

School Board Meeting – November 19, 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 November 19, 2019, at the John Glenn Administration Office. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Dan Drotar, Bob Borlik and Dennis Holland. Bill Groves, Curt Pletcher, and Christian Mattix 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 donation:

- \$50 from Falcon 500 for the Adaptive PE Program
- Walkerton Elementary competed in the 2019 Spell Bowl competition held at North Liberty Elementary School on November 18, 2019. The team placed 4th in their division. Team members include: Riley Benhart, Addison Manering, Anabella Burnworth, Tory Bell, Hayley Chapman, Kennedy Miller, Hayden Neff, Rory Winchell, Casen Norris, Dustin Snyder, Kiara Duszyinski, Audrey Ennis, Maddie Erdelyi, Lucy Tarnow, Hayden Shuck, Delilah Phelan and Anna White.
- On Friday, December 13, the second grade teachers will be hosting a “Holiday Hangout” from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event is similar to a “lock-in”.
- On Saturday, November 9, the 6th Grade Boys’ Basketball teams traveled to LaVille to compete in the annual preseason Tourney. Both WES teams played well defeating LaVille in the first games, but then lost to North Liberty Elementary in the championship games.
- Mr. Tim Davis, Principal, congratulated Tori Bell, who was the first student in Mr. Ryan Reese’s reading class to reach 50 AR points. Tori received a new Amazon Fire for recognition of her hard work.
- Mr. Davis recognized the second nine-weeks recycling team for their efforts. Team members include: Aislynn Phillips, Kirsten Banks, Brenna Nystrem, Mya Underwood, and Jordan Swank.
- Mr. Davis invited Mr. Winchell and School Board members to attend a Thanksgiving celebration hosted by the 4th grade on Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

North Liberty Elementary Recognitions:

- The 6th Grade Boys’ Basketball teams played at the Laville Tourney on November 16, 2019. Both the A and B teams won the championships. The teams are coached by Rick Podell and Kim Tokoly.
- The NLES Student Council recently held a canned food drive and were very successful. Sponsor, Chris Houston, and Student Council members collected many boxes of non-perishable food items for John Glenn families in need.

Urey Middle School Recognitions:

- Urey Boys’ Basketball coaches, Pat Crone, Austin O’Conner, Nick Frankiewicz, Sean Stewart, and Mariah Plunkett, along with Gerry Brown and parents who attended the Urey-LaVille home basketball game, collected donations for a South Central family. Brett and Erin Davis recently lost their 14-year-old son Colton, who died suddenly due to an undetected heart condition. Colton was a 7th grade student at South Central Middle School. At the home game on Tuesday, November 12, a free-will donation basket brought in \$84 and the concessions from the game were also donated for a total donation of \$375 for the Davis family. A check was presented to the Davis

family during the Urey vs. South Central basketball game at South Central on Thursday, November 14, 2019.

- The Urey Kitchen was inspected by the Health Department on Wednesday, November 6 and received a perfect inspection. Head Cook, Wendy Flora, and staff members Donna Erickson and Natasha Scott, were recognized for their hard work.
- The latest Urey Career Café welcomed Sarah Chapman, Assistant Director of the Notre Dame Integrated Imaging Facility on Monday, November 25, 2019. Ms. Chapman presented to students information regarding a career in science/technology. Career Counselor, Stephanie Reynolds, coordinates the Career Café program.
- Mrs. Tresa Hammond, UMS Principal, congratulated the Urey Spell Bowl team for their third place finish at the State Finals on Saturday, November 16 at Purdue University. Coach, Wendy Peters, had the students well-prepared and the team did a great job in all eight rounds. Spell Bowl Team members include: Kaleb Cobe, Ethan Craft, Nina Foresman, Olivia Foresman, Avery Franklin, Ariel Gates, Julie Irvine, and Olivia Kalicki.
- Urey Band Students Michael Swiger and Nick Zablocki were among 100 students selected, out of 215 applicants in North Central Indiana, to participate in the Indiana Bandmasters Association All-Region Honor Band at Penn High School on November 16 and 17, 2019. Band members rehearsed all day Saturday and gave a wonderful performance on Sunday. Mrs. Hammond congratulated Michael and Nick for being selected for this opportunity and for their outstanding performance!

