

School Board Meeting – October 17, 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 October 17, 2017, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Bob Borlik, Dennis Holland, Curt Pletcher, Christian Mattix, Bill Groves, and Janice Ryan. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and six observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Mr. Tim Davis, Walkerton Elementary Principal, thanked Polk and Lincoln Township Firefighters for hosting the kindergarten classes at the Lincoln Township fire station, and for visiting the school on Friday, October 13, 2017. Mr. Davis next announced that WES had 238 students with perfect attendance for the first nine weeks of school, which is an attendance rate of 97.51%. The WES 6th Grade Volleyball team finished their season on Saturday, October 14, by hosting the Wildcat Tourney. While the Wildcats did not fare too well in the tourney, they did show great improvement throughout the season. Mr. Davis thanked the following students for their help on the recycling team: Kaydence (Kaydee) Howard, Bri Wolff, Ariel Gates, Kaiden Dohner, Ruby Ernsberger, Brent Phillips, Ethan Singleton, Alivia Turnage, and Gavin Smith. Mrs. Celeste Dooms was recognized for recently organizing the Great Apple Crunch. On Thursday, October 2, schools all across the Midwest asked students to crunch an apple during lunch in support of the local farm-to-school movement. The apples students ate were purchased from Garwood Orchards in LaPorte. In closing, Mr. Davis recognized Mrs. Kara Kaser, 6th grade teacher, who recently participated in an Iron Man competition. Ms. Kaser swam 2.4 miles, biked 112 miles, and ran 26.2 miles in a little over 14 hours.

Mr. Randy Romer, North Liberty Elementary Principal, asked the Board to accept a donation from Shoparoo for \$69.25 to be used for student activities. Mr. Romer recognized NLES's 6th Grade Volleyball team for completing their season at the Walkerton Elementary tourney with a close win against WES. Mr. Romer thanked Coaches Traub and Sweet for their time and dedication given to the volleyball program. The Lucky Shamrock mentoring program, led by Melanie Heiser, will begin to support 2nd grade students with activities to increase greater self-esteem, while providing positive adult role models and the feeling that an adult cares about them. Each mentor donates one hour a week to help make an impact on the life of each child. The mentors are Wava Apelgreen, Barb Osowski and Tom Osowski, Ricky Smith, Gloria Sheneman, Ann Camblin, Marilyn Wallace, Carol Taylor, and Brunie Mihail. Mr. Romer reported that last week the 4th grade students went on an after-school field trip to Kingsbury Wildlife Fish and Game to attend their annual "Owl Prowl". Mr. Rick Glassman guided the group through the woods, and students were able to notice a few young screech owls during their walk. Mr. Romer thanked the 4th grade team of Ms. Marks, Mrs. Kosinski and Mrs. Hoppe for coordinating this event. Mr. Romer next recognized Liberty Township Fire Department, Indiana State Police, South Bend City Police, and North Liberty Police for participating in the Public Safety appreciation event. Students were able to interact with first responders and ask questions about their profession. Afterwards, the school performed a practice lock down drill to assimilate procedures. In closing, Mr. Romer thanked the John Glenn Education Foundation for donating funds to purchase iPads for the 4th and 5th grade PLTW program, as well as an author visit in the spring. The purchase requests were initiated individually through teacher grants written by Jen Traub, Dawn Marks, and Amy Weiss.

Mr. Mark Maudlin, Urey Middle School Principal, congratulated 7th graders Karla Galvez and James Greathouse, and 8th graders Leena Thomas and Jacob Taylor, for being named Urey October Students of the Month. Mr. Maudlin next congratulated the 7th and 8th grade Volleyball A-Teams for winning the Urey Tournament on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Students and parents recently donated 1,531 food items for the Student Council food drive. Mrs. Hudgen and the Student Council class representatives organized the drive, and all food items will be donated to the Walkerton Food Pantry.

