

**School Board Meeting – January 10, 2017**  
**Regular & Executive 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 January 10, 2017, at Walkerton Elementary School. Board members present were Janice Ryan, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Christian Mattix, Bill Groves, and Curt Pletcher; Bob Borlik was absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 11 observers were also present.

OATH OF OFFICE

Notary Public, Lisa Sleek, swore in incumbent board members Jeff Johnson, Bob Borlik, and Curt Pletcher, as well as new board member Christian Mattix.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PRESIDENT Jeff Johnson

Janice Ryan made a motion to nominate Jeff Johnson for President, and the motion was seconded by Curt Pletcher. The motion to elect Jeff Johnson as President was approved by a six to zero vote.

VICE PRESIDENT Janice Ryan

Dennis Holland made a motion to nominate Janice Ryan for Vice President, and the motion was seconded by Bill Groves. The motion to elect Janice Ryan as Vice President was approved by a six to zero vote.

SECRETARY Dennis Holland

Janice Ryan made a motion to nominate Dennis Holland for Secretary, and the motion was seconded by Bill Groves. The motion to elect Dennis Holland as Secretary was approved by a six to zero vote.

TREASURER Tom Bendy

Bill Groves made a motion to nominate Tom Bendy for Treasurer, and was seconded by Dennis Holland. The motion to elect Tom Bendy as Treasurer was approved by a six to zero vote.

DEPUTY TREASURER Carol Kuzmicz

Dennis Holland made a motion to nominate Carol Kuzmicz as Deputy Treasurer, and the motion was seconded by Curt Pletcher. The motion to elect Carol Kuzmicz as Deputy Treasurer was approved by a six to zero vote.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON Jeff Johnson

Janice Ryan made a motion to nominate Jeff Johnson as Legislative Liaison, and the motion was seconded by Curt Pletcher. The motion to elect Jeff Johnson as Legislative Liaison was approved by a six to zero vote.

JGSC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Christian Mattix

Curt Pletcher

Dennis Holland made a motion to nominate Curt Pletcher and Christian Mattix for the JGSC Technology Committee, and Curt Pletcher seconded the motion. The motion to appoint Curt Pletcher and Christian Mattix to the Technology Committee was approved by a six to zero vote.

JGHS ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Bill Groves

Curt Pletcher made a motion to nominate Bill Groves to the JGHS Athletic Council, and the motion was seconded by Dennis Holland. The motion to elect Bill Groves to the JGHS Athletic Council was approved by a six to zero vote.

HIGH ABILITIES COMMITTEE

Bob Borlik

Dennis Holland made a motion to nominate Bob Borlik for the High Abilities Committee. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

REGULAR MEETING DATE AND TIME

First and Third Tuesday of Every Month, 7:00 p.m.

Curt Pletcher made a motion to keep the meeting date and time on the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Bill Groves. The motion to keep the meeting date and time on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. passed with a six to zero vote.

BOARD SALARY

\$2,000 Annually

Bill Groves made a motion, seconded by Christian Mattix, to keep the School Board salary at \$2,000 annually per member. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

SCHOOL ATTORNEY

Faegre, Baker, Daniels, LLP

Bill Groves made a motion, seconded by Curt Pletcher, to approve the appointment of the law firm of Faegre, Baker, Daniels, LLP, as legal counsel for the John Glenn School Corporation. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPER/S FOR  
PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES FOR  
SCHOOL CORPORATION

Plymouth Pilot

South Bend Tribune

Bill Groves made a motion to designate the Plymouth Pilot and the South Bend Tribune as the newspapers for publishing legal notices for the John Glenn School Corporation. The motion was seconded by Janice Ryan, and the motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Mr. Tim Davis, Walkerton Elementary Principal, announced that Mrs. Beach's second grade class received generous donations from the Walkerton PTA and Mr. Scott Hostetler for the purchase of "sitting balls" for her classroom. The sitting balls help students with concentration, balance and stress relief. Mr. Davis noted that Friday, January 6, 2017, Mrs. Walker's Kindergarten class visited Texas Roadhouse for lunch. Mrs. Walker's class won the Texas Roadhouse gift card contest by selling over \$1600 worth of gift cards. In closing, Mr. Davis provided to the Board the second-nine-weeks' and semester honor rolls for Walkerton Elementary.

Mr. Davis, on behalf of Mr. Randy Romer, North Liberty Elementary Principal, asked the Board to accept a donation of \$764.50 from Box Tops, which will be distributed to grade level accounts. Mr. Davis issued a special thanks to Teachers Credit Union for sponsoring three assemblies at Walkerton Elementary, North Liberty Elementary, and Urey Middle School before the holiday break. The Futboleros Soccer Show entertained students, as well as encouraged them to overcome adversity and achieve their goals in life. Mr. Davis announced that the NLES Robotics Club, coached by fifth grade teacher Jen Traub, will compete at Bremen Elementary on Saturday, January 14, 2017, and will host a tournament on January 28, 2017. These two events are state qualifying events that determine if the robotics teams qualify for State Competition. Robotics Club Fifth Grade Team members are: Landon Johnson, Samuel Hodges, Benjamin Katowich, A.J. Braun, Nathan Matanic, Logan Richie, Zach Litteral, Ben Larkin, Marshall Platz, Aiden Swank, Carter Dupont, Evelene Peterson, Sophie Minnick, Rylee Johnson, and Steven Valentiny. The Robotics Club Fourth Grade Team members are: Ian McNeil, Michael Solymosi, Makinzie Kline, Drew King, Alex Stuber, Jonathan Griesinger, Brody Chapman, Ryder Patrick, Alainna Pittman, Dylan Albright, Brody King, Nicholas Beem, Alexis Mankowski, Kyndra Layman, and Peyton McVoy.

