

School Board Meeting – May 6, 2015

Regular 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 May 6, 2015, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Janice Ryan, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Bob Borlik, Bill Groves, Curt Pletcher and Tom McCormick. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 10 observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Mr. Tim Davis, Principal of Walkerton Elementary announced 5th grader Gabby Smith represented WES in the annual Pilot-News Spelling Bee on Thursday, April 23rd at Culver Jr./Sr. High School. While Gabby did not win the Spelling Bee, WES is very proud of her efforts. First, Second, and Third Grade students will be presenting their spring music program, “When I Grow Up.” next Thursday, May 14, 2014 in the WES gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. On Friday, May 8th the WES PTA will be holding their second annual Fun Fair. Wonderful raffle prizes, along with some great opportunities for baskets and other raffles will be available that night. WES had over 100 students who qualified for a free ticket to the South Bend Cubs game on Sunday, May 3rd. The students qualified by reaching their reading goal. Tammy Radican was recognized for creating and hosting the Outstanding Prom for all area special needs students. Mr. Davis thanked the WES PTA for all their hard work this school year, as well as during Teacher Appreciation Week. Mr. Davis asked the Board to accept the following donations: Falcon 500: \$25.00 for Honor Roll, and \$25.00 for Field Trips; and Box Tops for Education: \$2,052.00.

Mr. Randy Romer, Principal of North Liberty Elementary, asked the Board to accept the following donations to the Summer Reading Program: North Liberty Church of Christ, \$100; Falcon 500, \$100; Kaser Realty, \$50; North Liberty Tri Kappa, \$150; Compress Air (LaPorte), \$50; Wolff Farms, \$100; Gene’s Towing, \$50. Mr. Romer reported that ISTEP+ testing is complete with scheduled make-up testing to be held on May 8. The technology staff, Mrs. Cummings, and other staff members were recognized for ensuring the testing process ran smoothly for the students. Without the forethought of purchasing Chromebooks, this experience would have been much different. NLES PTO Fun Fair was a huge success with students and families enjoying the wonderful festivities and raising approximately \$10,000 profit to support technology and literacy. On April 22, kindergarten through sixth grade students attended a “STEM” (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Program from Mobile Ed Productions. Students experienced several hands-on activities including a 3D printer, Build-an-Arch, Friction Raceway, Humanoid Robot, Bike Generator, Newton’s Cradle, and Structures Building station.

A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was received from The Falcon 500 Club to be used for the 7th grade field trip. Congratulations to the following students for being “Caught Doing Good” during the month of April: Reese Adamson, Aleesha Amor, Matthew Clady, Caden England, Bryce Goble, Matthew Keen, Craig Lenig, Zackary Szuba, Cody Tibbs and Breanna Wright. These students will enjoy a pizza and pop lunch as a reward. On Tuesday, April 14th, 71 students received physicals at Urey Middle School. Dr. Martinez and Dr. Heckman-Davis and their staff, along with Tom Bolze and John Glenn nurses, were recognized for helping make the process run smoothly. Orientation was held on Monday, April 20th, for incoming 7th graders, with 130 students and their parents attending. Mr. Maudlin thanked the middle school staff for ensuring that ISTEP week went smoothly, and also thanked volunteers who helped make the Envision the Future event a success again this year. This event allows 8th graders to experience a bit of what the future holds for them once they graduate from high school. May 8th, the 2015-2016 7th grade

class will come together for “Transition Day” at Urey Middle School. Students will spend the day getting to know the building where they will spend their next two school years, and also get the opportunity to meet one another through friendship building activities planned for the day. Urey Middle School Awards Night will be held on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m.

In high school agricultural news, a District II Leadership Contest was held at Whitko High School recently; several John Glenn High School Agriculture students competed and won many events. The horse judging team has competed in six contests this year and won all six. In a few weeks, the dairy judging team will try to defend the state title they won last year. Bailee Cook was interviewed and slated to be the District II Vice President. Her interview process took hours, and the competition was tough. The proposed officer slate will be voted on during the State Convention at Purdue in June. In other high school news, the IDOE has released official standings naming JGHS as a Four Star School again for the 2013-14 school year. This is the fifth year, out of the past seven, that this award has been received.

