

School Board Meeting – February 3, 2015

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 February 3, 2015, at the John Glenn High School Media Center. Board members present were Janice Ryan, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Tom McCormick, Bob Borlik, and Curt Pletcher. Bill Groves was absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 11 observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Mr. Timothy Davis asked the Board to accept the following donations: \$150.00 for the Music Department; \$80.00 for WES Fun Fair; and \$150.00 for Mrs. Hannah's Resource Room. Congratulations went to all WES students who participated in the WES Science Fair last Friday, January 30, 2015. Over 120 projects were entered; however, final results were not completed at the time of this meeting. Mr. Davis provided for the Board the second 9-week and first semester honor rolls for WES.

Congratulations to 7th graders Raegan Romer and Khori Barker, and 8th graders Breanna Helminger and Bryce Whitmer for being named January Students of the Month. The following students were "Caught Doing Good" for the month of January and will enjoy a pizza and pop lunch as a reward: Joshua Czuk and Thomas Pickens. Congratulations to the boys' 7A and 8A basketball teams and their coaches for winning the Northern State Conference championships at LaVille on Saturday, January 17th. All of the players had outstanding performances. The boys' 8th grade A basketball team, coached by Damon Groves, included: Evan Dreibelbeis, Graysen Fansler, Nick Frankiewicz, Trace Jones, Zachary Mago, Danny Taylor, Jack Vukovits, and Gabe Weiss. In addition to winning the NSC, the boy's 7th grade A basketball team had an undefeated (17-0) season. Team members include: Coach Austin O'Connor, Khori Barker, Robby Porter, Noah Abrell, Weston Salyer, Calvin Bilski, Michael Lawler, Hunter Hardesty, and John Drews. Congratulations to the following students who participated in the ISSMA Vocal music contest this past weekend: Brianna Helminger and Alexis Baer both received Gold ratings for their solos, and the ensemble with participants Sammie Mills, Brianna Helminger, Cali Geers, Ashley Dickson, Grace Tibbs, Alexis Baer, Emma Cripe, Ariel Tysver, and Skye Franklin received a Gold rating.

Mr. William Morton asked the Board to accept the following donations for John Glenn High School: Emily Batman, \$150.00 Drama; and Bryan & Marie Strycker, \$50.00 Drama. During the recent regional Scholastic Awards writing contest, nine John Glenn High School students received 15 awards. The awards are as follows: Elizabeth Wilks, Senior – 2 Silver Keys & Honorable Mention; Jennifer Almaguer, Junior – Gold Key & Silver Key; Taylor Felgenhauer, Junior – Gold Key & Silver Key; Coda Hensley, Senior – Silver Key & Honorable Mention; Rachel Lawson, Junior – Gold Key & Silver Key; Sarah Parks, Senior – Silver Key; Brandon Pranger, Junior – Silver Key; Andrew Sheffer, Senior – Gold Key; and Brittne Spornhauer, Senior – Silver Key. These students will be recognized at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art this coming Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The Gold Key winners will advance to the National Scholastic Writing Contest. In the regional Art competition, nine JGHS students received 18 awards: Joe Knizner, Senior – Gold Key; Sammy Miller, Senior – Gold Key; Mackenzie Moore, Senior – Gold Key; Ed Harper, Senior – Silver Key; Colleen Prout, Senior – Silver Key & Honorable Mention; Mary Eich, Senior – Silver Key & Honorable Mention; Hayley Preston, Junior – Honorable Mention; Marie Hostetler – 5 Gold Keys (a record), Silver Key & Honorable Mention; Holly Rowe, Senior – Gold Key & Honorable Mention. Holly is also an American Visions Nominee for being chosen as one of the five best 2D art works in the entire region. The Gold Key winners will compete for National Awards in March in

New York City. The works from these students will be on display in the South Bend Regional Museum of Art in February, and these students will be honored at an awards ceremony at the Bendix Theatre. In high school athletics, the JV and Varsity girls and JV boys won the Bi-County tourney, while the Boys' Varsity Team placed runner-up. Two JGHS students were nominees for the WB Hawkins award: Seniors Natalie Shetler and Sam Weiss. This past weekend in wrestling there were two sectional champs: Seniors, Adam Dodson and Andrew Hansen. These two boys, along with Tyler Amor, Sophomore, Devin Becker, Junior, and Damen Jackson, Senior, have advanced to the Regional level in Crown Point, Indiana, this coming Saturday, February 7, 2015.

