

School Board Meeting – September 17, 2019

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 September 17, 2019, at the John Glenn Administration Office. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Bill Groves, Dan Drotar, Curt Pletcher, Bob Borlik and Dennis Holland. Christian Mattix was absent. Christopher Winchell, Superintendent, and eight observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS and FUNDRAISERS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Walkerton Elementary Recognitions:

- Mr. Tim Davis, Walkerton Elementary Principal, asked the Board to accept a donation of dictionaries for every third grade student from Greene Township Lions Club.
- Mr. Davis reported that WES held their annual VIP days, hosting parents, grandparents, and other Very Important People. This event allows the VIP guests to share a snack with their student and visit the classroom.
- Congratulations went to Carsen Hoppe and Ava Wood for representing WES at the Fallween Children's Parade and JGHS Homecoming as Prince and Princess.
- The following students won a Fallween Wristband for bringing in the most Boxtops: Anabella Snodgrass, Emma Farkas, Kaya Krulik, Etta Guseilla, Beckum Jimenez, Izabella Stites, Anna Knowlton, Zayne Powell, Judalynn Spaich, and Hailey Godoy.
- September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. During the first week of September, Walkerton's Frozen Friday project donated all their profits to iCaleb & Co. to support children battling cancer at South Bend Memorial Hospital.
- Mr. Davis asked the Board to approve the following fundraisers:
 - Frozen Friday – 4th Grade – All year
 - Smencils – 3rd Grade – January
 - Fish Fry – Summer Reading Program – November 2, 2019
 - Candy Sales – 5th Grade – October
 - Market Day – 5th Grade – All year
 - Valentine Candy/Flower-Grams – Summer Reading – February
 - Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards – Summer Reading November
 - Lock-In – Girls' & Boys' Basketball – January
 - Holiday Hangout - 2nd Grade – December
 - Trivia Night – Robotics Club – TBA
 - Cup Sales – 6th Grade - February

North Liberty Elementary Recognitions:

The following donation was presented to the Board for approval:

- \$1,565 from VFW Auxiliary, presented by Milissa Richards and Tom Popovic, to use for student/family needs.
- The 2019-2020 6th Grade Student Announcement Crew has been selected. Members include: Sarah Beem, Alyssa Buss, Molly Hostetler, Gracie Marshman, Arianna Stanley, Cassidy Tibbs, Anna Watson and Ava Whitmer. Mr. Randy Romer, Principal, thanked Mrs. Christine Houston for leading this wonderful student led role.
- Red Ribbon Committee Members have been chosen to plan for the activities coming up in late

October. Committee members include: Jacob Scott, Lillian Whitmer, Preston Grove, Alexandra Cruz, Tristen White, and Taylor Jackson. Mr. Romer recognized Mrs. Melanie Heiser for including students in the planning stages of this important week.

- The North Liberty Homecoming Prince is Jasper Sheetz, from Mrs. Morris' 2nd Grade classroom, and Elyza Batton, from Ms. Anderson's 2nd Grade classroom.
- Mr. Romer reported that the 6th Grade Volleyball team is off to a wonderful start with a victory against Culver Elementary. Team members are: Rylee Johnson, McKinley Platz, Payton Thomas, Gracie Marshman, Morgan Gill, Anna Watson, Carly Mlekodaj, Lily Whitmer, Kayla White, Katie Philson, Arianna Stanley, Elija Menefee, Aubrie Streeter, Evie Kipp, Chasity Kohler, Julia Rudecki, Krista Morris, Molly Hostetler, and Zoe Snyder. The team is coached by Jen Traub.
- North Liberty Elementary School celebrated Constitution Day with students and staff wearing red, white, and blue clothing. Teachers presented lessons on citizenship, democracy, the Constitution, and many other topics to celebrate our country.

Urey Middle School Recognitions:

The following donation was presented to the Board for approval:

- 20 cases of 2-liter bottles of pop (\$580 value) from Coca-Cola Consolidated to be used in the Washer Toss Booth at Falloween.
- The following sponsors were recognized for donating merchandise to be used for the Falloween Basket Raffle: Celia Ennis, Scott Schuster, Black Squirrel Golf Club, Jennifer Ransbottom, Lisa Harrington, Joe and Dorothy Kronk, The Winning Edge, Lisa Vukovits, Urey Honor Society, Urey Student Council, Urey Athletic Department and all Urey Staff members.
- Debi Johnson was recognized for the many hours of work she donates to create the 28 baskets for Falloween. Each basket is themed and attractively presented for the Falloween Raffle.
- Urey Middle School has seen success with increasing numbers of participants in the 21st Century Scholar Program. The 2017-2018 school year saw a 20% increase in participants from the previous year. In the 2018-2019 school year, 43% of eligible students were enrolled in the program. The Urey team is making progress and is hoping to continue to increase percentages again during the 2019-2020 school year. Stephanie Reynolds serves as the Career Counselor.
- Congratulations to the following students for being selected as Student Council Representatives from their homerooms for the 2019-2020 school year: Brody Chapman, Makinzie Kline, David Chew-Smith, Dylan Albright, Julie Irvine, Grace Sharpe, Ethan Craft, Delaney Williams, Anna Shoue, Hannah Thomas, Courtney Austin, Adriona Pride, Eliana Lang, Ava Leslie, Olivia Limerick, Katelyn Vermilyer, Alisha Smith, and Kamryn Pendl. Donia Hudgen serves as the Student Council sponsor.

