

School Board Meeting – April 1, 2014

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 April 1, 2014, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Dennis Holland, Tom McCormick, Janice Ryan, Jeff Johnson, Bob Borlik, Curt Pletcher and Bill Groves. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 12 observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Mr. Davis congratulated all students in grades 3 – 6 who made the third nine-week honor roll. A list of all students achieving honor roll was provided to the board. The board was asked to accept the following donations: \$174 from Bob’s Country Store to the 6th Grade Field Trip; \$74 from Charman Dreessen for Attendance Incentives; \$160 from WES PTA to 6th Grade Market Day. Mr. Davis invited the board members to WES’s second “BINGO” night on Friday, April 4th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Mr. Davis reported that the previous bingo night had an attendance of 130 people.

Mr. Romer asked the board to accept the following donations: \$100 to the NL Summer Reading Program from Kappa Kappa Kappa North Liberty Zeta PI Chapter; \$150 to NL Summer Reading Program from Falcon 500; \$55 to the NL Summer Reading Program from Mr. Richard Reese.

Congratulations to the Urey Middle School Students of the Month: 7th Graders Ryley Miller and Trace Jones and 8th Graders Geneva Behnke and Curtis George. The following students were “Caught Doing Good” during the month of March and will receive a lunch reward of pizza and pop: Clayton Humphrey, Grace Kaser, and Alexis Tillman.

John Glenn High School received a donation from FDC Graphic Films for \$100 for the Boys’ Golf Team. Erin Patterson, Tyler Prentkowski and Austen Hayes were names Honorable Mention Academic All State by Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. Mr. Morton acknowledged the golf coaches for the successful team trip to Myrtle Beach during Spring Break; Pam Hayes and Terry Schmeltz were recognized for their efforts in “rescuing” the golf team members after the bus broke down on their drive home. Sydney Carson recently won the Silver Medal at USA Shooting Spring Selection and has earned a spot on the USA Shooting Team. She will travel to Germany in May to compete in the ISSF Junior Cup, and to Spain in September as a World Championship Team Member. Sydney is proud and excited to represent her country, her school, and her community.

A motion to accept the donations as stated was made by Jeff Johnson and seconded by Bob Borlik. The motion was passed with a seven to zero vote.

Mr. Reese asked Mr. Brad Schmeltz to provide highlights of the Boys’ Golf trip, and details of repairs needed after the bus broke down in Rushville.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – March 18, 2014 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – # 363 - 442
3. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Pat Crone Athletic Director, John Glenn High School, Two years at JGSC
- b. Diane Vermillion Title I Coordinator, Walkerton Elementary School, 20 years all at JGSC
- c. Denise Dunbar 4th Grade Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School, 23 years all at JGSC
- d. Kathy Guseilla 4th Grade Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School, 26 years all at JGSC
- e. Paul Hernandez English/Language Arts Teacher, John Glenn High School, 30 years at JGSC, five years at Tri-Creek and Crown Point, (35 years total)
- f. Connie Oke 2nd Grade Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School, 29 years at JGSC, 2 years at St. Adalberts, and 11 years teaching in Africa (41 years total)
- g. Jan Hayes 6th Grade Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School, 30 years at JGSC, 12 years at Oregon Davis (42 years total)
- h. Jordan Leeper Golf Coach, Urey Middle School

4. Transfer Tuition

Zachary Borrer – 7th Grade

Adam Borrer - 5th Grade

Treyton Bustos – Kindergarten

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – NEOLA Policy Revisions

- 0150 Organization (Bylaws) – Revised
- 1630.01 Family & Medical Leaves of Absence (“FMLA”) – NEW
- 1662 Anti-Harassment – NEW
- 3362 Anti-Harassment – Revised
- 3430.01 Family & Medical Leaves of Absence (“FMLA”) – Revised
- 4362 Anti-Harassment – Revised
- 4419.01 Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans - Revised
- 4430.01 Family & Medical Leaves of Absence (“FMLA”) – Revised
- 5111 Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for... - Revised
- 5517 Anti-Harassment – Revised
- 5517.01 Bullying – Revised
- 5630.01 Use of Seclusion and Restraint with Students – Revised
- 6144 Investment Income – Revised
- 6151 Bad Checks and Uncollectable Debts – Revised
- 7217 Possession of Firearms and Weapons by Visitors – Revised
- 7510.01 Use of Corporation Physical Fitness Facilities – NEW
- 8510 Wellness - Revised

The board discussed several issues concerning revisions to the above listed policies. The board asked for more time to review the policies before voting. No vote was taken to approve the first reading of the policies.

2. Approve Adjustment to Softball Coaches Pay

Mr. Drotar requested to have his softball salary of \$2,514 and Mike Mulcahy’s softball salary of \$1,258 combined and split between the two of them. The resulting salary for each of them will be \$1,886. Tom

McCormick made a motion to approve the salary adjustment as stated. Janice Ryan seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

3. Review Technology Needs

Andrew Stegemiller, Technology Coordinator, provided information to the board about upcoming technology needs throughout the corporation. Technology needs discussed include new phone servers and core switches, elementary school laptops, Windows XP computers, software licenses, and elementary internet access points.

4. Approve Purchase over \$5,000 – Laptops for Class of 2018

Mr. Stegemiller explained that this purchase is part of the ongoing 1:1 initiative. A major component of JGSC's Technology Plan is to provide "anywhere, anytime" learning, and this laptop purchase will help achieve that goal. Mr. Stegemiller recommended the purchase of 145 Lenovo X140E laptops and Infocase cases from CDI for a total of \$98,876.95.

A short discussion was held before Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the purchase of the laptops and cases at the purchase price of \$98,876.95. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

5. Review Financial Options for Issuance of General Obligation Bonds

Curt Pletcher presented information to the board members about financial options for the issuance of bonds to finance Capital Project construction needs. A lengthy discussion was held during which many questions were presented to and answered by Mr. Pletcher. The main items on the Capital Projects list that will be addressed with the money received from the issuance of bonds includes the renovation of classrooms at Walkerton and North Liberty, the cafeteria roof at Urey Middle School, and the tennis courts at John Glenn High School. The amount of the general obligation bonds will be approximately \$920,000.

6. Approve the Preliminary Bond Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Other Related Matters.

After the discussion of new business item five, Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the Preliminary Bond Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds and other Related Matters. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

7. Approve Snow Make-Up Day (Extended Time)

The Board was asked for their approval to make-up the snow day on March 12 by adding one-half hour to each school day for twelve days. The twelve days include April 7th – 10th, 14th - 17th, and 21st through the 24th. Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the Snow Make-Up Day as presented. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Reese asked the Board to consider changing the meeting date of the next meeting due to the Spring Instrumental Concert being held on April 15 at 7:00 p.m. After a short discussion, the board member's consensus was to move the meeting to Monday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Johnson asked the board and the superintendent to discuss the issue of cancelled school days and the financial impact of lost pay to certain support staff. When extending the school day by half an hour, certain staff members lose “make-up” pay because their hours remain the same. Also, most of the support staff lost two days of work and pay when the State issued waivers for the two snow days on January 6 and 7. Mr. Johnson asked the board to consider paying staff members for at least two of the lost days. Mr. Reese was asked to collect financial and legal information to present to the board at the next scheduled meeting concerning this issue.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 14, 2014 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Groves called the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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