

School Board Meeting – February 2, 2016 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 2, 2016, at The John Glenn High School Media Center. Board members present were Janice Ryan, Jeff Johnson, Tom McCormick, Bob Borlik, and Curt Pletcher. Dennis Holland and Bill Groves were absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 12 observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Mr. Tim Davis, Walkerton Elementary Principal, asked the Board to accept the following donations: \$39.77 from Texas Roadhouse for Giveback Night; and Mr. John Dillon, who donated over \$3,000.00 worth of school supplies (Clorox wipes, pencils, crayons, Kleenex, paper, construction paper, etc.). Mr. Davis congratulated all WES students who participated in the Science Fair on Friday, January 29, 2016. There were over 120 projects submitted and results were submitted to the Board for review. The following students were chosen to take their projects to Notre Dame for the next level of competition: Jasper Kellems, Emma Knowlton, Helen Guseilla, Joshua Knowlton, and the team of Klara Guseilla and Megan Kobelt. The WES Science Bowl team competed last Thursday, January 28, 2016 after school via computer. While the team did not place at the state level, they did increase their score by almost 20 points. Mrs. Hayes's Third grade classroom was the highest selling class for the Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Fundraiser and on Monday, February 1, 2016, the class was treated to lunch by the staff at Texas Roadhouse.

Mr. Randy Romer, North Liberty Elementary Principal, asked the Board to accept the following donations: Falcon 500, \$200 to the Children's Emergency Fund; Falcon 500, \$232 for the 4th grade classroom set novels; Coke Rewards, \$61.39 towards the Lucky Shamrock Program; and Box Top Awards, \$737.50, divided into grade level and student activity accounts. Mr. Romer provided the school newsletter to each board member and highlighted a few of the activities discussed in the newsletter including Honor Roll, Family Book Fair night, Scrapbook night, Family Game night, and the Title I Swoop event. Profits from the Fine Arts Fundraiser will enable the purchase of a rock climbing traverse wall for use during Physical Education classes. Denise Brooks, Physical Education Teacher, recently received a grant for six (6) In-School Bowling Kits from the IBC Youth Development Department.

The following Urey Middle School students were "Caught Doing Good" during the month of January and will be rewarded with pizza and pop for lunch: Noah Abrell, Corey Dillion, Katharine Klinedinst, and Weston Salyer. Congratulations to 7th graders, Jordan Keeley and Sean Knizner and 8th graders, Hannah Dickinson and Sam Carson for being named January Students of the Month. The Urey Kitchen was inspected on January 21, 2016, by the St. Joseph County Health Department and was violation free. Mr. Mark Maudlin, Urey Middle School Principal, thanked Kim Giese and her staff for doing a great job keeping the Urey Kitchen up to code. Congratulations went to students who participated in the ISSMA District Solo and Ensemble contest. There were 23 band students who participated in the District-wide Solo and Ensemble Contest sponsored by the Indiana State School Music Association at Penn High School on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Matthew Tibbs participated as a Soloist and received a Gold Rating; the Flute Trio of Salem Slater, Elise Stewart and Emmalie VanOverburgh received a Gold Rating; the Mixed Woodwind Ensemble of Jenna LeRose, Raygen Smith, and Elizabeth Hostetler received a Gold Rating; the Brass Quintet of Eric Blankenmeyer, Riley Gean, Ian Knowlton, Ivan Alvarez, and Conner Fort received a Gold rating; and the Brass Quintet of Kraig Alvarez, Joe Cartwright, Daniel Knabe,

Zachary Brown, and Matthew Tibbs received a Gold rating. Other students who participated include Trumpet Trio Kennedy Tibbs, Mikayla Knowlton, and Marion Farnsworth; and Clarinet Soloist Olesya Indikina.

