

School Board Meeting – March 1, 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 March 1, 2016, at The Urey Middle School Media Center. Board members present were Janice Ryan, Jeff Johnson, Tom McCormick, Bob Borlik, Dennis Holland and Bill Groves. Curt Pletcher was absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and eight observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

The Board was asked to accept the following donations to Walkerton Elementary School: \$906 from Texas Roadhouse Corporate Office; \$10.34 from Coke commission (Staff Room Pop machine); \$54.33 from Target, -“Take Charge of Education”; \$100 for Disability Awareness and \$2,000 for Field Trips from Walkerton PTA; and \$44.25 for Honor Roll and \$50 for Disability Awareness from Falcon 500. Mrs. Riggs and the WES Student Council recently sold Valentine treats and raised \$810 to donate to the Issac Porogi family. The following students won the WES PTA Book Fair Coloring Contest: Karlie Beeney, Anna Knowlton, Ada Fairchild, Genevieve Jackson, Anna White, Heather Tyler, Ava Pearish, Ademar Ennis, Jacob Wardlow, and Emily King. Each winner received \$10 to purchase books at the Book Fair. Total sales for the Book Fair were just over \$3,800; the money raised from this book fair will be taken in Scholastic points to help the Media Center and teachers purchase books. On Thursday, February 25, 2016, WES was host to the 2016 Elementary Math Bowl. WES did very well, winning the Green Division. The 2016 Math Bowl Team members are: Emma Egger, Klara Guisella, Megan Kobelt, Gabby Smith, Olivia Stuart, Arisa Bajer, Stephanie Diaz, Dylan Williams, John Botset, Will Baldwin, Luke Wiley, Sophie McLochlin, Sam Strange and Van Foresman. Mr. Davis recognized Mrs. Jessica Chamberlin and all WES students for participating in the annual Walkerton PTA Walk-A-Thon. The following classes earned the most money and were rewarded with parties in their rooms: Mr. Briciu, Mrs. Riggs and Mrs. Nusbaum. This event earned a little over \$2600 for PTA Activities.

The Board was asked to accept the following donations to North Liberty Elementary: Target, “Take Charge of Education”, \$269.03 to Student Activities; and America’s Finest Chocolate Fine Arts Fundraiser, \$7,823.91 to purchase a Rock Wall and Art Supplies. Friday, February 26, 2016, the North Liberty Elementary Math Bowl Teams placed both First and Third in the area Math Bowl competition. The members’ hard work, determination and problem solving skills paid off. Members include Amelia Capeles, Xavier Warren, Peyton Ring, Lucy Franklin, Silas Kaser, Jacob Taylor, Bryant Bogunia, Lydia Waelde, Zach Banazac, Hailey Harness, Noah Walden, Nathan Marshman, Shane Gee, Nathan Creed, Max Murray, Colton England, Lauren Fanlser, Avery Sanchez, Andrew Carlin, Maggie Fitch, Derek Orsund, Preston Richard, Jessica Wilk, Bradely Bowen, Joe Delinski, Landon Sinnott, Braydon Hudson, Ryan Shoue, Ryleigh Kepperling, and Riley Jones. One of Sandra Anderson’s classroom projects, "Map of My Heart", is spreading kindness farther than one would have ever imagined. Ms. Anderson received a letter recently from a teacher in another school district who is using her idea to send kind notes to area classmates who have suffered tragic loss. Book Fair sales earned funds to purchase additional books for the classrooms and media center. North Liberty Elementary also held a coin war competition to help increase book purchases and raised \$2,590. The winning classrooms received an ice cream treat and one “No Homework for the Day” pass. Those winners are: Kindergarten, Miss Fitzgerald; First Grade, Mrs. Gurtner; Second Grade, Ms. Anderson; Third Grade, Ms. Iseler; Fourth Grade, Mrs. Martin; Fifth Grade, Mrs. Traub; and Sixth Grade, Mr. Crone.