John Glenn High School recognitions:

The Board was asked to accept the following donations:

- \$350 from Knights of Columbus Council 5709 for Falloween
- \$200 from Jerry McMahan for Baseball
- \$5,684.42 from TCU for Falloween
- \$400 from TriKappa for the Galapagos Island Trip
- \$100 from Tri Kappa for the Speech & Debate Club
- NIC Fall Sports Academic All Northern Indiana Conference selections include:
 - Abby Machnic - Girls Golf
 - Elisabeth Klinedinst - Girls Golf
 - Hannah Dickinson – Volleyball
 - Jorjia Ayers – Volleyball
 - Taylor Cuskaden – Volleyball
 - Julianne Wilk – Volleyball
 - Raegan Romer – Volleyball
 - Kasadie Johnson – Volleyball
 - Ariel Tysver – Volleyball
 - Elizabeth Miller - Girls Soccer
 - Hailey Rough - Girls Soccer
 - Sam Carson – Football
 - John Ort – Football
 - Luke Lemert – Football
 - Cali Geers - Football Manager
- The JGHS Falcon Pride Marching Band placed 8th at the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) State Marching Band Finals that were held at Lucas Oil Stadium on November 9, 2019. This is the first time the band has qualified for ISSMA State Marching Band Finals since 2006, and it is the first time it has qualified in ISSMA Open Class C. This year the Falcon Pride earned the highest scores in school history and earned distinctions in music, visual, and effect for the first time. The band's 2019 marching show was titled "Disconnect" and featured music by John Mackey, Franz Liszt, and David Nelson. The show theme dealt with the conflict of technology in modern society. The Band is under the direction of Nathanael Sudduth and Assistant Cathy

Burnett. Drum Majors are Connor Arick and Ian Clanton. The show music was arranged by David Nelson, and the drill was written by Pat Butler. The Visual Program Coordinator was John Poehner, Percussion Director was Andy Morris, and the Color Guard Director was Shakurah Grumbacher. Additional staff included Scott Kurtzweil, Bryce LeRose, James Farnsworth, Rebekah Parsons, Jacob Sleek, and Isaiah Mumaw. Congratulations to this outstanding team of students and staff on a wonderful and successful marching season!

Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve donations and fundraisers as presented and Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of four to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 5

1. Approve Minutes – November 5, 2019 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 1447 - 1547
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Destiny Sheaks Cafeteria Staff, Walkerton Elementary School
- b. Ray Gleason JV Head Softball Coach, John Glenn High School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Jennifer Moore Homebound Instructor, John Glenn High School
- b. Arden Balmer Instructional Aide, John Glenn High School

4. Transfer Student Requests

There are currently 487 Out-of-District Transfer requests for the 2019-2020 school year, including the four requests listed below.

Everette Fisher	WES/1
Morgan Hite	UMS/8
Uriah Liskow	JGHS/12
Hailey Orgill	WES/4

5. FMLA Request – Employee #4303

Employee # 4303 requested an FMLA leave beginning November 18, 2019, with an approximate two to four months' time off.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Seven-Semester Graduate Requests

Seniors, Sara Lutin and Aaron Wright, asked the School Board for permission to graduate in December. Both students will have completed the necessary credits to graduate by December 20, 2019. A short discussion was held before Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the early graduation requests of Sara Lutin and Aaron Wright. Bob Borlik seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a four to zero vote.

2. Approve School Improvement Plans for WES, NLES, UMS, and JGHS

Mr. Chris Winchell, Superintendent, noted that per Indiana Code, the School Improvement plans must have official approval by the School Board. These are three-year plans but it is corporation practice to update them on a yearly basis. Several board members commented on how well-written and well-balanced the plans were before Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plans as presented. Dan Drotar seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a four to zero vote.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Chris Winchell, Superintendent, reported that 14 teachers traveled to Indianapolis to participate in "Red for Ed" day at the capitol. Mr. Winchell stated he received feedback from parents both supporting the choice to stay open and others disappointed that the corporation did not close.

Mr. Winchell next reported that the Teacher Appreciation Grant has been calculated and teachers rated Highly Effective will receive \$660 before taxes. Teachers rated Effective will receive \$533 before taxes.

Mr. Winchell asked the Board for permission to move forward planning an eLearning day. After a short discussion, the School Board gave Mr. Winchell permission to move forward with eLearning planning. Mr. Winchell stated he tentatively plans to use President's Day as the first eLearning day, if a snow make-up day is needed. A committee has been formed and will work together to develop an effective eLearning program.

Mr. Tim Davis, WES Principal, and Mr. Winchell, recently met with Oaklawn Representative, Greg Fry, to discuss *Trauma Informed Instruction* training for staff members. Mr. Winchell noted that this concept is not new to John Glenn. Administrators and staff have stressed the importance of building relationships with students in order to better understand their emotional needs, and therefore improve on teaching methods needed for effective instruction.

Mr. Winchell presented two proposed 2020 – 2021 calendars for the Board's review. Mr. Winchell asked board members to review the options and bring their suggestions to the next meeting.

In closing, Mr. Winchell reminded board members that the next board meeting will be held at North Liberty Elementary School and the John Glenn High School Theatre will perform "Clue!" the weekend of November 22 – 24. Performances will start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with a matinee performance on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Jeff Johnson reminded board members of the ISBA School Law Seminar in December.

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 3, 2019 7:00 P.M. **NLES** Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Holland called the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held to discuss employee job performance. No other business was discussed. The executive session began at 7:56 p.m. and ended at 9:05 p.m.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