Mr. Chris Winchell, Assistant Principal of John Glenn High School, asked the Board to accept the following donations: Jim and Dawn Christi; \$50 to Drama; John and Kimberly Murray, \$500 to Band; Geyer Construction, \$50 to Drama; Michael and Lynn Pease, \$20 to Drama; and Walkerton Tri Kappa, \$140 to Drama. Varsity basketball officials donated their pay on Friday night to the family of Isaac Porogi. The high school has six wrestlers advancing to the wrestling regional on Saturday, February 6, 2016, at Crown Point. The first "Breakfast with Santa" fundraiser went very well, serving breakfast to over 150 people on the morning of December 12, 2015. Approximately \$500 profit was made with the girls' basketball players serving as greeters, servers, and clean-up crew. The high school plans on making this an annual fundraiser and community service project. The high school kitchen staff, along with Celeste Dooms, was recognized for helping and allowing volunteers to use the kitchen facilities. The John Glenn High School Academic Decathlon Team recently participated at Homestead High School for the area competition. Individual Award winners are as follows: Adam Wiley with one First Place, one Second Place, and two Third Place Awards; Julia Clark with one Second Place and three Third Place Awards; Iris Fry with two First Place, one Second Place, and four Third Place Awards; Elizabeth Jackson with two Second Place, and three Third Place Awards; Dakota Worthington with five First Place, four Second Place, and one Third Place Award; Lauren Maure with one Second Place and three Third Place Awards; Samantha Haney with one First Place, one Second Place, and three Third Place Awards; and Abigail Gadman with two First Place, one Second Place, and one Third Place Awards. Competing as a team, the students won Second Place in the Super Quiz round, each receiving an additional award for their contribution. Additionally, the team placed Second in the area competition, and ranked Fourth in the small school division going into the state finals. The team will compete in the State Championship on February 12 and 13, 2016, at Purdue University in West Lafayette. In December, students from John Glenn High School submitted their best works to Scholastic in ten different categories for writing, including the senior portfolio. Judges evaluated the work for technical skill, originality, and personal voice and vision. On January 23, 2016, John Glenn was notified that seven students received fourteen awards: three Gold Keys, which will automatically compete in the 2016 national contest, and eleven Silver Keys. The students will be recognized at 1:00 P.M. on February 14 at The Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne and notifications for national winners will come in March. The winners are as follows: Jennifer Almaguer, senior, Silver Key, Poetry, "Nights at the Round Table"; Silver Key, Portfolio "Sell Out"; Taylor Felgenhauer, senior, Gold Key, Poetry, "Prayers"; Silver Key, Poetry, "Best Friends Are Forever"; Silver Key, Poetry, "Zoloft"; Silver Key, Poetry, "Dear Past Me"; Gold Key, Portfolio, "End"; Iris Fry, senior, Silver Key, Personal Essay/Memoir, "Books Before Bed"; Silver Key, Short Story, "Hands of Fate"; Beth Jackson, senior, Silver Key, Flash Fiction, "Who Are You?"; Mikayla Jackson, junior, Silver Key, Poetry, "Thunderstruck"; Brandon Pranger, senior, Silver Key, Poetry, "A Picture of the Earth"; Silver Key, Short Story, "Setting Out"; Paige Wiseman, senior, Gold Key, Flash Fiction, "The Furious Feminist". Many of these works will be featured in the 2016 edition of *Aerial*, John Glenn's Literary and Art Magazine, which will be available in late March. The staff from last year's magazine found out in early January that they received a rank of Superior from the 2015 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) in the Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines (PRESLM). This is a tremendous honor, and the students were second only to Park Tudor High School in Indianapolis.

A motion to accept the donations as presented was made by Tom McCormick and seconded by Jeff Johnson. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – January 19, 2016 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – # 76 - 125

3. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Emily Winchell Instructional Aide, Urey Middle School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Cory Givens Assistant Wrestling Coach, Urey Middle School
- b. John Bogucki Building Technology Facilitator, Urey Middle School
- c. Jodi Alexander Instructional Aide, Urey Middle School

4. Out-of-District Transfers

- Grace Pemberton NLES/6
- Jeffrey Lewis NLES/4
- Konner Haines NLES/2
- Neya Haines NLES/2

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. AP/Dual Credit Presentation

Mr. Dan Drotar was in attendance to present to the Board the annual AP/Concurrent Enrollment information. This school year saw increases in classes offered through Ivy Tech, including Pre-Calculus, Auto Tech, Welding Tech, Visual Communication, and Health Education. Mr. Drotar reviewed the 2014-2015 Score Summaries, noting that overall grades dropped somewhat compared to previous years' testing scores. Mr. Drotar reported that 82 students (56.6%) in the Class of 2015 took at least one A.P. or C.E. class, exceeding the state goal of 50%; while 55 of those students (37.9%) have passed either an A.P. test or C.E. Class, exceeding the state goal of 25%.