Urey Middle School received a donation in the amount of \$100 from the Polygon Company to be used toward Transition Day supplies for the incoming 2016-2017 seventh grade class. In addition, a donation in the amount of \$88.50 was received from Falcon 500 to be used toward the 7th grade field trip day activities and speaker. Congratulations to Andy Buss for being named U-93's Teacher of the Week; Mr. Buss was nominated by a Urey Middle School student. Part of the gift Mr. Buss received for being nominated is a donation of 100 books from Better World Books, which he donated to the Urey Media Center. Congratulations to 7th graders Alexandria Toth and Joe Cartwright, and 8th graders Taylor Cuskaden and John Ort, for being named February Students of the Month. The following students were "Caught Doing Good" during the month of February and will receive pizza and pop for lunch as a reward: Austin Glasgow and Jordan Keeley. Congratulations to Urey music students who competed at the ISSMA District Vocal Competition at Clay High School on Saturday, February 6, 2016. Soloists were Alexis Baer and Emily Neyhart; ensemble participants were Qaiden Redmond, Luke Lemert, Kasadie Johnson, Kaylee Bland, Alexis Baer, Emily Neyhart, Aleaha Ziola, Emma Cripe, Briana Jacobs, Grace Tibbs, Jordan Basham and Katie Moore. All of these students received gold ratings. The following Urey Middle School students attended the ACDA Honors Choir event in Chicago on Thursday, February 25, Friday, February 26, and Saturday, February 27, 2016: Connor Arick, Sam Carson, Luke Lemert, Ariel Tysver, Emily Neyhart and Alexis Baer. Congratulations to these students for qualifying for this event

The Board was asked to accept the following donations to John Glenn High School: Kitchen Store, \$75 to Drama; and Marie and Bryan Strycker, \$50 to Drama. Congratulations to Kyannah Stull on being named First Team All NIC. The Lady Falcons finished in a tie for third place overall in the NIC and were recognized for finishing with a 6-0 record in the South Division. Forty-five band students recently participated in the district wide Solo and Ensemble Contest sponsored by the Indiana State School Music Association at Penn High School. The following students qualified for the State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Indianapolis on February 27, 2016. Ashley McKesson, Drumset Solo; Tyler Johnson, Snare Drum Solo; Abby Houser, Violin Solo; and Aubrey Houser, Violin Solo. Three Ensembles performed at the State Competition as well. Those ensembles included The Woodwind Choir, The Trumpet Trio, and the Percussion Ensemble. The Woodwind Choir included: Celene Murphy, Jocey Setnor, Hannah Igel, Zoe Heying, Christina Nelson, Chris Valentiny, Anna Dennie, Taylor Winkel, Delaney Patterson, Gabby Pierce, Katelyn Gates, Patrick Stewart, Bryce LeRose, Jarrod Walkert, Mikayla Fortlander, Gavin Collins, and Conductor Lucas Stegemiller. The Trumpet Trio included Camille Allison, Riley Patterson, and Lucas Stegemiller; and the Percussion Ensemble included Lauren Maure, Kaitlyn Miller, Thaddeus VanOverburgh, Anna Schmeltz, Ashley McKesson, Kevin Schmalzried, Ty Bajer, Tyler Johnson, Dylan Glennon, Logan Chastain, and Sean Carlin. Members of the Winter Color Guard compete through the Indiana High School Color Guard Association and this past Saturday, February 27, 2016, they performed in their first competition of the winter season in the Regional Class A Division. Competing against 12 area high schools, the Winter Color Guard received a Gold Rating and 4th place. Members of the Winter Color Guard are: Tiara Dehoff, Anna Miller, Sabrina Coleman, Samatha Sliter, Mikayla Cox, Hope Dehoff, Destiny Carwright, Dakota Grossman, Maddison Ziolkowski, Emily White, Chelsea Tibbs, and Rebecca Miller. Several John Glenn High School students participated in the State Academic Decathlon Competition on Friday, February 12, 2016 and Saturday, February 13, 2016. Awards received are as follows: Adam Wiley, Second Place in Math; Samantha Haney, First Place in Essay; Elizabeth Jackson, Third Place in Essay; and Abigail Gadman, Second Place in Interview. In addition to these four awards, Elizabeth Jackson also won the award for Highest Improvement in Varsity Division, competing against both large and small schools. Miss Jackson's score improved 1,051.7 points between area competition and state competition. There were six entries that competed in the State Vocal Solo and Ensemble Competition recently. The Ensemble of Aubrey Houser, Abbi Houser, Keegan Carrasco, and Jeff Strycker received a Gold Rating. Soloists Brittany Baer, Rebekah Parsons, and Bryce Lemert all received a Gold Rating, while Soloists Tess Bladow and Chelsea Tibbs received Silver Ratings.

