

## **School Board Meeting – October 15, 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 October 15, 2019, at the John Glenn Administration Office. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Bill Groves, Dan Drotar, Bob Borlik and Dennis Holland. Christian Mattix and Curt Pletcher were absent. Christopher Winchell, Superintendent, and 12 observers were also present.

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

Walkerton Elementary Recognitions:

The Board was asked to accept the following donations:

- \$256.01 from Schoolstore.com
- \$162 from Falcon 500 for the I Can Program
- \$160 from Falcon 500 for the Sensory Room
- Wood and felt donated by Bob and Sue Harbart for Art projects
- Polk and Lincoln Township Firefighters were recognized for their interactions with students on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.
- WES saw 231 students with perfect attendance the first nine weeks of school. This is an attendance rate of 97.41%.
- The WES 6<sup>th</sup> Grade A Volleyball team finished their season at 2 – 4, while the B team finished at 4 – 2. Mr. Davis remarked that the players showed great improvement throughout the season.
- Mr. Ryan Reese and Mrs. Lexia Pearish were recognized for organizing the annual Basketball Lock-In. This activity will be held on October 25, 2019.
- Pictures of several class activities were shared with the Board.

North Liberty Elementary Recognitions:

- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students recently attended the annual Promise, Indiana trip to Ancilla College. Students toured the campus, visited classrooms, and learned about the importance of learning and aspiring to further their education past high school.
- Grandparents and VIP Week was a success with students sharing time with an important person in their lives. Guests were treated to a visit to their student's classroom, a visit to the book fair, and a muffin and drink.
- PE Teacher, Christyn Messick, is teaching fourth, fifth, and sixth graders the fundamentals of quad roller skating during October.
- Fire Safety was shared with students by the North Liberty Fire Department the week of October 7 through 11, 2019.

Urey Middle School Recognitions:

- Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, Nathan Matanic and Vanessa Meyer, and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders, Brody Chapman and Anna Shoue, for being named October Students of the Month.
- The following students were “Caught Doing Good” during the months of September and October and were rewarded with a special lunch: Emily Philson, Walter Drews, Carlos Herrera, Luccia Hildreth, and Peyton McVoy.
- The following community partners were recognized for participating in Career Cafes at Urey:
  - Matt Sarber, Assistant District Attorney for Marshall County

- Tom McCormick – McCormick Electrical Services
- Alacyn Cox – John Deere, Iowa
- On Monday, October 7, 2019, the Urey 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert Band participated in their fall concert. Students performed in the John Glenn High School Auditorium and did a great job. Nathanael Sudduth and Cathy Burnett directed the concert.

John Glenn High School recognitions:

The following donations were received:

- \$150 from Falcon 500 for the Galapagos Trip
- ❖ Baseball will be hosting a Dodgeball Fundraiser on November 29, 2019
- Cross Country runners advancing to the IHSAA Regional include Haley Vermillion, Olesya Indeikina, Katelynn Braun, and Blake Malstaff.
- 45 students recently attended Manufacturing Day at American Roller in Walkerton. The trip was a success and students were invited to attend next year as well.
- On October 9, 2019, the JG Choral Department presented their fall concert. The concert ended with a finale piece titled “In That Great Getting’ Up Morning” conducted by guest artist, Mr. Zachary Gillis.
- Mrs. Julie Parent and the Aerial Literary Magazine Staff were notified on October 10, 2019, by the National Council of Teachers of English that the 2019 magazine “Amidst Wildfires” made it through the first round of reviews in the Recognizing Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines contest. The 36<sup>th</sup> edition of the Aerial received “high marks” and is considered “first class”.

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

#### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – October 1, 2019 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – 1246 - 1348
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

#### ***Retirements/Resignations/Terminations***

- a. Elizabeth Lubelski Secretary, John Glenn High School
- b. Natalie Shelter 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys’ Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School

#### ***Appointments/Transfers***

- a. Kathy Chlystun Spanish Club Sponsor, John Glenn High School
- b. Stephanie Wezeman Temporary English Teacher, John Glenn High School
- c. Pat Crone Transfer from 7A to 8A Boys’ Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- d. Austin O’Connor Transfer from 8A to 7A Boys’ Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- e. Sean Carlin Transfer from 8B to 7B Boys’ Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- f. Nichlas Frankiewicz 8B Boys’ Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- g. Rick Podell Transfer from 5A to 6A Boys’ Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary
- h. Kim Tokoly Transfer from 5B to 6B Boys’ Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary
- i. Michael Alexander 5B Boys’ Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary
- j. Jennifer Traub 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach, North Liberty Elementary
- k. Melita Beeney 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheer Coach, North Liberty Elementary
- l. Lexia Pearish Transfer from 5A to 6A Boys’ Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary
- m. Jared Pearish Transfer from 5B to 6B Boys’ Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary
- n. Morgan Eggleston Transfer from 6A to 5A Boys’ Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary

#### 4. Transfer Student Requests

The Corporation currently has 481 Out-of-District Transfer requests for the 2019-2020 school year, including the five new requests listed below.

