

## **School Board Meeting – March 5, 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 March 5, 2015, at the Urey Middle School Media Center. Board members present were Janice Ryan, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Bob Borlik, and Bill Groves. Curt Pletcher was absent, and Tom McCormick arrived after new business voting was completed. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 30 observers were also present.

### PROCLAMATION READING – Disability Awareness Month – Richard Reese

Board Secretary Janice Ryan read the Disability Awareness Month Proclamation issued by Superintendent Richard Reese. March is Disability Awareness Month in the State of Indiana and was proclaimed as such at John Glenn School Corporation as well. Ms. Lisa Rizek, Resource Teacher at Walkerton Elementary School, along with several of her students and parents, was present to hear the proclamation and to extend an invitation to the Board to attend the First Annual Walkerton Elementary Disability Awareness Event on March 19, 2015 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Walkerton Elementary School.

### PATRON RESPONSE – Mike Daube – Legislative Action

Mr. Mike Daube, former school board member, was present to address the Board concerning school funding. Mr. Daube publicly thanked legislators who have worked to bring the funding gap closer; however, Mr. Daube stated that the funding formula is still too confusing and unfair to public schools across the state. Mr. Daube reported that over the past several years, funding for the John Glenn School Corporation has become fairer but feels that the fight for equal funding is not yet over. In conclusion, Mr. Daube asked the board to continue to challenge the state legislators to “level the playing field” and create equal school funding for all public schools.

### RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Mr. Davis, Principal of Walkerton Elementary, asked the Board to accept the following donations: \$34.18 from Target’s Take Charge of Education; Falcon 500 donated \$29.50 for Honor Roll, \$10.00 for Title One, and \$20.00 for the Clear Mind Program; Tri Kappa donated \$400.00 for Classroom Library Books and \$200.00 to the WES Summer Reading Program. Congratulations went to all WES students who participated in the WES Science Fair. Over 157 projects were presented this year. Students who qualified for the Regional Competition were Josh Knowlton, Bradon Goddette, Ira Indekina and David Shinkle. Judges awards went to Matt Moore/Tyler Martis, Michael Day/Corey Dillion, Chloe Martin, Vincent Flaharty, Karlea Dominiak/Emma Schalliol, Emma Egger, Klara Guseilla, Maverick Hurford/Dominic Pranger, Helen Guseilla, Madison Ellis and Addison & Calleigh Reese. Teacher Choice awards went to Jacob Dominiak/Noah Vinson, Isabella Knowlton, Madelyn Park, Timothy Park, Emma Sindere, Ben Jimenez, and Isaiah Payne. Mrs. Riggs and the WES Student Council were recognized for raising over \$600 for the WES Summer Reading Program. The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball team won the LaVille Preseason Tourney on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. They defeated a strong North Liberty team and then beat Bremen for the championship. Congratulations to the following students who won the Book Fair Coloring Contest: Lia Ennis, Aria Haines, Mia Hurford, Jakobe Chapman, Nina Foresman, Isaiah Payne, Olivia Norem, Emma Egger and Ashleigh Bolze. The February Book Fair raised over \$5,000.00; profits from this book fair will be used to help purchase books for teachers and the Media Center.

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, WES was host to the 2015 Elementary Math Bowl; WES did very well, winning the Green Division. Recognition went to Jessica Chamberlin and all students for participating in the annual Walkerton PTA Walk-A-Thon. This year's event raised just over \$2600.00 for PTA activities. Congratulations to Lisa Rizek for receiving the Delta Gamma Foundation Graduate Student Fellowship Award. Ms. Rizek will be attending the AFB Leadership Conference in Phoenix, Arizona to receive her award. All expenses for this conference have been paid through the award program. The second nine-week and first semester honor rolls for WES were presented to the Board for review.

Mr. Randy Romer, Principal of North Liberty Elementary, asked the Board to accept a donation of \$136.68 from Target: Take Charge of Education for Student Activities. Karlie Gibson, NLES Kindergarten teacher, received funding thru DonorsChoose.org for a classroom project called "You Should Have Seen it in Color" worth over \$500 in color printing materials. Northern Indiana Science Fair at Notre Dame results showed Daniel Solymosi placing second and receiving an award from Reilly Center for Science, Technology and Values Newton's Cradle Award. Landen Sinnott also participated and placed third; both boys are 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Maiya Leslie, Junior at Mishawaka High School, will be a cadet teacher in Mrs. Buss' classroom starting March 17<sup>th</sup> for six weeks.