Tom McCormick made a motion to accept donations as listed, and Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a seven to zero vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – April 16, 2015 – Regular and Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – # 547 - 619
3. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Becky Knowlton Instructional Aide, Urey Middle School
- b. Josie Baugher Before & After Care Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- c. Austin O’Connor Head Cross Country Coach, Urey Middle School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Damon Groves Head Football Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. Jeanna Burch Title I Aide, Title I Summer Program, North Liberty Elementary School
- c. Rachel Kaser Title I Aide, Title I Summer Program, North Liberty Elementary School
- d. Karlie Gibson Teacher, Title I Summer Program, North Liberty Elementary School
- e. Amy Weiss Teacher, Title I Summer Program, North Liberty Elementary School
- f. Rebecca Cummings Administration, Title I Summer Program, North Liberty Elementary
- g. Randy Romer Administration, Title I Summer Program, North Liberty Elementary

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 3, and Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion passed with a seven to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Contract with St. Joe Regional Medical Center – Athletic Trainer

Negotiations for the Athletic Trainer contract recently took place between John Glenn School Corporation and St. Joe Regional Medical Center. The agreed upon salary that JGSC will pay towards the Athletic Trainer salary is as follows: Year One - \$18,000; Year Two - \$21,000; Year Three - \$23,000; and Year Four - \$25,000. A short discussion was held between Board Members before Bill Groves made a motion to approve the Athletic Trainer Contract at the stated rate of Year One - \$18,000; Year Two - \$21,000; Year Three - \$23,000; and Year Four - \$25,000. Janice Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

2. Approve JGHS English Class Overnight Trip to Stratford, Ontario, Canada – September 4 -7

Mr. Richard Snyder presented information to the Board concerning a joint field trip with Goshen High School taking students to the Stratford Theatre Festival in Ontario, Canada, over Labor Day weekend. Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the English class overnight trip to Stratford, Ontario, Canada, from September 4 through September 7, 2015. Bill Groves seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

3. Initial Request for JGHS Auditorium Lighting Upgrade

Mr. Snyder submitted a request to upgrade the auditorium lighting system; further proposals will be coming to the Board in the next few years. The total for this first upgrade of equipment is \$13,542.01. A motion was made by Bill Groves to approve the purchase of auditorium lighting in the amount of \$13,542.01. Dennis Holland seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

4. Discuss Using E-Learning Day as a Snow Make-Up Day

Mr. Andy Stegemiller was present to discuss the future possibility of using an “E-Learning” day as a snow make-up day. Mr. Stegemiller emphasized that this is just a “discussion” item at this time, as logistics still need to be worked out. An E-Learning day will only be considered after all built-in snow make-up days have been exhausted. A short discussion was held to review the information and answer questions from the Board.

5. Policy 6320 – Approve Second Reading

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 6320 “Purchasing”. Bill Groves seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

6. Approve Session I Summer School Staff

Bill Groves made a motion to approve Session I Summer School Staff. Janice Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero. Please see the attached list of employees hired for Session I Summer School.

7. Approve Payment Affidavit

This affidavit is part of the John Glenn High School Building Corporation Bond Refinance Program. \$49,206.72 has been spent on broadcasting studio equipment and track engineering costs, and will be reimbursed through Regions Bank, who serves as trust-holder for the refinance funds. Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the payment affidavit in the amount of \$49,206.72. Dennis Holland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

8. Approve Contract with Territorial Engineering

Territorial Engineering has performed site work and surveying work at the site across the street from the high school, as well as at the practice field to determine placement of a new soccer field and some practice fields. Mr. Reese noted that the funds to pay for the new soccer field will come from a donation made by an anonymous donor. A discussion was held to consider the future location of the new soccer field. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the contract with Territorial Engineering at the not-to-exceed amount of \$26,500. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Reese reviewed the revised Title I Final Allocation Report with the Board, as well as discussing the recent “Four-Star” status received by the high school. Mr. Reese emphasized that this is a tremendous achievement by students, parents, staff, and administration. Lastly, Mr. Reese reviewed details of the Umbaugh Accounting Services Agreement with the Board.

2. Conference Requests

3. Conference Reports

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Jeff Johnson provided the Board with a legislative action update and commented on the success of the Urey Middle School “Envision the Future” project.

Mr. Dennis Holland reminded all of the Building Trades Open House on Sunday, May 17th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the building site located at 109 Lafayette Street, North Liberty.

Mrs. Janice Ryan commented on the great opportunity John Glenn students will receive when traveling to the Stratford Festival in September.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 21, 2015 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Pletcher called the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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