A motion to accept the donations as presented was made by Tom McCormick and seconded by Bill Groves. The motion passed with a six to zero vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – February 2, 2016 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – # 216 - 254
3. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Richard Pippenger Building Trades Instructor, John Glenn High School (19 years of service, at the end of the 15-16 school year)
- b. Holly Elia Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- c. Cory Givens Assistant Football Coach, John Glenn High School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Kim Podell Assistant Girls' Track Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. John Bogucki Transfer from Asst. Girls' Track Coach to Head Boys' Track Coach, John Glenn High School

Bill Groves made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 3, and Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a six to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Request for John Glenn High School Band Trip

Mr. Dan Fortlander, Band Director, requested approval for a summer band trip to New York City, July 5 to 9, 2016. Mr. Fortlander provided a proposed itinerary to the Board for review. Several board members voiced their appreciation of Mr. Fortlander's efforts to coordinate this trip for students. Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the request for the John Glenn High School Band Trip to New York City on July 5 to July 9, 2016. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a six to zero vote.

2. Approve Urey Middle School Student Trip to Chicago – Overnight Stay Request

Six Urey Middle School students were chosen to participate in the American Choral Directors Association Central Regional Honor Choir February 25 to February 27, 2016 in Chicago, Illinois. Due to a snow day, the students did not travel to Chicago until Thursday morning, spending only one night in Chicago, rather than two nights. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve the overnight stay request for the Urey Middle School students to travel to Chicago, Illinois February 25 to February 27, 2016. Bill Groves seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

3. Approval of Winter Guard Finals – Overnight Stay Request

The Winter Guard will be competing again this year in the WGI Finals in Indianapolis on Saturday, March 19, 2016. Kristi Parsons, Music Department Aide, requested an overnight stay on Friday, March 18, 2016, with the group returning home Saturday evening, March 19, 2016. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the overnight stay request for the Winter Guard group on Friday, March 18, 2016. Tom McCormick seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

4. Approve Technology Purchase Request - \$48,599.17

Andy Stegemiller submitted a request to purchase technology items which include network switches and wireless access points to upgrade the existing network. The total purchase price of this equipment is \$48,599.17 through Network Solutions, which includes a 70% eRate discount. The equipment purchase will be funded through the Common School Loan Fund. Mr. Stegemiller provided comprehensive information to the Board and answered many questions. Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the

Technology Purchase in the amount of \$48,599.17 through Network Solutions. Bill Groves seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

5. Approve Second Reading of Neola Policy Revisions – Volume 28, No. 1

Tom McCormick made a motion to approve the second reading of the Neola Policy Revisions, Volume 28, Number 1. Jeff Johnson verified with Superintendent Mr. Reese that no additional changes were made after the first reading before seconding the motion. The motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

6. Elementary School Intervention and Career Counseling Development

Mr. Reese asked the Board permission to continue with the Elementary School Intervention and Career Counseling Development Grant, which has been awarded to John Glenn School Corporation. The grant, which may be “up-to” \$15,000 per year for two years, stipulates that the funds must be used to hire an additional elementary counselor. Mr. Reese stated that if the award funds are significantly less than the stated amount of \$15,000, he would decline the grant award. Bill Groves made a motion to allow Mr. Reese to continue the process of possibly hiring a second elementary counselor, utilizing the grant funds awarded. Dennis Holland seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report

- a. Purchase of Water Softeners for Walkerton Elementary, Urey Middle School, and John Glenn High School.

Due to the Town of Walkerton discontinuing their efforts to soften the town water, Maintenance Supervisor, Brad Schmeltz, determined the importance of adding water softeners in the school cafeterias to protect the dishwashers from lime build-up. Although the purchase price for the water softeners is under \$10,000, Mr. Reese wanted to make the Board aware of this purchase decision. Mark’s Water Treatment, of North Liberty, provided the lowest bid at \$8,100, and this is the bid that Mr. Schmeltz chose to accept.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 15, 2016 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Borlik called the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

_____ PRES. _____

_____ SEC’Y. _____
