

School Board Meeting – September 5, 2017 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 September 5, 2017, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Bob Borlik, Dennis Holland, Curt Pletcher, Christian Mattix, and Bill Groves. Janice Ryan was absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and eight observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Mr. Tim Davis, Walkerton Elementary Principal, recognized the following students who brought in the most Box-Tops over the summer and won a free wristband for Fallween: TJ Park, Jacob Pearish, Mae Park, Calleigh Reese, Katelyn Vermilyer, Ben Kozora, Gavin Collings, Jillian Bowers, Cassidy Vermilyer, Anthony Rivera, Nick Knizner, and Riley Austin. Collectively, students brought in over 4,500 box-tops from summer collection. WES students brought in over 30,000 Box-Tops this past school year, which results in \$3,000 for Walkerton Elementary. Mr. Davis thanked Carol Wiwi and Jenny Heemer for their generous donations of school supplies, and asked the board to accept donations from Mr. and Mrs. Ron O'Dell of \$500 for the Counselor Emergency Fund, and \$98 from the Falcon 500 for attendance rewards. Mrs. Charman Dreessen, Director of the Before & After Program, donated Solar Eclipse glasses to every student and staff member in the district. Mr. Davis remarked that it was a wonderful opportunity allowing students to take part in an historic event. Mrs. Heather Sherman extended thanks to the School Board and Mr. Reese, Superintendent, for allowing her to attend a recent Minds in Motion training. On Friday, September 1, 2017, WES Student Council held a "Helping Hats Day" at WES. Students raised money for the American Red Cross to aid in relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Harvey. Mr. Rich Stauffer, WES Counselor, has started a running club, which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. The group currently has 81 students, of which three competed in the Blueberry Stomp on September 4, 2017. Olivia Nifong, Jared Basham, and Keegan Kaminski participated, with Keegan finishing in the top ten for the mile run. In closing, Mr. Davis stated that the Summer Enrichment Program had the largest attendance on record. The program served 75 students this summer, and included a field trip each week for nine weeks the program was open.

Mr. Randy Romer, North Liberty Elementary Principal, asked the Board to accept a donation of \$99 from Falcon 500 for coding activities. North Liberty Elementary was recently ranked third in St. Joseph County for minutes read during the summer. The North Liberty Library Branch is one of the smallest in St. Joseph County in terms of size of the building and book collection; however, the North Liberty Branch was fifth in overall library standings. The top three readers at North Liberty were Seventh Grader, Will Brinkhoff, with 145.60 points, Fourth Grader, Alyssa Buss, with 97.8 points, and Fifth Grader, Logan Bryant, with 62.2 points. Top Readers for each grade include Kindergartener, Jordan Buss with 22 points; First Grader, Karsyn Bogard with 29.8 points; Second Grader, Preston Buss, with 53.2 points; Third Grader, Rylie Albright, with 35.1 points (top reader for her grade level for the third year in a row); Fourth Grader, Alyssa Buss, with 97.8 points; Fifth Grader, Logan Bryant, with 62.2 points; and Sixth Grader, Carter Dupont, with 49.5 points. There were a total of 176 students who tested and earned 2,684.9 points. North Liberty Church of the Brethren and Olive Branch United Brethren in Christ donated 68 backpacks full of the necessary supplies for students. The North Liberty Police Department donated 20 backpacks full of supplies that went to additional students in need.

Mr. Mark Maudlin, Urey Middle School Principal, asked the Board to accept the following donations to the UMS Falloween Basket Raffle: \$100 from Creed Septic System Specialists, merchandise and gift certificates valued at \$350 from Woodbury Golf Course, Black Squirrel Golf Club, and Scott Schuster, PGA Professional and Urey Golf Coach; and merchandise from Walmart, Plymouth, valued at \$73.73. Mr. Maudlin congratulated Eighth Graders, Jessica Wilk and Dylan Florey, and Seventh Graders, Dakota Szakacs and Jose Diaz, for being named August Students of the Month. In closing, Mr. Maudlin recognized Urey students and the Urey Middle School Junior Honor Society for collecting funds for victims of Hurricane Harvey during their “Donate a Dollar to Wear a Hat Day” fundraiser. The event raised \$144.46, which was sent to help in the relief effort.

Mr. Will Morton, John Glenn High School Principal, asked the Board to accept donations from the North Liberty VFW of \$55 for Falloween; Beverly Stone, \$600 to FFA; Ann Kruk, \$25 to the Boys’ Tennis Team; and Falcon 500, \$98 to the Bowling Club. Anonymous donors gave \$125 to the Aerial Magazine, St. Joe County Farm Bureau gave \$200 to FFA, and anonymous donors gave \$53 to the football program. On Monday, August 21, John Glenn High School students were able to participate in a memory-making view of the Solar Eclipse. Rose Dodson, Science Teacher, organized this viewing with the help of viewing glasses provided by Charman Dreessen, Before and After Care Director. The League of Extraordinary Falcons took part in the Blueberry Festival Parade on Labor Day, with the goal of spreading the word about the upcoming Falloween Festival. The Falcon Pride continued their parade season with a performance in the Blueberry Festival parade. Mr. Morton recognized the Falcon Pride for coming together and showing true Falcon Pride during a difficult season. In closing, Mr. Morton recognized sophomore, Zach Neiswender, who was named WKVI “Athlete of the Week” for his performance on the gridiron.

