

School Board Meeting – May 7, 2013

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 7, 2013, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Janice Ryan, Curt Pletcher, and Bill Groves. Tom McCormick and Bob Borlik were absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 4 observers were present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Jorjia Ayers, 5th grade and Christiana Smith, 6th grade, were recognized for their efforts in the recent annual Pilot News Spelling Bee on April 29th, 2013. Christiana placed 5th overall in the competition. The first, second, and third grade students will be presenting their Spring Music Program on Thursday, May 16, 2013 in the WES gymnasium. WES raised \$371.80 through the “Hacienda Gives Back” program organized by Diane Smith. This money will be used for teacher materials and supplies. Mrs. Kelly Prentkowski-Tangles, Subway of Walkerton, and WES PTA were thanked for their donations to the WES Biggest Loser Competition. Twenty-four fourth grade students have been selected for publication of their poems in the 2013 Young American Poetry Digest.

The NLES Fun Fair was held recently and raffle ticket sales raised \$12,609, Subway meals raised \$800, and game tickets raised \$1,086. The camp set donated by Michiana Medical Vanguard, Dr. Posar, and Dr. Heiser raised \$747, while the Silent Auction raised \$3,000. Thanks were given to all the businesses who donated items, and also to the JGHS National Honor Society for assisting with clean-up duties. The Lucky Shamrocks group finished up the year and the participants and volunteers were thanked. Those people include Mr. and Mrs. Osowski, Mrs. Apelgreen, Mrs. Vukovits, Mrs. Sheneman, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Camblin, and Mrs. Melanie Heiser, sponsor of the group. Upcoming events at NLES include the Spring Concert for grades 4 – 6 on May 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. On May 17, 2013 at 7:00 a.m., the Honor Roll Breakfast will be held with guest speakers Nathan Stegemiller and Sage Bladow; and Teacher Appreciation Week at NLES will be celebrated May 13 – 17, 2013.

Congratulations to 8th Graders Hailey Buckmaster and Zach Kuchel, and 7th Graders Alyssa Arick and Patrick Stewart for being selected as the Urey Outstanding Students of the Month for April. Outstanding Students of the Month for May are 8th graders Britley Scott and Isaac Medina, and 7th graders Delaney Patterson and Adam Wiley. The Urey Kitchen Staff recently received a perfect inspection from the St. Joseph County Health Department. Kim Giese, Head Cook, and her staff were commended for the great job they do keeping the kitchen up to code. Claire Malkowski recently participated and placed 7th in the Marshall County Spelling Bee. Urey Middle School received the following donations: Lisa Didion – 250 lbs. Corn Starch for a Science Class activity; donations for the UMS Transition Day include: Karen Groves – 30 bags of cookies, Hamilton Service Center - \$75, Falcon 500 - \$250, Walkerton Tri Kappa - \$50, North Liberty Tri Kappa - \$50, and Dawn Verhaeghe/Working Person’s Store – 135 T-shirts. The following ten students were “Caught Doing Good” and were awarded a lunch of pizza and pop: Abigail Drzewiecki, Alex Lichtenberger, Gabe Barden, Haley Stambaugh, Jason Gill, Mikayla Cox, Dakota Bailey, Max Bishop, Taylor Verhaeghe, and Nick Fullmer.

US News and World Report recently ranked JGHS as #21 (out of more than 320) in the Indiana ranking of public high schools. Also, *US News and World Report* ranked JGHS as #1576 (out of 21,000) in the

nation. John Glenn High School is ranked in the top 7.5% of the public high schools in our state and in the United States. What an achievement!

A motion to accept all donations was made by Janice Ryan, and seconded by Jeff Johnson. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – April 16, 2013 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – # 490 - 580
3. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Jennifer Toth Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Charly Koopman Head Girls' Track Coach, UMS
- b. Erica Baca Assistant Girls' Track Coach, UMS
- c. Frank Sheneman Assistant Boys' Track Coach, UMS
- d. LaDora Smith Home-Bound Instructor, UMS

A motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 3 was made by Jeff Johnson, and seconded by Janice Ryan. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve First Reading of School Board Bylaws and Policies

A short discussion was held before a motion to approve the First Reading of the School Board Bylaws and Policies was made by Janice Ryan, and seconded by Jeff Johnson. The motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Walkerton Area Economic Development Council

Mr. Reese updated the Board on the activity of the Walkerton Area Economic Development Council stating that the Council is in the process of creating brochures advertising the John Glenn School Corporation and the communities of Walkerton and North Liberty. These brochures will be distributed to prospective residents drawn to the area for many reasons, including the Intermodal development.

- b. PPACA (Obama Care)

Meetings have been held recently with Support Staff to educate them on the upcoming changes to work hours and insurance costs due to health care reform. A discussion was held with Board Members to answer questions and concerns about the impact of Obama Care on the school corporation.

c. ISTEP Report

There were some issues recently with the internet-based ISTEP testing causing some students to be “bumped off” the computerized testing. Mark Maudlin has issued a letter to Glenda Ritz, Superintendent of Schools, State of Indiana, noting his concerns over the test procedures. John Glenn was not the only school to experience problems, and the issue is being investigated by the Department of Education.

Mr. Reese invited the Board to attend the upcoming Teacher of the Year/Retirement Reception on May 15, 2013 at 3:30 p.m., and also the Senior Prom, which will be held on May 11, 2013 at Swan Lake.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Janice Ryan commended John Glenn High School students and staff for the Spring Spectacular performance held on May 3 and 4, 2013.

Jeff Johnson reported the ISBA will be holding their Summer Academy on July 8 and 9, 2013 in Frenchlick, IN.

Dennis Holland recognized the Principals for their hard work and dedication to the students and staff, which has resulted in John Glenn School Corporation being ranked #21 in the State of Indiana Public Schools. Mr. Holland reported that the Building Trades open house will be held on May 19, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the Building Trades Recognition Breakfast will be held on May 10, 2013 at 8:15 a.m. at the American Legion.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 21, 2013 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Holland called the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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