

School Board Meeting – August 18, 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 August 18, 2015, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Bob Borlik, Curt Pletcher, and Tom McCormick. Janice Ryan and Bill Groves were absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 12 observers were also present.

President Curt Pletcher asked the Board to amend New Business item number one to include a request for approval of amended surveying and engineering services from Territorial Engineering for the Varsity Soccer field in the amount of \$10,850. Tom McCormick made a motion to amend New Business item number one to include a request for approval of amended surveying and engineering services from Territorial Engineering for the Varsity Soccer field in the amount of \$10,850. Dennis Holland seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a five to zero vote.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Mr. Tim Davis, Walkerton Elementary Principal, asked the Board to accept the following donations: Falcon 500, \$100.00 for Counselor Emergency Fund; \$200.00 from Target's Take Charge of Education; and \$50.00 from the Walkerton United Methodist Church. School supplies were donated by Tyner Rebecca Lodge, North Liberty Church of Christ, Mr. and Mrs. Brems, and Carol Wiwi. Mr. Davis thanked students and staff at WES for a great start to the 2015-16 school year. Mr. Davis reported that the first year of the WES Summer Reading Incentive Program was a success. WES averaged an attendance of 20 to 25 students during the summer program. This is the first year that WES offered incentives for the summer reading program; those incentives included ice cream and paper lanterns at the Falcon Dipper, riding in the 4th of July parade, a trip to the South Bend Chocolate Factory, an evening of BINGO and ice cream, and a visit to the new Splash pad at Scarbrough Park, as well as a cook out. Mr. Davis recognized Mrs. Penny Hines for volunteering her time to assist in Miss Rizek's room during the first few days of school.

North Liberty Elementary held an Open House on August 7th to welcome students back to school. The event was much appreciated by the kindergarten families as this open house helps transition these young Shamrocks to the school environment. Mr. Randy Romer, North Liberty Elementary Principal, thanked Cindy King and her NLES bus drivers for their hard work in making the first week of school go better than ever. The following churches donated school supplies for needy families and the entire kindergarten class: Church of the Brethren in North Liberty and Olive Branch United Brethren in Christ on Osborne Road. "Blessings in a Backpack" will be launched August 28th to approximately 58 students. Julie Brinkhoff and Tracy Patrick coordinate this wonderful "blessing" to the NLES families.

Mr. Mark Maudlin, Urey Middle School Principal, reported the school year is off to an excellent start. Mr. Maudlin thanked all of the students, parents, and staff for making the beginning of the school year run so smoothly. Urey fall sports teams begin action next week with the football team in action Tuesday night at Elkhart; the cross country team opens their season August 26th at Westville, and the volleyball teams begin play August 31st at Culver. Good luck to the fall sports teams.

Mr. Chris Winchell, Associate Principal of John Glenn High School, noted that the school year was off to a great start at the high school.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – August 4, 2015 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – # 1027 - 1089
3. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Caleb Hadden Title I Aide, North Liberty Elementary
- b. Temple Kipper Para-Professional Aide, Walkerton Elementary
- c. Franklin Sheneman Instructional Aide, John Glenn High School
- d. Miranda Vinson Cheer Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- e. Wendy Peters Spell Bowl Coach, Urey Middle School
- f. Dennis Cochran Assistant Football Coach, John Glenn High School
- g. William Ennis Assistant Wrestling Coach, Urey Middle School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Katie Groves Instructional Aide, Urey Middle School
- b. Jackie Hatton Para-Professional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
- c. Heather Sherman *Transfer* from Instructional Aide to Minds in Motion Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
- d. Nancy Dolph Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- e. Julia MacLeod Title I Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- f. Jessica Ludington Pre-School Para-Professional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
- g. Catrina Kroeger Instructional Aide, John Glenn High School
- h. Kevin McCullough Assistant Varsity Football Coach, John Glenn High School
- h. Debra Weller First Grade Teacher, Walkerton Elementary School
- i. Janett Galvez White Mini Bus Driver, JGSC
- j. Heather Rauen Regular Route Bus Driver, JGSC
- k. Melissa Stokes Regular Route Bus Driver, JGSC
- l. Rebecca Heckaman Regular Route Bus Driver, JGSC

Mr. Richard Reese, Superintendent, introduced Debra Weller, new first grade teacher at WES, and Julia MacLeod, new Title I instructional Aide at NLES, to the Board.

