

School Board Meeting –October 4, 2011
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 October 4, 2011 in the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Tom McCormick, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Janice Ryan, Curt Pletcher, and Bill Groves. Mike Daube was absent. Superintendent, Richard Reese, and thirteen observers were also in attendance. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by school board president Jeff Johnson.

RECOGNITIONS

Tim Davis, Principal of Walkerton Elementary School, asked the board to accept the following donations: \$84.95 from the WES PTA for the primary resource room; and \$1,500 from the WES PTA to help WES cover grade level field trips. The WES PTA was thanked for their generous contributions to WES. WES was recognized as a ‘Miracle School’ by Riley Children’s Hospital because the school donated at least \$1 per student enrolled. Deb Mosson was recognized for making College Go Week a big success. Mrs. Mosson highlighted all the colleges and universities in Indiana. Each day two colleges were highlighted along with the staff members who attended them. WES has raised \$516 for the Peace Pole and donations are still being accepted. The board was invited to the WES volleyball tournament on Saturday, October 8th at 9:00 a.m.

Janet Carey, Principal of North Liberty Elementary School, reported that the NLES Dodgeball tournament held in conjunction with Fall-O-Ween raised \$80 for the high school scholarship fund. NLES has been celebrating Grandparents’ Week with a wonderful turnout. The PTO was thanked for supplying snacks and the teachers for planning activities for the grandparents and kids to enjoy. Teachers and staff are planning for parent-teacher conferences on October 24th and 25th. On Saturday NLES volleyball team will be playing in the WES volleyball tournament.

Mark Maudlin, Principal of Urey Middle School, congratulated eighth graders Celine Murphy and Thane Pletcher for being named September Students of the Month. Seventh graders Kelly Freehauf and Aaron Parker were recognized for being named September Students of the Month. UMS has a “Caught Doing Good” program wherein students are nominated every month by staff members for doing something above and beyond. The students are rewarded with a pizza and pop party during their lunches. The following students were the September nominees: Matthew Applegate, Evan Baker, Katie Daugherty, Carrie Endicott, Mason Hatfield, Vincent Leodanski, Branden Morgan, Michaela Nichols, Alex Rhodes, Daniel Shinkle, and Hunter Weiss.

William Morton, Principal of John Glenn High School, asked the board to accept the following donations: \$250 from Beth Schmeltz for drama; \$45 from Tim Doud Ins. for Fall-O-Ween; \$250 from John and Nancy Turner for drama; \$50 from Dan and Liz Drotar for drama; \$250 from Ross Engineering for drama; and \$500 from R & B Car Company for football. The JGHS September Student of the Month was MF Philson. MJ is involved in band, enjoys spending time with family, going to church, reading, listening to music, and playing in the church orchestra. He is the son of Jim and Kim Philson and plans to attend college after high school to become a cardiologist or neurologist. Tom Knape and Gabby Marek were named Homecoming King and Queen. The boys’ varsity cross country team came in second place in the Marshall County Meet on Thursday, September 29th. Luke Runyan won the cross country Marshall

County Meet. Anthony Eldridge was recognized as the WKVI athlete of the week. The fall concert for UMS and the JGHS Music Department is on November 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Tom McCormick, to approve donations as stated. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – September 20, 2011 - Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 1223 – 1293
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Resignations/Retirements

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- a. Christy Jones, NLES, Part-Time Cafeteria
- b. Neil Osborn, JGHS, Band Percussion Instructor

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Robin Richard, NLES, Part-Time Cafeteria

4. Transfer Tuition

- a. Kamryn Pendl, WES, Grade K

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Janice Ryan, to approve consent agenda items one through four. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve 2012 Budget as Advertised

- a. General Fund
- b. Debt Service Fund
- c. Exempt Debt Service Fund
- d. Transportation Fund
- e. Bus Replacement Plan and Fund
- f. Capital Projects Plan and Fund
- g. Exempt Retirement/Severance Bond

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Janice Ryan, seconded by Curt Pletcher, to approve the 2012 budget as advertised. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve the Resolution of the Board of School Trustees of John Glenn School Corporation Regarding the Neutrality Requirements Contained in I.C. 20-5-4 with Respect to the School Corporation's Outstanding Taxable General Obligation Pension Bonds

