

School Board Meeting – February 7, 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 February 7, 2017, at Urey Middle School. Board members present were Janice Ryan, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Christian Mattix, and Bob Borlik. Curt Pletcher and Bill Groves were absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 11 observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Walkerton Elementary School hosted their annual Science Fair on Friday, February 3, 2017. Judges for the event were Matt Kiel, Becca Paul, Ryan Knowlton, Dave Craft, Andy Stegmiller and Sarah Hammond. PTA volunteers included Tricia Vickers, Dania Bocanegra, Raquel Snyder and Nancy Buford. Students who will move on to the Notre Dame competition include Jasper Kellems, Michaela Hurford, Emma Knowlton and Josh Knowlton. In sporting news, the WES 4th grade Girls' Basketball team won the tournament at Holy Cross on Sunday, January 15, 2017. On Friday, January 13, 2017, the WES PTA held their Winter Lock-In with 180 students attending. Recognition for hard work was given to all the teachers, aides and PTA volunteers who participated. In closing Walkerton recognitions, the Travel League Sixth Grade Basketball Team, consisting of players from both WES and NLES, finished their season undefeated, and the WES Cafeteria received a "perfect Inspection" from the Health Department on January 23, 2017.

Mr. Randy Romer, North Liberty Elementary Principal, asked the Board to accept a donation of \$949.50 from Ladies Auxiliary of the North Liberty American Legion to cover lunch fees for needy North Liberty Elementary families. Mr. Romer reported that the St. Joseph County Health Department issued a "Perfect Inspection" to the North Liberty Cafeteria on January 23, 2017 with zero critical and non-critical marks. Congratulations to Deb Walls, Brenda Cisney, Melinda Frick, Michelle Helminger, Kim Bers, Lynda Rupel and Celeste Dooms for their hard work and dedication. The NLES Flag Crew, spearheaded by Carl Patterson (grandfather to third grader AJ Patterson), wrote to former Governor Michael Pence, asking Mr. Pence to donate an Indiana flag for the school. Mr. Pence graciously sent the flag with a certificate stating the flag was flown at the Indiana State Capital Building on December 13, 2016. Coaches Jen Traub and Natalie Shetler led the Sixth Grade A-Girls' Basketball Team to victory at the LaVille tourney on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Team members are Sofia May, Cecilia Donlon, Dakota Szakacs, Hayley Arick, Mia Hooten, Carlye Ort, Emma Borton, and Larissa Tungate. Mr. Romer provided details to the Board concerning the first robotics competition held at North Liberty Elementary on January 28, 2017. The tournament, directed by fifth grade teacher Jen Traub, was truly a community investment with several volunteers assisting the school. Mr. Romer provided to the Board a news article from the Plymouth Pilot, which highlighted the event. Robotics Club fifth grade 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. Robotics Club fourth grade 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 8th graders, Maya Vermillion and Jonathan Rupert, and 7th graders, Emma Egger and Donavin Donihue, for being named Urey Middle School February Students of the Month. Mr. Maudlin next recognized Mrs. Kim Giese and her kitchen

staff for receiving no violations on a visit from the Health Department on January 23, 2017. In music news, members of the 7th and 8th grade choirs participated in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contest on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Clay High School. Those receiving Gold Ratings were Jaedyn Rimbaugh, Nicole Kazmirski, Connor Arick, Kraig Alvarez, and Ira Indiekina, as well as the 7th Grade Girl's Ensemble, consisting of Isabelle Awald, Riley Jones, Makayla Klingensmith, and Morgan Tibbs. Students receiving Silver Ratings include Claire Holston, Meg Potter, Olesya Indiekina, as well as the 8th Grade Ensemble of Conner Arick, Craig Alvarez, Maya Vermillion, Jordan Basham, Jordan Keeley, Alexandra Flaharty, Cami Ennis, and Mikayla Knowlton. Members of the 7th and 8th grade bands participated in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contest on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Penn High School with ALL participants receiving gold awards. Those participants include Mathew Tibbs, Baritone Solo; Irina Indiekina, Flute Solo receiving a perfect score; and the Brass Quintet of Kraig Alvarez, Joe Cartwright, Kennedy Tibbs, Zac Brown and Matthew Tibbs. Also receiving gold were the Trumpet Quartet of Dylan Allison, Daniel Knabe, Elizabeth Denham and Keegan Lewellyn; Trumpet Trio of Dylan Heckman, Wyatt Scott and Gabriella Bishop; and Woodwind Quartet of James Balok, Kevin Rivera and Braydon Hudson.