Nevaeh Horton JGHS/12  
Chloe Van Overberghe JGHS/10  
Camrielle Smith WES/5  
Piper Smith WES/3  
Dixie Reynolds WES/1

Bill Groves made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items one through four and Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Public Meeting to review Master Teacher Contract 2019 - 2020

As a result of recent legislation (Senate Bill 390 – 2019), the School Board must hold a public meeting and discussion about the tentative Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement. The meeting was opened to public discussion at 7:13 p.m. A tentative agreement has been reached between the Teacher’s Association and the School Corporation. Mr. Chris Winchell shared information concerning changes to the Master Teacher Contract. Some minor changes in contract language will be made and \$2,300 will be added to the base salary of all teachers. Discussion was held during which Board members asked Mr. Winchell questions about the bargaining process. Education Association Co-President, Mr. Pat Crone, noted that the Association appreciated the mutual respect shown during the “well-done” process. The discussion was closed at 7:32 p.m.

##### 2. Adopt Resolution to Approve 2020 Budget as advertised

- a. Education Fund
- b. Debt Service Fund
- c. Retirement/Severance Bond Fund
- d. Operations Fund
- e. Rainy Day Fund

Board President, Dennis Holland, listed all five funds of the 2020 Budget to be approved. Mr. Tom Bendy, Treasurer, reminded all present of the key points of the budget, to include an advertised tax rate of 1.4551 and a requested levy of \$5.383 million. Mr. Bendy noted that the following Resolutions to Approve the Capital Projects Plan (New Business #3) and Bus Replacement Plan (New Business #4) are also a part of the budget approval process. Those items have been properly advertised per Indiana Code. A short discussion was held where Mr. Winchell noted that this was the culmination of budget work since July 1<sup>st</sup>. All statutory requirements have been tended to and no public concern has surfaced. Thus, Mr. Winchell recommended the approval of the Board. Bill Groves made a motion to adopt the Resolution to approve the 2020 Budget as advertised. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a five to zero vote.

##### 3. Adopt Resolution to Approve 2020 Capital Projects Plan

Bill Groves made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Approve the 2020 Capital Projects Plan. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a five to zero vote.

#### 4. Adopt Resolution to Approve 2020 Bus Replacement Plan

Jeff Johnson made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Approve the 2020 Bus Replacement Plan. Bob Borlik seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a five to zero vote.

#### 5. Additional Appropriation Hearing

The School Corporation is funding building repairs through the issuance of general obligation bonds. The proceeds from this bond issue must be appropriated prior to being spent on projects. This is additional money than what was officially approved in the 2019 budget process last year. As a result, a public hearing was needed. Notice of this hearing was advertised in the South Bend Tribune and Plymouth Pilot on September 24, 2019. The hearing was opened to public comment at 7:39 p.m. No comments were voiced and the hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

#### 6. Adopt Additional Appropriation Resolution (Exhibit A)

Mr. Chris Winchell, Superintendent, stated that this resolution, along with the Final Bond Resolution (New Business #7) and the Post Issuance Procedures Resolution (New Business #8) are part of the general obligation bond issuance procedure. This is the Board's official action to amend the previously approved budget after public comment was allowed. Bill Groves made a motion to adopt the additional appropriation resolution and Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

#### 7. Adopt Final Bond Resolution (Exhibit B)

This resolution asserts that it is the Corporation's intent to sell bonds before the end of the calendar year, not to exceed \$1.9 million. Bill Groves made a motion to adopt the Final Bond Resolution and Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

#### 8. Adopt Resolution Approving Amended Post Issuance Procedures (Exhibit C)

This resolution gives limited authority to Mr. Chris Winchell, Mr. Tom Bendy, ICE Miller, and/or Mr. Bill Kaminsky to correct minor items that may surface post bond issuance. Bill Groves made a motion to adopt the Resolution Approving Amended Post Issuance Procedures. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a five to zero vote.

### REPORTS

#### 1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Chris Winchell, Superintendent, shared highlights from the recent 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Workshop he attended with Mrs. Melanie Heiser and Mrs. Stephanie Reynolds. Mr. Winchell noted that the Corporation's goal is to increase student enrollment in the program as well as encourage students to pursue college enrollment.

Mr. Winchell next discussed a security issue that was recently dealt with at the high school. Mr. Winchell stated a letter was sent out to parents advising them of the issue and resolution of the issue. Mr. Winchell reassured board members and patrons in attendance that student security is always the number one priority at John Glenn School Corporation.

#### 2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Jeff Johnson reminded board members of the November 1<sup>st</sup> ISBA Seminar titled “Schools Can’t Do it Alone”, as well as the ISBA Region 2 meeting on November 18 and the ISBA School Law Seminar in December.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 5, 2019 7:00 P.M. Admn Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Holland called the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held to interview commercial prospects. No other business was discussed. Board members in attendance were Jeff Johnson, Bill Groves, Dan Drotar, Bob Borlik and Dennis Holland. Curt Pletcher and Christian Mattix were absent. Christopher Winchell, Superintendent, Tom Bendy, Treasurer, and Shelby Gibson, Maintenance Director, were also present. The executive session began at 8:05 p.m. and ended at 10:21 p.m.

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