Dennis Holland made a motion to approve recognitions as presented and Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – August 15, 2017 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – #1092 - 1213
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Stephanie Reynolds Instructional Aide, John Glenn High School
- b. Rose Dodson SADD Club Sponsor, John Glenn High School
- c. Gary Strong Freshman Boys’ Basketball Coach, John Glenn High School

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Cassandra Phelan First Grade Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
- b. Karen Dreibelbeis Increase to 35 hours per week, Walkerton Elementary School
- c. Sandy Ax Increase to 35 hours per week, John Glenn High School
- d. Lindsay Ennis Title I Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
- e. Lisa Watson Kindergarten Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
- f. Demi Ennis Before and After Care Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- g. Ellen Barden Before and After Care Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- h. Natalie Shetler Before and After Care Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- i. Maygan Cygert Before and After Care Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
- j. Randi McKinney Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation
- k. Kristan King Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation
- l. Ellen Sarber Regular Route Bus Driver, John Glenn School Corporation
- m. Cindy Howard Mini-Bus Shuttle Driver, John Glenn School Corporation
- n. Amanda Cuila Head Start Bus Aide, John Glenn School Corporation
- o. John Nadolny Adjustment to previous recommendation, John Glenn High School
- p. James Coppens Custodian, North Liberty Elementary School

q. Pattie Slough	Senior Class Sponsor, John Glenn High School
r. Julie Parent	Senior Class Sponsor, John Glenn High School
s. Angela Kramer	Junior Class Sponsor, John Glenn High School
t. Randy Smith	Sophomore Class Sponsor, John Glenn High School
u. Gina Hierlmeir	Freshman Class Sponsor, John Glenn High School
v. Amanda Smith	Spell Bowl Coordinator, North Liberty Elementary School
w. Jennifer Traub	Co-Volleyball Coach, North Liberty Elementary
x. Sarah Sweet	Co-Volleyball Coach, North Liberty Elementary
y. Dennis Briciu	Lower Elementary Team Leader, Walkerton Elementary School
z. Melanie Heiser	Guidance Coordinator, John Glenn School Corporation

4. Transfer Students

Mr. Richard Reese, Superintendent, reported there are currently 403 transfer student requests for the 2017-2018 school year, and provided current requests to the Board for approval. The most recent students requesting an out-of-district transfer include Spencer Allar, JGHS/11; Olivia Baldwin, JGHS/9; Will Baldwin, UMS/8; Houston Dayney, WES/2; Blake Malstaff, UMS/8, Leanne Murphy, JGHS/12; Grace Pemberton, UMS/8; Shelby Rice, JGHS/12; Quinton Sheaks, WES/6; Payton Sheaks, WES/4; Parker Wiltfong, JGHS/11.

Bill Groves made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items one through four and Christian Mattix seconded the motion. The motion passed with a six to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [Approve the Maximum Number of Transfer Students and Deadline for Transfer](#)

As of July 1, 2013, per State legislation, School Boards must set a maximum number of transfer students that will be accepted at each grade level. A lengthy discussion was held before Bill Groves made a motion to set the limit of transfer students accepted to 45 per grade level, with a deadline date to apply by May 25, 2018. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

2. Approve Advertising for the 2018 Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Fund.

Mr. Tom Bendy, Treasurer, noted the 2018 Capital Projects Plan and the 2018 Bus Replacement Fund will be published one time in the Plymouth Pilot and the South Bend Tribune on September 12, 2017 upon board approval. Curt Pletcher made a motion to approve advertising the 2018 Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Fund. Bill Groves seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

3. [Approve Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy](#)

Indiana State legislature has mandated school corporations to establish a policy addressing teacher recognition through monetary awards with the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy. This policy must be in place and proof submitted to the state by September 15, 2017. Only those teachers rated “Highly Effective” or “Effective” will receive the award funded by the state. Bob Borlik made a motion to approve the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy, and Dennis Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

4. [Approve the First Reading of NEOLA Policy Revisions Volume 29, No. 2, Special Release July 2017, and Technology Release, Phase II](#)

Christian Mattix made a motion to approve the first reading of NEOLA Policy Revisions: Volume 29, Number 2, Special Release July 2017, and Technology Release Phase II. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

5. 2018 Budget Discussion – Mr. Tom Bendy

Mr. Tom Bendy, Treasurer, led a workshop discussion of the proposed 2018 budget, presenting to the board key highlights of the 2018 budget.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Reese provided a news article to the Board for review concerning sizes of schools and education needs.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 19, 2017 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Johnson called the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held to discuss an employee’s job performance and to discuss collective bargaining. No other business was discussed. The executive session began at 8:30 p.m. and ended at 9:25 p.m.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____