Mr. Mark Maudlin, Urey Middle School Principal, congratulated 8<sup>th</sup> graders Jordan Basham and Brandon Goble, and 7<sup>th</sup> graders Lucy Franklin and Blake Malstaff, for being named Urey Middle School January Students-of-the-Month. The following UMS students were “Caught Doing Good” and will be rewarded with a pizza and pop lunch: Evelyn Kowalski, Nathan May, Shelby McCoige, Dominic Pranger, Zoie Scott, Jared Stambaugh, Balie Szuba, Matthew Mago, Kevin Rivera, Mia Collins, Dylan Florey, Jimmy Harbaugh, McKenzie Hudgen, Cole Meyer, Austin Raab, and Blake Robinson. In closing, Mr. Maudlin thanked the Walkerton Police Department, Officer Jackson, and the Indiana State Police Department, for their participation in the Code Red Drill on Friday, January 6, 2017.

Mr. William Morton, John Glenn High School Principal, asked the Board to accept donations from Tri Kappa, North Liberty of \$50 for FFA; John and Jill Richardson, \$100 for Choir; and Oliver Ford, \$100 for Theatre. In Athletics, Senior Mattie Reese signed her Letter of Intent to play softball at Bethel College. Mr. Morton shared with the Board that each month the teachers and staff are encouraged to nominate students that go the extra mile to become the Student-of-the-Month. Recent Students of the Month include Luke Botset, September, Jason Gill, October, and Ashley Sherman, November. In closing, Mr. Morton announced the Theatre Department will be presenting “Once Upon a Mattress” for the spring musical. Roles have been assigned and the students are hard at work to make it another unforgettable show.

A motion to accept the donations as presented was made by Dennis Holland and seconded by Curt Pletcher. The motion passed with a six to zero vote.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – December 20, 2016 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – # 1724 - 1790
3. Personnel Recommendations

#### **Retirements/Resignations**

1. Gene Davis Head Football Coach, Urey Middle School

#### **Appointments/Transfers**

1. Jeanna Burch Title One Para-Professional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
2. Ashley Sherman Before and After Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
3. Abby Drzewiecki Before and After Aide, Walkerton Elementary School

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

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Approve 7<sup>th</sup> Semester Graduation

Mr. Morton, John Glenn High School Principal, introduced Senior Jena Calhoun to the Board. Mr. Morton noted that Jenna requested to graduate as of December 2016 with plans of attending Ivy Tech in January, 2017, to study nursing. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves to approve the early graduation request of Jena Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Christian Mattix, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

### 2. Signing of Conflict of Interest Statements

Conflict of Interest Statements were presented to Curt Pletcher, Dennis Holland, and Jeff Johnson for signatures. These three board members have immediate family members working for the school corporation or are doing business with the John Glenn School Corporation.

### 3. Approve Resolution of Transfers of Appropriations of General, Debt Service, Transportation, and Capital Project Funds

Mr. Tom Bendy, Business Manager/Treasurer, presented information to the Board concerning the transfer of appropriations. These transfers at the end of the year are necessary to clear out accounts before the new year accounting begins. Mr. Bendy answered questions from the Board before Bill Groves made a motion to approve the Resolution of Transfers of Appropriations as presented. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

### 4. Approve Resolution of Account Transfer to Rainy Day Fund

Mr. Bendy recommended the transfer of \$100,000 from the Transportation Fund into the Rainy Day Fund due to an excess end-of-year balance in the Transportation Fund. Curt Pletcher made a motion to approve the Resolution of Account Transfer of \$100,000 from the Transportation Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Bill Groves seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

### 5. Discussion of Salary Increase for Business Manager/Treasurer

A lengthy discussion was held to determine the amount of increase in pay the Board wanted to award to Mr. Tom Bendy. Some board members suggested a \$10,000 increase in pay, while some members preferred a two-year contract with a \$5,000 per year salary increase. Board President, Jeff Johnson, stressed his belief that awarding such a large increase in pay was unfair to other administrators and staff, and suggested a pay increase of \$2,000. Mr. Curt Pletcher, board member, noted that the Business Manager field is highly competitive at this time and the corporation would benefit from awarding the pay increase, rather than risk losing Mr. Bendy. Following the consideration of all information presented by board members, Bill Groves made a motion to approve the \$10,000 increase in pay to Mr. Tom Bendy, and Janice Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five to one.

## REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Searfoss Property

Mr. Reese informed board members that the acquisition of the Searfoss property is currently on hold after title search results show a lien on the property. Mr. Reese stated he is working with school attorneys to pursue any available options to acquire the property without a large expense.

b. Lilly Grant Proposal

Mr. Reese shared information with the Board concerning the recent submittal of the Lilly Grant Proposal. This proposal will award approximately \$30,000 to assist with the planning stages of adding a counselor and creating a special counseling program at the elementary school level. The next stage of the grant proposal will be the implementation phase, and if awarded, will provide approximately \$185,000 to the corporation for funding the newly-created counseling position.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Jeff Johnson, as Legislative Liaison, reviewed with the Board several new education bills being considered at the state legislative level.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 7, 2017 7:00 P.M. UMS Regular & Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Johnson called the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING:

1. Organize Board of Finance by Electing a President, Secretary, and Review of 2014 Investments

President Jeff Johnson Secretary Dennis Holland

Bill Groves made a motion to approve the appointment of Jeff Johnson as President and Dennis Holland as Secretary for the Board of Finance. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a six to zero vote. Mr. Bendy reviewed 2016 financial information with the board before President Jeff Johnson adjourned the Board of Finance meeting at 8:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session was held to discuss employee job performance. No other business was discussed. The executive session began at 8:25 p.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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