Tom McCormick made a motion to accept donations as listed, and Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a six to zero vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – January 6, 2015 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – # 1 - 152
3. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Victoria Clark Before & After Care Aide, North Liberty Elementary
- b. Franklin Sheneman Assistant Boys' Track Coach, Urey Middle School
- c. Sarah Rice Social Studies Teacher, John Glenn High School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Kevin Upp Head JV Baseball Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. Ashlee Smith 7A Girls' Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- c. Wes Walls Transfer from 6A Girls' Basketball Coach to 5B Girls' Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary
- d. Dawn Marks Transfer from 5A Girls' Basketball Coach to 6A Girls' Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary
- e. Chana Mikel Transfer from 5B Girls' Basketball Coach to 6B Girls' Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary
- f. Jennifer Traub 5A Girls' Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary
- g. Jeanna Burch 6B Girls' Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary
- h. Ryan Reese 5A Girls' Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary
- i. Kristi Parsons Increase in hours from 23 ¾ to 33 ¾ as Music Instructional Aide, Urey Middle School and John Glenn High School
- j. Zach Combs Before & After Care Aide, North Liberty Elementary
- k. Jeanna Burch Title I Para-Professional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School

4. Transfer Tuition

Eight students were presented to the Board for approval as transfer students. Those students are:

Arian Birkhead	6 th Grade/NLES	Emma Birkhead	1 st Grade/NLES
Casen Norris	Kindgtn./WES	Parker Norris	3 rd Grade/WES
Mark Schall	5 th Grade/WES	Andrew Taylor	6 th Grade/NLES
Casen Garrett	Kindgtn./NLES	Mark Botset	8 th Grade/UMS

Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 4, Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion passed with a six to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AP/Dual Credit Presentation

Mr. Dan Drotar presented information on the AP/Dual Credit Program at John Glenn High School. Presentation items included AP/CE Results from the 2013/2014 school year, a summary of all AP/CE classes offered at John Glenn High School, a five-year school score summary, enrollment numbers for 2014-2015, and SAT Results from June, 2014.

2. ISTEP/School Wide Assessment Changes – Presentation

Mr. Maudlin, Mr. Winchell, and Mrs. Cummings presented ISTEP results from 2013 - 2014, as well as information on new standards and required changes in testing. The group emphasized that with the upcoming changes to the ISTEP and ECA testing changes, there may be a considerable drop in student test scores.

3. School Safety Matching Grant/School Resource Officer (SRO) Presentation

Mr. Chris Winchell spoke to the Board concerning the recent school safety grant received from the State of Indiana. John Glenn School Corporation received matching grant funds of \$25,000 that were used for the purchase of two-way radios, cameras, and safety gates. Police Officers from Walkerton Police Department will be present in the Walkerton school buildings and North Liberty Police Officers will be present at North Liberty Elementary on a part-time basis. Mr. Winchell emphasized that the services of these SRO's serve mainly as a deterrent, as discipline and safety are not a major issue at the John Glenn School Corporation.

4. Approve Winter Guard Divisional Performance – Overnight Stay Request

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the Winter Guard Divisional Performance Overnight trip to Greenwood on March 14, 2015. Dennis Holland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

5. Approve John Glenn Academic Decathlon Team – Overnight Stay Request

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the John Glenn Academic Decathlon Overnight trip to Purdue University on Friday, February 13, 2015. Bob Borlik seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

6. Approve FFA Trip to National Farm Machinery and Technology Show in Louisville, KY

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the FFA Trip to the National Farm Machinery and Technology Show in Louisville, Kentucky on Thursday, February 12, 2015. Tom McCormick seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

7. Discuss/Approve 2015 – 2016 School Calendar

A lengthy discussion was held to consider calendar options presented for the 2015 – 2016 school calendar. Results from surveys sent to both parents and staff were provided to the Board to review before the meeting. Board members were given copies of the parents' number one choice in calendars, the staff's number one choice in calendars, as well as a copy of the North Central Area Vocational Cooperative Calendar. Mr. Richard Reese stated that area schools are in the process of adopting their calendars this week, and suggested the Board may choose to wait on approval of the JGSC calendar until the next meeting. Board members present at the meeting each stated their opinion on the issue, and then opened the floor to collect opinions from the public. Several members of the audience offered their thoughts to the board.

After much deliberation by the board, Janice Ryan made a motion to adopt the “Parent’s Choice” calendar, with a school start date of August 11 and end date of May 25. Curt Pletcher requested that an additional day be added to Fall Break, and it was agreed to add October 22nd to Fall Break. Tom McCormick requested moving a snow make-up day from January 25 to January 18. With the above stated changes, Tom McCormick seconded the motion to approve the 2015 – 2016 Corporation Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of five to one. Bob Borlik voted against the motion.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report
 - a) Memorandum of Agreement between JGSC and Head Start Consortium

Mr. Reese asked the Board to approve the Memorandum Agreement between John Glenn School Corporation and the Head Start Consortium. A short discussion was held before Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between JGSC and the Head Start Consortium as presented. Dennis Holland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 19, 2015 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Pletcher called the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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