology needs of the schools in Walkerton.

3. Tennis Court Lease Agreement

The Town of Walkerton has proposed paying \$5,000 a year for ten years with an agreement to allow them to use the courts when JGSC is not using the courts for athletic practice or events. The Board held a short discussion before Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the tennis court lease agreement with the Town of Walkerton. Tom McCormick seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Balanced Calendar Discussion

Mr. Reese asked the Board to delay their decision on the balanced calendar. Other area schools have asked the vocational director to provide a calendar for next school year. Once this calendar has been provided to the schools, Mr. Reese will bring the information, along with some suggested calendars for John Glenn School Corporation, back to the board.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Reese presented the School Accountability Grades, which were recently released to the public from the Indiana Department of Education. John Glenn School Corporation's grades are as follows: John Glenn High School- "A", Urey Middle School – "B", North Liberty Elementary – "A", and Walkerton Elementary – "C". Mr. Reese pointed out that Walkerton Elementary was only four-tenths of a point away from a "B"; however, he and Mr. Davis are working on strategies to improve next year's grade. The John Glenn School Corporation received a grade of "A" from the Indiana Department of Education for the 2014 school year.

2. Conference Requests

3. Conference Reports

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 2, 2014 7:00 P.M. NLES Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Groves called the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held to discuss collective bargaining. No other information was discussed. The meeting started at 7:55 p.m. and ended at 8:40 p.m.

_____ PRES. _____

_____ SEC'Y. _____