John Glenn High School recognitions:

The following donations were received:

- \$100 from American Legion Post 189 for Falloween
- \$100 from Bob's Country Store for Falloween
- \$100 from Falcon 500 for the Speech and Debate Team
- \$100 from Lyons Wrecker Service for Falloween
- \$500 from Marshall County Blueberry Festival for Band
- \$690 from P & H Machine Company, Inc. for Falloween
- Mr. Morton asked the Board to approve the following fundraisers:
 - Solicitation of Ads for the Aerial – 9/18/19 – ongoing
 - Spaghetti Dinner for the Galapagos Trip – 11/27/2019
- The Volleyball team won the John Glenn Tip-Off Tournament recently
- Joe Delinski was the #3 Singles Tennis Champion at the New Prairie Invitational
- Nathan Creed was named WKVI Athlete of the Week
- Annabelle Stremme and Kiarra Pranger will represent JGHS on September 19 at St. Mary's College Women & Words Workshop. They will spend time learning about novel writing with

Pulitzer Prize Finalist and National Book Award Winning Author Alice McDermott. The students submitted letters of interest, a writing sample, and a teacher recommendation in June and were notified of this opportunity on September 5.

Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve donations and fundraisers as presented and Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – September 3, 2019 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 1082 - 1245
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations/Terminations

- a. Kara Kaser Spell Bowl Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- b. Richard Fansler English Teacher, John Glenn High School (29 years of service)

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Dylaneigh Reardon Spell Bowl Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- b. Jennifer Medich Theatre Director, John Glenn High School
- c. Scott Kurzweill Woodwind and Color Guard Tech, John Glenn High School
- d. Isaiah Mumaw Percussion Tech, John Glenn High School
- e. Cristyn Messick 5A Boys' Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School
- f. Melissa Williams Assistant Track Coach, 10-days pay, Urey Middle School

4. Transfer Student Requests

The corporation currently has 476 transfer requests, including the two new requests listed below.

Noemi Chavez JGHS/11

Perla Leanos JGHS/11

Bill Groves made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items one through four and Curt Pletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a six to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adopt Preliminary Bond Resolution

This resolution is part of the General Obligation Bond process and establishes a maximum amount to be borrowed, which is approximately \$1.9 million. Representatives from BakerTilly were present to answer questions from the Board. It was noted by Mr. Todd Samuelson, of BakerTilly, that there will be no impact to the Debit Service Levy. In conversation and question answering by Mr. Samuelson, Mr. Winchell, and Mr. Bendy, it was summarized that these proposed 2019 General Obligation Bonds will replace older bonds that will be paid in full at the end of 2019. This essentially keeps the Debit Service Tax levy the same and is an effort to keep the full tax rate stable. It was further noted that the Assessed Valuation of the School District, the circuit breaker credits in light of St. Joseph County's tax exempt expiration, and the Operations Fund Growth Quotient are all unknown variables at this time that could still impact the overall tax rate aside from this Bond and the Debit Service portion of the total tax rate. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve the Preliminary Bond Resolution and Curt Pletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a six to zero vote.

2. Approve Science Trip to the Galapagos Islands, Spring Break 2020

Science Teacher, Kay Freehauf, is planning on taking a group of 19 students, along with 13 chaperones, to the Galapagos Islands over Spring Break, 2020. Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the Spring Break 2020 trip to the Galapagos Islands and Curt Pletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed with a six to zero vote.

3. Approve First Reading of NEOLA Policy Revision Volume 31, No. 2

Bill Groves made a motion to approve the first reading of the NEOLA Policy Revision, Volume 31, Number 2. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a six to zero vote.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

a. ISTEP testing results

- i. Mr. Winchell shared information with the Board concerning ISTEP test results, noting that the Corporation increased its State ranking from 80 to 52 for the 2018-2019 school year.

b. ADM

- i. Mr. Winchell led a discussion concerning student enrollment count and noted that he predicts seeing a growth in resident enrollment as well as transfer enrollment. Mr. Winchell noted that he will have updated ADM numbers for the board at the October 1st meeting.

c. RFP

- i. Mr. Winchell stated that he has received eight replies to the RFP advertised. Two of those companies were Guaranteed Savings Companies, five were Architect/Engineering Firms, and one specifically deals with LED lighting. Future review of the information provided by each company will be held to determine which company with whom the Corporation will choose to work.

d. 2020 Budget

- i. Mr. Winchell noted to Board members that the 2020 Budget was provided in the board packet for their review.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Jeff Johnson reminded board members of the ISBA Fall Conference September 30 through October 1 in Indianapolis. Mr. Johnson also reminded members of the ISBA Regional Meeting on November 18 and the School Law Seminar on December 12.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 1, 2019 7:00 P.M. Admn Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Holland called the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held to discuss Collective Bargaining and to receive information about, and interview, prospective employees. No other business was discussed. Board members in attendance were Jeff Johnson, Bill Groves, Dan Drotar, Curt Pletcher, Bob Borlik and Dennis Holland. Christian Mattix

was absent. Christopher Winchell, Superintendent, Shelby Gibson, Director of Maintenance, and Tom Bendy, Treasurer, were also present. The executive session began at 8:13 p.m. and ended at 9:27 p.m.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