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

Academic Decathlon Coach, Jeremy Merrill, asked the Board to approve an overnight stay for the Academic Decathlon Team in Lafayette. The team has eight members who have advanced to the State Competition at Purdue University beginning Friday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m. The competition will continue on Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m., and Mr. Merrill stressed the importance of the team getting a good night's sleep on Friday night to achieve their best performance on Saturday. Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the John Glenn Academic Decathlon Team overnight stay request on Friday, February 12, 2016. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

3. Approve Construction Fund Affidavit - \$19,296

This affidavit request is part of the John Glenn High School Building Corporation Bond Refinance Program. The affidavit requests a payment from Regions Bank of \$19,296 to Mark Milo Enterprises, Inc. for the first installment payment on the Varsity Soccer Field construction. Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the Construction Fund Affidavit in the amount of \$19,296. Janice Ryan seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

4. Determination of Annual Performance Grant

Mr. Reese asked the Board to approve the disbursement of the Annual Performance Grant to teachers who have been rated "Effective" or "Highly Effective" with the following guidelines: 1) the entire amount of the grant will be distributed equally among all qualifying teachers with the exception of; 2) teachers rated highly effective will each receive \$1 more than effective teachers. Mr. Reese stated that these guidelines were developed with input from the administrators and the John Glenn Education Association. Janice

Ryan made a motion to approve the distribution of the Annual Performance Grant to Effective and Highly Effective teachers, with funds to be divided equally among all teachers, adding \$1 more to each Highly Effective teacher. Tom McCormick seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

5. Approve TCU Sponsorship Contract

Mr. Reese asked the Board to approve the TCU Sponsorship contract, which will provide \$60,000 to the John Glenn School Corporation over the next four years. This sponsorship includes TCU's continued support of Falloween and the Senior Top Ten Percent Awards Dinner, in addition to many other programs. In exchange for the sponsorship, the John Glenn High School Gymnasium will be renamed the TCU Gym, with appropriate signage being unveiled at the February 12th boys' basketball game. Curt Pletcher made a motion to approve the TCU Sponsorship Contract. Tom McCormick seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

6. Approve First Reading of Neola Policy Revisions – Volume 28, No. 1

After a short discussion, Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the First Reading of Neola Policy Revisions Volume 28, Number 1. Janice Ryan seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

7. Approve Revision to 2016-2017 Calendar

An error was made on the corporation calendar as the days off in January and February did not correspond to Martin Luther King Day and Presidents' Day; however, with this revision the correct holidays are reflected. Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the revision to the 2016-2017 Calendar. Tom McCormick seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

8. Approve Home-Bound Instruction for Student #472704048

Mr. Reese reported to the Board that high school administration plans on providing home-bound instruction at a maximum average of five hours per week to Student #472704048. Curt Pletcher made a motion to approve home-bound instruction for Student #472704048 at a weekly maximum average of five hours. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

9. Approve Home-Bound Instruction for Student #745706049

Mr. Reese asked the Board to approve Jennifer Carey as home-bound instructor for three hours per week to Student #745706049. Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve home-bound instruction for Student #745706049 for three hours per week. Tom McCormick seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Board Advance Report from Dr. Jim Halik

Mr. Reese provided to the Board the follow-up report from Dr. Halik concerning the Board "Advance" meeting that was held on January 8, 2016. A short discussion was held in which many positive comments were made on the entire retreat experience. Mr. Reese extended an open invitation to any Board Member who would like to participate on the action plan committees.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 16, 2016 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Borlik called the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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