Mr. Mark Maudlin, Urey Principal, asked the Board to accept the following donations from Falcon 500: \$50.00 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip; \$37.50 – Ski Enrichment shoe repair; and \$38.00 – MC Read across America. Walkerton McDonald's donated 25 gift certificates to be used for the Young Hoosier Reading Program. Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, members of the Urey Band competed in the ISSMA District Solo and Ensemble contest at Penn High School in Mishawaka. Urey students did extremely well, with ALL students receiving a gold rating! Abbey Houser received a gold rating on her Group 1 violin solo, qualifying her for the state competition; Chase Oden and John Fan, trumpet, and Cameron Dennie, trombone, received gold ratings as well. Two ensembles receiving a gold rating included the flute trio of Emma VanOverberghe, Elise Stewart, and Salem Slater; and the brass quintet of Eric Blankenmeyer, Riley Gean, Ian Clanton, Ivan Alvarez, and Conner Fort. Congratulations to 7<sup>th</sup> graders, Grace Tibbs and Aaron Sherman, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Ryley Miller and Cody Toth, for being named February Students of the Month. Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, Urey Middle School will be participating in National Digital Learning Day. Teachers will act as facilitators 100% of the time during classes as students are deeply engaged in using various technology tools on their laptops to explore, investigate and discover topics related to each class. Mr. Maudlin invited the Board and Mr. Reese to visit UMS anytime during the day to see the various ways students will be participating in Digital Learning Day.

Mr. Morton asked the Board to accept the following donations: Anonymous, \$475.00 for Athletics; David & Amy Mauro, \$100.00 for Drama; Falcon 500, \$10.00 for Boys Soccer; and Falcon 500, \$50.00 for Senior Academic Recognition Night Banquet. This past week, JGHS had 12 FFA members compete with their Supervised Agricultural Experience programs in the District 2 contest. The following is a list of those participating students who placed: Aubrey Bennett - 1st Equine Production; Faith Bennett - 1st in Ag Mechanical Repair and Maintenance; Kim Bolze - 1st Beef Production; Jason Gill - 1<sup>st</sup> Diversified Livestock; Leah Kaser - 1st Swine Production; Dustin Kerckove - 1st Forage Production; Grace Klopfenstein - 1st Dairy Production; Kristin Kubacki - 1st in Ag Education; Jodi Williams - 1st Ag Sales; Bryce Birk - 2nd Dairy Production; Bailee Cook - 2nd Diversified Livestock; and Ansleigh Adamson - 4th Diversified Livestock. During the FFA Petting Zoo last Friday, approximately 200 preschool and Kindergarten students visited. Adam Dodson was a State Qualifier in wrestling for the second year in a row. He ended his John Glenn career well with an overall record of 137 wins and 23 losses. The ISSMA Vocal State Solo & Ensemble contest was held on February 21<sup>st</sup>. All students who performed received GOLD ratings; those students are Soloist: Brittany Baer; Soloist: Rebekah Parsons; and Trio: Maddison Ziolkowski, Brittany Baer and Tess Bladow. The ISSMA Instrumental State Solo & Ensemble contest was held on February 28<sup>th</sup> with six events performing and all receiving a GOLD rating. Those students who performed include Soloist: Aubrey Houser – Violin; Soloist: Ashley McKesson – Drum Set; Soloist: Zachary Tibbs – Trombone; Baritone Trio: Zachary Tibbs, Adam Palmer & Samantha Pranger; Woodwind Ensemble: Emily Jones, Brittnie Spornhauer, Mary Eich, Allison Pearish, Zoe Heying,

