

School Board Meeting – October 20, 2015 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 20, 2015, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Tom McCormick, Bob Borlik, and Janice Ryan. Curt Pletcher and Bill Groves were absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and three observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Mrs. Rebecca Cummings, Assistant Principal for Walkerton Elementary Principal, asked the Board to accept the following donations: Falcon 500 - \$88 to WES for B.B. paper; Falcon 500 - \$89 to Minds in Motion room for a Bosu Ball; and Feed the Children Free Teacher Store – Pallet of Candy. The Polk Township and Lincoln Township Firefighters were thanked for their time spent with WES kindergarten classes as students traveled to the Lincoln Township fire station where they were instructed on fire safety. The Polk township firefighters came to the school on Friday, October 9th and spoke to all students in grades K-6. WES had 237 students with perfect attendance for the first nine-week grading period. WES had an attendance rate of 97.64% for the first 9 weeks. On Saturday, October 11th, the 6th Grade Volleyball Wildcats defeated Laville in the first round of the tournament they competed in, but lost to Knox in the championship round. WES Student Council members for the 2015-16 school year are Olivia Stuart, Gabby Smith, Brett Ciastko, Jose Diaz, Karlea Dominiak, Karla Galvez, Kayla Snyder, Sam Strange, Brooke Vermillion, Emma Schalliol, Alex Smith, Van Foresman, Carlie Geers, Sohia McLochlin, and Emma Shortt. Kendra Hicks and Brooklyn Smith, both from Teachers Credit Union, will be Teaching Junior Achievement in the 6th grade classrooms beginning October 30th through December 4th. Scarecrows were put together by the students and staff at WES and placed at area businesses. This contest was held by the Chamber of Commerce and winners are 3rd place: fourth grade's Falcon scarecrow, 2nd place: 2nd Grade, Mr. Briciu's class, football player scarecrow, and 1st place: Mrs. Snyder's classes for their Block belt, tractor-on-the-shoulder scarecrow. Mr. Davis recognized the following students for their help on the recycling team: Sadie Walker, Karla Galvez, Brooke Vermillion, Ray Cain and Sophie McLochlin. The first nine-weeks honor roll was submitted to the Board for review.

Mrs. Rebecca Cummings, Assistant Principal for North Liberty Elementary, reported that Town School Safety Day was a huge success. Chief Mike Sawdon was thanked for contacting local safety responders and Outreach Coordinator Ken Nemes and then surprising students with the Memorial Medflight Helicopter. The students and staff practiced a Lock Down procedure on Safety Day which led to productive conversations with safety responders on current practices. Grandparent's/Very Important People Day was another successful event. North Liberty Elementary PTO and 6th grade Student Council members were recognized for planning and coordinating this wonderful celebration. The 1st grading period honor roll was presented to the Board for review.

Urey Middle School seventh graders, Maya Vermillion and Samuel Thomas and eighth graders, Martin Malec and Abby Machnic were named September Students of the Month. Seventh graders, Chloe Martin and Nathan May and eighth graders, Brennen Boley and Emily Neyhart were named October Students of the Month.

Urey Middle School received a donation from Falcon 500 in the amount of \$88 to be used toward the purchase of a school banner. The Urey student body collected 1,404 items for the Student Council Food Drive; all of these items will be donated to the Walkerton Food Pantry to help local families.

The Board was asked to accept the following donations to John Glenn High School: Risco Inc., \$20, Drama; Tom and Debbie Walters, \$100, Drama; Julie Parent, \$30, Drama; Walkerton Farmers Market, \$50, Drama; Heying Family, \$50, Drama; Falcon 500, \$50, Falloween Children's Parade; Falcon 500, \$172.50, Spell Bowl; Sherry Hesters, \$30, Aerial; Thomas and Janet Hayes, \$100, Falloween; Polygon, \$5000, Falloween; Bob's Country Store, \$50, Falloween; Falcon 500, \$40, Falloween Children's Parade; Andrew and Evelyn Stegemiller, \$150, Falcon Fan Club; Jennifer Carr, \$20, Falcon Fan Club; Kristy Wilsey, \$20, Falcon Fan Club; John Kohles, \$100, Falcon Fan Club; The Zone, \$250, Falcon Fan Club; and Hickory Grove Church, \$150, Falcon Fan Club. In Athletics, the following students won awards in Girls' Soccer: Delaney Patterson, Second Team All NIC; Dana Rector, Honorable Mention; and Kaitlyn Stevens, Honorable Mention. In Boys' Soccer the following earned awards: Keegan Shiflett, 1st Team all NIC; and Jeff Stryker, Honorable Mention NIC. In Cross Country, Ashley Burnett received All NIC honorable mention and in Golf, Anna Schmeltz received NIC Second Team All-Conference. Saturday, October 17, 2015, the John Glenn Falcon Pride Marching Band competed in the Regional Competition at Chesterton High School and qualified for semi- state. The band will travel to Decator Central in Indianapolis on October 31, 2015 with hopes of qualifying for the state competition.

Tom McCormick made a motion to approve the recognitions and donations as presented, and Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – October 6, 2015 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – 1321 - 1424
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Chris Lawler 8th Grade B-Boys' Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- b. John Schmidt 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- c. John Bogucki 7th Grade B-Boys' Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- d. Keith Meola 6th Grade B-Boys' Basketball Coach, North Liberty Elementary School
- e. Morgan Lynch Before and After Care Aide, Walkerton Elementary

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Cindy Hepler Before and After Care Aide, Walkerton Elementary

Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 3, and Tom McCormick seconded the motion. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve 2016 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 2016 Budget as advertised and Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

2. Approve Construction Fund Affidavit - \$5,840

This affidavit request is part of the John Glenn High School Building Corporation Bond Refinance Program. The affidavit requests a payment from Regions Bank of \$5,840 for reimbursement of practice fields' services. Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the Construction Fund Affidavit for \$5,840, and Janice Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

3. Approve Purchase over \$10,000 – PLTW 3-D Printer - \$29,899

Mr. Robert Gendron, PLTW Instructor, submitted a request for the purchase of a 3-D printer and laser engraver for the Project Lead the Way classroom at a total purchase price of \$29,899. A short discussion was held concerning the purchase of this equipment before Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the purchase of the PLTW 3-D printer and laser engraver at a total price of \$29,899. Dennis Holland seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. The cost of these items will be paid from the refinancing of the high school bonds.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Richard Reese, Superintendent, updated the Board on the progress being made on the practice football and soccer fields. Mr. Reese noted that bids for the new soccer field will be taken by December 1st, with a projected start time in March of 2016.

Mr. Reese also discussed the testing and scores report issued by the Indiana Department of Education. The Department has predicted that students' scores will decline this next year due to changes in testing format and increased standards requirements. Mr. Reese stated he will provide more information to the Board, as well as parents, when the testing results release date draws near.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Jeff Johnson updated fellow Board Members of the upcoming ISBA Legal Workshop on Employee Discharge to be held on November 5, 2015, at Plymouth High School, as well as the "Current Issues in Special Education" seminar to be held on November 13, 2015, in Plainfield, Indiana. The Board was also reminded of the December 11 "Legal Issues" Workshop to be held in Indianapolis.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 3, 2015 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Borlik called the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held to discuss Collective Bargaining. No other business was discussed; the meeting began at 7:52 p.m. and ended at 8:52 p.m.

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