Mr. Will Morton, John Glenn High School Principal, asked the Board to accept donations from Richard and Connie Fansler, \$50 to the Aerial, and an anonymous \$300 to the Bowling Club. In student activities, Freshman McKenzie Hudgen moves on to Semi-State in Girls Cross Country, Delaney Patterson has made 1st Team NIC All-Conference Girls Soccer, and Melinda Dodson has made 2nd Team NIC All-Conference Girls Soccer. Ryley Miller has made 2nd Team NIC All-Conference Girls Soccer, Abby Schmidt received Honorable Mention NIC All-Conference Girls Soccer, and Riley Groves made 2nd Team NIC All-Conference Volleyball. Rheese Adamson has made 2nd Team NIC All-Conference Boys Soccer and Chase Merz received Honorable Mention NIC All-Conference Boy Soccer. Senior Football Captain, Nate Blodgett, shared a memorable Senior Night with his brother, Caleb, who was named Honorary Captain for Nate's last home game. WNDU was there to capture the moment for the brothers, their family and the entire Falcon Family. On October 14, 2017, the Falcon Pride qualified to move on to Semi-State competition. They will perform on Saturday, October 28, 2017, at Decatur Central High School, Indianapolis.

Bill Groves made a motion to approve recognitions as presented and Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – October 3, 2017 – Regular and Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – #1369 - 1454
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Crystal (Edgerton)
Kabay Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation
- b. Jean Klinedinst
Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation (29 years of service)
- c. Annette Tysver
Secretary, John Glenn High School
- d. Dana Kniss-Ferman
Title I Director, Walkerton Elementary School
- e. Kim Tokoly
7B Girls' Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Neil Rush
Temporary Custodian, John Glenn High School
- b. Nichole Hickey
Secretary, John Glenn High School
- c. Matthew Malstaff
8A Boys' Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- d. Rachel Kaser
8B Boys' Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- e. Austin O'Connor
7A Boys' Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- f. Heidi Fulbright
7B Boys' Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- g. Ben Ennis
Assistant Wrestling Coach, John Glenn High School
- h. Lisa Farinella
Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation
- i. Rashel Michaelis
Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items one through three and Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion passed with a seven to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve 2018 Budget as advertised
 - a. General Fund
 - b. Debt Service Fund
 - c. Exempt Debt Service Fund
 - d. Exempt Retirement/Severance Bond
 - e. Capital Projects Plan and Capital Projects Fund
 - f. Transportation Fund and Transportation Levy Appeal
 - g. Bus Replacement Plan and Bus Replacement Fund
 - h. Rainy Day Fund

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the 2018 budget as advertised and Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

2. Approve Resolution to Reduce Appropriation

Tom Bendy, Treasurer, noted that this resolution is to reduce the appropriation from the school bus replacement fund. By reducing the appropriation this year, it will allow the unused funds of \$69,000 to be carried forward to the 2018 budget. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the resolution to reduce appropriation and Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion passed with a seven to zero vote.

3. Appoint Library Board Member to the Walkerton-Lincoln Township Public Library

Library Director, Traci Stewart, asked the School Board to appoint Lisa Rizek as a returning Library Board member for a four-year term. Ms. Rizek's new term will begin on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, and will expire October 16, 2021. Bob Borlik made a motion to appoint Lisa Rizek to the Walkerton-Lincoln Township Public Library, and Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Richard Reese, Superintendent, noted that the John Glenn Education Foundation awarded their first round of teacher grants. Mr. Reese will provide a detailed list of award recipients to board members at the next board meeting.

Mr. Reese also invited board members to attend the first annual John Glenn Education Foundation Gala to be held on February 17, 2018.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Dennis Holland provided a brief update on the Building Trades home, noting that construction is ahead of schedule at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 7, 2017 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Johnson called the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held to discuss an employee's job performance. No other business was discussed. The executive session began at 7:40 p.m. and ended at 9:00 p.m.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