Christina Nelson, Anna Dennie, Aryana Moss, Kaitlin Miller, Mikayla Fortlander, Delaney Patterson, Patrick Stewart, Katelyn Gates, Cylas Scott & Taylor Winkel; and Percussion Ensemble: Thaddeus VanOverberghe, Anna Schmeltz, Rebecca Shoue, Kevin Schmalzried, Kaitlin Miller, Lauren Maure, Kenny Eslick, Tyler Bajer, Logan Chastain, Tyler Johnson, Dylan Glennon, Ashley McKesson and Sam Reynolds. GREASE! will be held on Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m. This will be Richard Fansler's 50<sup>th</sup> and last production as Theatre Director. The League of Extraordinary Falcons recently raised \$1,200 in memory of Jeff Babcock for the American Heart Association. They also recently delivered a mini-bus full of clothes to the Center for the Homeless in South Bend, after a successful clothing drive in December.

Janice Ryan made a motion to accept donations as listed, and Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

#### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – February 3, 2015 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – # 153 - 321
3. Personnel Recommendations

##### **Retirements/Resignations**

- a. Nicholas Carson Freshman Baseball/JV Asst. Baseball Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. Ryan Price Assistant Football Coach, John Glenn High School
- c. LeAnne Letherman Before & After Care Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- d. Brooke LaBere Building Technology Facilitator, Urey Middle School
- e. Ray Grossman Instructional Aide, John Glenn High School
- f. Justin Hall Special Ed/English Teacher, John Glenn High School

##### **Appointments/Transfers**

- a. Jody Healey Girls' Track Assistant Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. Kaitlin Cassady Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach, John Glenn High School
- c. Megan Mackowiak Head Girls' Volleyball Coach, John Glenn High School
- d. Kayla Golden JV Softball Head Coach, John Glenn High School
- e. Brandt Ayoub Assistant Boys' Track Coach (50%) Coach, John Glenn High School
- f. Kimberley Podell 7B Girls' Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School
- g. Melissa Williams Boys' Assistant Track Coach, Urey Middle School
- h. Jennifer Arndt Girls' Assistant Track Coach, Urey Middle School
- i. Angela Yelton Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation
- j. Dyan Phillips UMS Webmaster, Urey Middle School
- k. Leland Travis Temporary Social Studies Teacher, John Glenn High School
- l. Matthew Florian Instructional Aide, John Glenn High School (*added at meeting*)

#### 4. Transfer Tuition

Clarissa Parker 7<sup>th</sup> Grade/UMS

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Approve Early Graduation Requests

Bill Groves made a motion to approve the early graduation requests for Cheyenne Garrett and Lindsey Dankert; Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

## 2. Approve 2015-2016 Calendar Revisions

Mr. Reese reviewed the proposed calendar revisions: one of the days for fall break was moved from October 22 to October 27, an additional day off was added for Thanksgiving, November 25, and the school start date was moved to August 10. Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the calendar revisions as presented. Bill Groves seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

### REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report
  - a) [Report on Status of Middle School Athletics](#) – Gerry Brown

The Board received a written report from Urey Athletic Director, Gerry Brown.

- b) Discuss Capital Projects
  - 1) High School Track
  - 2) Communications/Broadcasting Classroom
  - 3) Auditorium Revisions
  - 4) Agriculture – Classroom Expansion

Mr. Reese discussed four items on the Capital Projects list that will be completed at the high school over the next few months. 1) The entire high school track will be replaced at an estimated cost of approximately \$325,000 to \$350,000. 2) A new communications/broadcasting class will be offered at John Glenn High School in the fall of 2015. Mr. Bob Gendron, Industrial Tech teacher, will be leading this class. There are some renovations that need to be made, as well as major items that will need to be purchased. Mr. Reese estimated the total cost to be approximately \$75,000. 3) Mr. Rich Snyder, the new 2015-2016 Drama Department Director, has requested some minor changes to the auditorium. The estimated cost will be approximately \$25,000. 4) The agricultural program at John Glenn High School continues to grow and Mr. McLochlin's classroom is very limited in size. Classroom renovations have been proposed to accommodate more students, as well as tables and chairs. The estimated cost for this project will be approximately \$50,000 to \$75,000.

2. Conference Requests
3. Conference Reports

### BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 18, 2015 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

### ADJOURNMENT

Bob Borlik called the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held to discuss an individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction. No other items were discussed. The executive session started at 8:20 p.m. and ended at 9:30 p.m.

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