Mr. Will Morton, John Glenn High School Principal, asked the Board to accept the following donations: \$49.50 from an anonymous donor for the Falcon Fan Club; \$125 from Falcon 500 Club for the Media Center/Breakout Box; \$100 from Dan and Amy Bladow for Theatre; \$20 from Connie and Richard Fansler for the Media Center; and \$100 from St. Pat's Church for the Choir. In basketball news, Kyannah Stull recently scored her 1,000th point, as well as scoring 46 points in the same game, which is a girls' basketball, and gym record. Kyannah has broken the all-time scoring record, and was also recently named Burger King Athlete of the Week, Centier Bank Performer of the Week, and First Team All-NIC. In other sports news, Billy Harness was awarded Academic All-State by the Indiana Football Coaches Association, and the Lady Falcons Basketball team were Champions at LaVille's TCU Bi-County Tournament with a sound win over Bremen, while Mariah Plunkett was named to Second Team All NIC. Wrestlers Amillo Lopez, Tyler Amor, Milo Peddycord and Brody Miskimon all advanced out of Sectionals to Regionals. All four made great efforts, but they came up short on advancing to Semi-State. In Academics and Arts news, the Academic Decathlon team placed First at Regionals with a score of 29,383.3. The students earned 17 First place, 19 Second place, and 21 Third place awards. Mr. Morton congratulated Coach Jeremy Merrill and students Patrick Stewart, Adam Wiley, Hannah Ciula, Julia Clark, Dakota Worthington, Dylan Coleman, Gino Scott and Taylor Hill. The *Ariel*, John Glenn's literary and art publication, sponsored by Mrs. Julie Parent, was recently honored by the National Council of Teachers of English by ranking it "Recommended Highest Award", coming in 2nd place behind an esteemed private school in Indianapolis. Regional Scholastic Writing Award recipients are Alexa Allen, Lily Greathouse, Mikayla Jackson, Kearstyn Lamphier, Tiffany McCoige, Samantha Pranger, Mia Santiago, Lois Simon and Conner Wenger. Regional Scholastic Art Award recipients are Isabel Cochran, Honorable Mention, Drawing; Carlee Donathen, Honorable Mention, Drawing; Lily Greathouse, seven Gold keys, one Silver Key, and two Honorable Mentions, and Gold key art portfolio. Angelica Hughes received two Silver Keys in drawings; Brendan Kogiones received one Gold Key, two Silver Keys for paintings; and Dessa Lang received one Silver Key for ink drawing. Mariah Plunkett receive Honorable Mention for drawing; Mia Santiago received Honorable Mention for drawing; Salem Slater received a Gold Key in drawing; and Ariel Tysver received a Silver key for photography.

A motion to accept the donations as presented was made by Bob Borlik and seconded by Christian Mattix. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – January 10, 2017 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – # 1 - 130
3. Personnel Recommendations
Retirements/Resignations

- a. Tamala Pudlo Assistant Boys' Tennis Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. Kara Burch Custodian, Urey Middle School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. John Bogucki Transfer from Boys' Head Track Coach to Girls' Assistant Track Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. Austin O'Connor Transfer from Head Girls' Track to Boys' Head Track Coach, John Glenn High School
- c. Kim Podell Transfer from Assistant Girls' Track to Head Girls' Track Coach, John Glenn High School
- d. Wendy Flora Part-Time Custodian, Urey Middle School
- e. Yohan Hou Chinese Teacher, Urey Middle and John Glenn High School

4. Transfer Students

Mr. Reese announce that with the addition of the students listed below, the total transfer student count is at 391. Mr. Reese noted two of the students added were residents, but have since moved outside the district. Transfer students requesting enrollment in the corporation include MacKenzi Cox, UMS/7; Matthew Chaffin, WES/5; Luke Chaffin, WES/1; Mariana Getz, WES/K; and Victoria Krause, JGHS/11.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. [Approve Academic Decathlon Overnight Stay – February 10, 2017](#)

Academic Decathlon Coach, Jeremy Merrill, asked the Board for permission for an overnight stay in Lafayette. The Academic Decathlon Team has advanced to the State Competition to be held at Purdue University beginning Friday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m. The competition will continue on Saturday morning, hence the need for students to stay overnight in Lafayette on Friday. Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the Academic Decathlon Team overnight stay in Lafayette on Friday, February 10, 2017. Bob Borlik seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

2. [Approve Auditioned Choirs Overnight Stay – February 25, 2017](#)

