

School Board Meeting – December 16, 2014 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 on December 16, 2014 at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Janice Ryan, Curt Pletcher, Dennis Holland, and Bill Groves. Tom McCormick and Bob Borlik were absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and nine observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Mrs. Cathy Van Duyne was recognized for putting together a wonderful Christmas program at Walkerton Elementary on Thursday, December 11th. The program was called “Celebration of Sounds,” with all students in grades four through six participating. Mr. Tim Davis, Principal, thanked area businesses, as well as many individuals, for graciously adopting a family during WES’s annual Adopt-A-Family program. There were 50 families adopted this year which included 126 children. Mrs. Jodi Park’s effort in organizing this annual event for WES was highlighted, as well as three PTA volunteers, Mrs. Raquel Snyder, Mrs. Treasure Geers, and Mrs. Dawn Rensberger, who helped distribute gifts. The JGHS Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball teams recently took several WES students shopping at Walmart as part of the Adopt-A-Family Program. WES Student Council members participated in the Festival of Trees at Miller's Merry Manor this year, while Resource students, Preschool students, and Ms. Rizek’s students made ornaments for one of the trees at Miller’s. Eight students in Mrs. Perry’s First Grade classroom have already won free Deep River Water Park tickets for Reading 360 minutes. Mr. Davis asked the Board to accept anonymous donations totaling \$1,100.00 for the WES Adopt-A-Family Program. Knox Elementary staff held a party for the Moderate students on December 12, 2014. Mrs. Fletcher (from Knox) organized a sensory-friendly Christmas Party last Friday, which included reindeer races, a bounce house, and a visit from Santa. Mrs. Bogard’s class had a former Walkerton Wildcat and John Glenn graduate, Danny Francis, current Marine, visit their room last month. Mr. Francis talked about “Change”. After the presentation, students wrote thank you letters to Mr. Francis. The class has collected many items and will be able to send 35 boxes to Mr. Francis and the other members of his platoon.

North Liberty Elementary School held its Christmas program, Jingle All the Way, Monday, December 15, 2014. Mrs. Cathy Burnett and the first through third grade students presented a wonderful show. North Liberty Elementary was able to support 124 kids from a total of 47 families through the Adopt-A-Family and Shop-With-A-Player programs this holiday season.

Urey students and parents were recognized for donating 140 pounds of pop tabs, which provided a donation in the amount of \$100.80 to the Riley’s Hospital for Children/Ronald McDonald House charity. The Urey 7th and 8th grade bands, Sound Sensation, and 7th and 8th grade choirs put on a great show at the annual holiday concert on Wednesday, December 10th. Mr. Mark Maudlin thanked the Music Department staff and participating students for their hard work and dedication to making the event enjoyable for all who attended. Appreciation was given to Urey students and parents for meeting the school goal of collecting 250 toys to be donated to the annual toy drive. All of the toys were donated to local families. Numerous donors were recognized for helping a family recently identified as being in dire need of assistance. In addition to many anonymous donations of food and necessities to the family, Starke Count Co-Op and Marshall County REMC were sighted for their outstanding service and donations to help in this situation.

This past Sunday, the John Glenn High School Music Department shared with the community “Sounds of the Holidays.” Two great shows were performed and it was enjoyed by all! Mr. Morton, Principal, recognized Mr. Fortlander and Mr. Dollins for their leadership of the Bands and Choirs.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – December 2, 2014 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – # 1724 - 1775
3. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Kristy Wilsey 5th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, Walkerton Elementary School
- b. Patrick Shetler 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Evan Rhodes Before & After Care Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- b. Trisha Tibbs Temporary Cafeteria Manager, John Glenn High School

4. Transfer Tuition
Austin Miller 9th Grade/JGHS

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 4, and Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve First Reading of NEOLA Board Policy Revisions – Volume 27, No. 1

A motion to approve the first reading of the NEOLA Board Policy Revisions, Volume 27, Number 1, was made by Janice Ryan, and seconded by Curt Pletcher. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

2. Approve Increase in Daily Substitute Teacher Pay

A short discussion was held before Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the increase in daily Substitute Teacher pay to \$70 per day. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report
 - a) 2014-2015 High Ability Grant Approval

Mr. Reese presented information regarding the 2014-2015 High Ability Grant, stating that this grant has been received for the past several years. Mrs. Jeniece Bogard has taken over the High Ability program this year, and works five days a week with students at both North Liberty Elementary and Walkerton Elementary. Mr. Reese reported that most of Mrs. Bogard's salary is covered by this grant, as well as supplies needed for the program.

- b) High Performance Schools Grant

Mr. Reese reported that all four schools have been qualified to receive the High Performance School Grant. Teachers who have achieved an evaluation rating of "Effective" or "Highly-Effective" will receive a stipend of approximately \$600.

- c) Mr. Morton, Principal of John Glenn High School, gave details about a recent field trip to Chicago he attended with Mr. Geoff Jankowski, and several resource students.

2. Conference Requests

3. Conference Reports

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Jeff Johnson commented on the ISBA School Law Seminar, held on December 12, 2014, that was attended by several board members and Mr. Reese.

Bill Groves, Board President, thanked his fellow board members for allowing him to serve as President this past year. Mr. Groves expressed his pride in serving on the John Glenn School Board.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

December 17, 2014 – NLES Kindergarten Christmas Concert – 1:45 p.m.

December 19, 2014 – End 2nd Nine Weeks and 1st Semester

Dates of Administration Office Closure: December 24 & 25, and December 31 & January 1

January 5, 2015 – Classes resume following Winter Break

February 5, 2015 – 2015 ISBA Effective Governance Seminar, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Nappanee

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 6, 2015 7:00 P.M. WES Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Groves called the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. No other information was discussed. The meeting started at 7:40 p.m. and ended at 8:05 p.m.

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