This is a yearly resolution that is required by state statute.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Janice Ryan, seconded by Bill Groves, to approve the Resolution of the Board of School Trustees of John Glenn School Corporation Regarding the Neutrality Requirements Contained in I.C. 20-5-4 with Respect to the School Corporation's Outstanding Taxable General Obligation Pension Bonds. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote

2. Approve Resolution to Adopt 2012 Capital Projects Plan

This is an annual adoption that is based on a three year plan, but can be adjusted on a yearly basis. The 2012 Capital Projects Plan for WES was updated to reflect a student capacity of 471 as it had been overstated in previous years.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Curt Pletcher, to approve the Resolution to Adopt 2012 Capital Projects Plan. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

3. Approve Resolution to Adopt 2012 Bus Replacement Plan

This resolution is adopted on an annual basis.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Janice Ryan, to approve the Resolution to Adopt 2012 Bus Replacement Plan. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

4. Approve Maternity Leave – Katie Smith

Katie Smith will begin her eight week maternity leave on or around November 17, 2011. The exact date will be dependent upon her actual delivery. Katie's estimated return to work after her maternity leave is January 12, 2012.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Janice Ryan, to approve the maternity leave for Katie Smith. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

5. Approve Request for Early Graduation – Crystal Cribbs

Crystal Cribbs, a student at JGHS, in her seventh semester of her senior year has requested to be an early graduate of JGHS. She will be graduating in the seventh semester of her senior year in December 2011.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Tom McCormick, to approve the early graduation request for Crystal Cribbs. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

6. Approve Request for Early Graduation – Jade Anspaugh

Jade Anspaugh is requesting to graduate in the sixth semester of her junior year.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Dennis Holland, to approve the early graduation request for Jade Anspaugh. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

7. Review NLES Project

Kari Vilamaa from Barton Coe Vilamaa was at the board meeting to discuss renovations at NLES, which would include renovation of the media center, a new turnaround in the front of the building, and the addition of six classrooms. Adding more bathrooms will also be considered in the area of the building where some current classrooms exist. The school board was also provided with a schedule of how the renovation at NLES would impact taxes.

Redistricting was also brought up as a possible solution to the larger classroom sizes at NLES. It was discussed that the district line could be moved from 3B Road to U.S. or Tyler Rd. If the district boundary was moved to U.S. 6, it would affect 21 students and if it was moved to Tyler Rd., 66 students would be affected and 12 of those are current sixth grade students. Board members concluded this option was not viable at this time.

Offering sixth grade at UMS was brought up as another possible solution to the large elementary numbers. It was discussed that additional classrooms at UMS could also require the addition of a gym to accommodate the students and sports schedules. Adding sixth grade to UMS was an option when UMS was renovated in the 1990's and in some board members' opinions the community was not supportive of the addition of sixth grade to UMS at that time.

Board members gave their opinions on the various options above and the Superintendent will provide more detailed information at the October 18, 2011 board meeting.

8. Approve 2011-12 Title I Grant

The Title I Grant requires board approval. The amount for the 2011-12 school year will be \$214,708.03.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Janice Ryan, to approve the 2011-12 Title I Grant. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent reported on a Mase Insurance Trust meeting he attended in September. The estimated increase for health insurance during the 2012-13 school year will be approximately 6.5%, which is below the industry standard of 12% - 15%. The Mase Insurance Trust will also be offering a Health Savings Account for interested members and providing access to a local clinic in Plymouth sometime in November.

Mr. Paul Hernandez, was nominated by Chris Winchell as the 2011 Indiana High School Level Academic Coach of the year. Mr. Hernandez has served as the John Glenn High School spell bowl coach for the past 24 years and every team he has coached has qualified for the State Spell Bowl Competition. Fifteen of those teams have placed first in the State Spell Bowl Competition. Mr. Hernandez was honored at the Annual Academic Coaches Conference on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 and named the Academic Coach of the Year.

2. Conference Reports

The school board was provided with a listing of conference reports.

BOARD COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 18, 2011 7:00 p.m. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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