Choir Director, Jordan Dollins, requested an overnight stay in Indianapolis on Saturday, February 25, 2017, for show choir students. Mr. Dollins and students will travel to Indianapolis on February 25 to work with Ball State Professor, Dr. Kerry Glann. On Sunday, students will attend a choral-orchestral performance of Carmina Burana in Carmel. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve the choir student overnight stay in Indianapolis on February 25, 2017. Dennis Holland seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

3. [Approve Purchase of 200 iPads for North Liberty and Walkerton Elementary Schools](#)

Andy Stegemiller asked the Board to approve the purchase of 200 additional iPads for NLES and WES, for use in Kindergarten, First, and Second grades. This purchase includes charge carts and cases as well. The total purchase price for 200 iPads, 200 cases, and 11 carts from Apple Computer will be \$101,589.45. Mr. Stegemiller noted that the purchase would be paid from the Common School Loan fund. A lengthy discussion was held in an effort to determine the benefit of technology versus textbooks, after which Mr. Stegemiller answered questions from the Board. Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the purchase of 200 iPads, 200 cases, and 11 charging carts from Apple Computer for \$101,589.45. Dennis Holland seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

4. Approve Water Softener Purchases for Walkerton, Urey, and John Glenn High Schools

Brad Schmeltz submitted to the Board bids for adding water softeners to each of the Walkerton school buildings. Due to the town discontinuing their water softening efforts, Mr. Schmeltz felt it was important to install water softeners in each of the buildings to save on cafeteria equipment maintenance. The winning bid was from Aqua Systems for \$22,076 for equipment for all three buildings. D.A. Dodd submitted a bid for installation of the equipment at a not to exceed price of \$11,500 per building. After a brief discussion, Bob Borlik made a motion to approve the purchase of water softener equipment and installation at a price (not to exceed) of \$56,576 for Walkerton Elementary, Urey Middle, and John Glenn High Schools. Dennis Holland seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

5. Approve First Reading of NEOLA Policies Additions and Revisions– Volume 29, No. 1 and Technology Special Release Phase I

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the First Reading of NEOLA Policies additions and revisions for Volume 29, Number 1 and Technology Special Release Phase I. Bob Borlik seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

6. Approve Resolution for Account Transfer from General Fund to Rainy Day Fund

Mr. Tom Bendy, Treasurer, asked the Board to approve a resolution to transfer \$74,962.74 to the Rainy Day fund from the General Fund. This transaction was requested due to an early payout of the 2016 Teacher Performance Grant from the Rainy Day Fund. A short discussion was held before Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the Resolution for Account Transfer of \$74,962.74 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Dennis Holland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

7. Approve Acceptance of Lilly Planning Grant - \$30,000

Mr. Richard Reese, Superintendent, reported that John Glenn School Corporation has received a planning grant of \$30,000 under Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Comprehensive Counseling Initiative for Indiana K-12 Students. Melanie Heiser, Grant Writer and Lead Contact for the Grant, anticipates using the grant to seek out research, assess current counseling programs, and to engage the educational community in analyzing data and exploring alternative strategies and best practices in the counseling profession. John Glenn School Corporation is one of 284 Indiana public school corporations and charter schools in Indiana receiving planning grants through the initiative. Christian Mattix made a motion to accept the Lilly Planning Grant of \$30,000, and Janice Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

8. Approve FMLA Requests for Maternity Leaves – Brittney Savill and Sarah Martin

Two teachers from North Liberty Elementary, Sarah Martin and Brittney Savill, have requested Maternity Leave. Dennis Holland made a motion to approve the Maternity Leaves for Sarah Martin and Brittney Savill. Bob Borlik seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Reese unveiled the John Glenn Education Foundation website, which was created through the hard work of Stacy Pecs, for board members. Mr. Reese emphasized the website is still under construction, but highlighted key features of the site to the board. Mr. Reese also noted that the Hiler house is still on

the market at this time, but is hoping the house will sell in the spring. Mr. Reese noted the tag sale will be held on April 8, 2017, through the leadership of Jessica Chamberlin, JGEF Fundraising Committee Chairperson.

- 2. Conference Requests
- 3. Conference Report

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Jeff Johnson announced that he, along with other board presidents, met to elect a new member, Karen Allison, to the Laporte County Library Board.

Mr. Johnson also reminded board members of the ISBA Collective Bargaining Seminar on February 24, 2017 at the Palms Conference Center in Plainfield, Indiana. Mr. Johnson also reminded the board of the ISBA Spring Board Academy on March 10 and the ISBA Referendum Seminar on March 9.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 21, 2017 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular & Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Johnson called the meeting adjourned 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 9:25 p.m.

_____ PRES. _____

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