4. Transfer Tuition

The following out-of-district transfer students were presented to the Board for approval: Joshua Basham, JGHS/9; Jordan Basham, UMS/7; Jared Basham, WES/3; Luke Botset, JGHS/11; Breanna Baldauf, NLES/6; Breeauna Carroll, WES/3; Kaelyn Cox, WES/PK; Gabriel Frazier, NLES/K; Olivia Frazier, NLES/K; Trace Gibson, UMS/7; Cole Grimm, UMS/7; Taylor Grimm, NLES/5; Bradley Hardwick, UMS/7; Thomas Hathaway, UMS/7; Jade Hathaway, NLES/6; Brady Joachim, NLES/3; Analysisia Jordan, WES/K; Clare Malkowski, JGHS/11; Ronald Means Jr., WES/K; Drake Miller, WES/K; Samaria Morier, WES/2; Abigail Neff, UMS/7; Trinity Neff, WES/5; Patience Neff, WES/4; Hayden Neff, WES/1; Ricky Neff, WES/1; Zachary Neiswender, UMS/8; Brene Osenbaugh, JGHS/10; Brook Osenbaugh, JGHS/9; Qaiden Redmond, UMS/8; Chesney Redmond, WES/6; Kylie Stites, WES/K; Dakota Szakacs, NLES/5; Kylie Ursida, JGHS/11; Anna White, WES/2; Steven Wysocki, UMS/7.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on Practice Field Construction – Bob Aloi, Territorial Engineering

Mr. Bob Aloi, Territorial Engineering, was present to provide an update on the construction process of the soccer and football practice fields. Mr. Aloi reported that grading has begun on the fields and that quite a bit of topsoil from the site has been usable, which will result in a savings to the corporation. Mr. Aloi answered several questions from the Board, then noted that the requested amendment to the scope of work replaces previously quoted items from the original proposal dated April 22, 2015, and is not additional work. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve the amended surveying and engineering services from Territorial Engineering for the Varsity Soccer field in the amount of \$10,850, and Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

2. Approve Principals Contracts – Two-Year Roll Over

Mr. Reese noted that the only changes to administrator contracts are ten days added to Mr. Manering's and Mr. Winchell's contracts and the years covered (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017). Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the principals' contracts for two years, effective July 1, 2015. Dennis Holland seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

3. Approve Advertisement of Budget Items

This approval gives Tom Bandy permission to advertise the 2015 Capital Projects Plan Fund and Bus Replacement Fund. This will be advertised one time in the South Bend Tribune and Plymouth Pilot on September 8, 2015. Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the advertisement of the 2015 Capital Projects Fund and Bus Replacement Fund. Tom McCormick seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

4. Approve the Maximum Number of Transfer Students and Deadline for Transfer

As of July 1, 2013, per state legislation, the Board must approve the maximum number of transfer students the corporation will accept at each grade level. Mr. Reese suggested setting the maximum number at 40 students per grade (520 total students), and the deadline for acceptance of transfer students be on May 26, 2016. A short discussion was held before Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the maximum number of transfer students at 40 per grade level with the deadline for transfer request on May 26, 2016. Bob Borlik seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

5. Approve Construction Fund Affidavit

This affidavit is part of the John Glenn High School Building Corporation Bond Refinance Program. The affidavit requests a payment from Regions Bank of \$60,146 for reimbursement of expenses for the Ag Shop staircase and architectural fees for the practice field. Tom McCormick made a motion to approve the construction fund affidavit in the amount of \$60,146. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Reese reported that negotiations with the Teachers Association have begun, but both parties are waiting on the September ADM student count and cost increase for health insurance to determine the amount with which they can bargain.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 1, 2015 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Pletcher called the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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