

## **School Board Meeting – November 6, 2019**

### **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 November 6, 2019, at the John Glenn Administration Office. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Dan Drotar, Christian Mattix, Curt Pletcher, and Dennis Holland. Bill Groves and Bob Borlik were absent. Christopher Winchell, Superintendent, and 10 observers were also present.

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

Walkerton Elementary Recognitions:

The Board was asked to accept the following donation:

- Book valued at \$20 from Mr. Earl Sleek
- Walkerton Elementary had approximately 92% parent attendance at the Parent Teacher Conferences held on October 14 and 15, 2019.
- On Friday, October 25 the Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams held their annual lock-in, raising \$1,065 for the WES basketball programs. Coaches Ryan Reese, Lexia Pearish, and Morgan Eggleston were recognized for organizing the successful event.
- The Summer Reading Fish Fry was held on November 1, 2019. Mrs. Jodi Park was recognized for organizing this event, which raised approximately \$1,500 for the Summer Reading Program.
- Mr. Tim Davis, Principal, reported that WES is in year two of their "Foundations" implementation. This program involves additional training for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers.
- Mr. Davis thanked Mrs. Lisa Sleek and the John Glenn Education Foundation for hosting the Harlem Wizards on October 26, 2019. Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Earl Sleek for donating the book "Is the King Too Small to Play Ball?" written by King Arthur of the Wizards.
- The annual "Owl Prowl" was held for students in Grades 4 through 6.
- Mr. Rich Stauffer was thanked for recently organizing Red Ribbon Week. WES had a great time with each day's activities. A food drive was held during this week and approximately 500 food items and \$348 was donated to the Walkerton Food Pantry.
- Mr. Davis provided to the Board pictures of the third grade project call "Array Cities". Each array represents a multiplication fact.
- Mr. Davis presented pictures to the Board of various activities that have taken place at Walkerton Elementary recently.
- Honor Roll results for the first nine-weeks was presented to the Board for review. Mr. Davis reported that 50% of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, 54% of 4<sup>th</sup> graders, 63% of 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and 35% of 6<sup>th</sup> graders achieved honor roll status.

North Liberty Elementary Recognitions:

- The following students were winners in the "What Does Drug-Free Mean to Me?" contest:
  - *Kindergarten*: Olivia Banicki, William Dent, Lucas King, Olivia Werntz, Ledger Hahn, and Athena Wakeman
  - *First Grade*: Nayomi Riddle, Gabriel Rose, Olivia Ennis, William Whitmer, Nicholas, Aguilar, and BrayLee Lardino.
  - *Second Grade*: Vincenzo Miterko, Annabelle Lee, Jayden Hostetler, Kirsten Snyder, Katelyn Hollopeter, and Gage Peterson.

- *Third Grade:* Victoria Lam, Colton Timm, Colten Dittmar, Isabel Lewis, Ace Hahn, and Gabriella Oakley.
- *Fourth Grade:* Mason Jackson, Mia Rhode, Robert Barker, Katelyn Tiffany, Elyssa Frick, and Levi Litteral
- *Fifth Grade:* Reese Blair, Peyton James, Addison Beatty, Atticus Wakeman, Landon Richie, and Finley Seal.
- *Sixth Grade:* Ajay Brinkhoff, McKinley Platz, Evelyn Kipp, Elden Philson, Sarah Beem, and Gabe Goodsell.
- Winning classes of the Classroom Door Decorating Contest include: Mrs. Amy Strong's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class, Mrs. Burch's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class, Mrs. Yelaska's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class, and Mrs. Houston's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class. The winning classrooms will receive a popsicle party at a future date.
- Cindy Clawson, from WNDU, visited the school on November 6, 2019 and read "The Epic Adventures of Huggie and Stick" to the student body. This visit coincides with "Read Across Michiana" and is one of 183 visits that Ms. Clawson has planned.
- Lauren's Kids curriculum on child sexual abuse prevention has begun at NLES and is co-taught with Mrs. Heiser and the classroom teacher. This is the 2nd year of implementation and is very well received by parents, staff and students. The content is a school-based prevention and personal safety curriculum series to arm students with protective principles and vocabulary to express their feelings and talk to trusted adults.

#### Urey Middle School Recognitions:

The Board was asked to accept the following donation:

- \$200 from Dana and Susan Flora for the Robotics Club
- The Urey Spell Bowl team placed third in district competition on November 5, 2019. The team earned a score of 66/72. There were 4 perfect spellers: Olivia Kalicki, Olivia Foresman, Nina Foresman, and Makayla Laskowski. Near-perfect spellers included Ethan Craft and Aiden Swank. The team worked to memorize a list of 1,625 words. UMS Coach, Wendy Peters, will take the team to the state finals on November 16 at Purdue University.
- The following students were "Caught Doing Good" during October and were rewarded with a special lunch: Russell Barker, Michael Braun, Cheylee Forkner, Bane Fowler, Nathan Kemble, LeAnna Lardino, Rebecca Leffel, Julian McMahan, Timothy Park, Shatner Rensberger, and Trinity Tirota.
- Urey students took part in "Teen Read Week", October 7th through the 14th, by participating in solving a murder mystery in the Media Center. Students followed clues to find the body and get a reward. They also took part in a shredded book contest. Detective stories and mysteries will be highlighted throughout the month of "Teentober". Mrs. Judy Moore coordinated this activity.
- A total of 1,840 items were donated through the UMS Student Council Food Drive and were delivered recently to the Walkerton Food Pantry. Parents, students, and staff who brought in donations were thanked for their generosity. School Counselor, Donia Hudgen, coordinated this activity.
- Urey celebrated National School Lunch Week during the week of October 14 with fun giveaways each day. Mrs. Wendy Flora, Head Cook, and kitchen staff members Mrs. Natasha Scott and Mrs. Donna Erickson, were recognized for making the week enjoyable for the students.
- Urey students participated in Red Ribbon Week with themed dress up days: Crazy socks, mismatched clothes, twin day, and favorite team day were included the effort to remind students of the importance of committing to a drug-free life. School Counselor, Donia Hudgen, coordinated this activity.

#### John Glenn High School recognitions:

The following donations were received:

- \$30 from Jennifer Carr for the Aerial
- \$500 from First Presbyterian Church, Walkerton for Fallween

- \$20 from Austin Foust for the Aerial
- \$50 from Kay Freehauf for the Aerial
- \$250 from John Glenn Education Foundation for the Aerial
- \$10 from Donna Rummel for the Aerial
- \$20 from Adam Tein for the Aerial
- \$500 from Walkerton United Methodist Church for Falloween
- ❖ Wrestling will be hosting the following fundraisers:
  - Online Team Store
  - Cookie Dough Sales
  - Wrestling Camp
- The Falcon Pride Marching Band finished 4<sup>th</sup> at Semi-State. They will perform Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 1:20 p.m. in the State Finals at Lucas Oil Stadium. Mr. William Morton, Principal, noted the last time the Falcon Pride made it to state finals was in 2006. A pep rally will be held on Friday afternoon, November 8, 2019 to recognize this outstanding achievement and cheer on the Falcon Pride.
- Congratulations was given to Head Volleyball Coach Taylor Kalucki on being named the NIC Volleyball Coach of the Year.
- The John Glenn High School Spell Bowl Team competed in the area competition on November 4, 2019. Van Foresman was a perfect speller. The team finished in the center of the State rankings.

Christian Mattix made a motion to approve donations and fundraisers 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 – October 15, 2019 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – 1349 - 1446
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

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

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| a. Avalon Minker   | Instructional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School              |
| b. Mallary Ayala   | Girls' Track Head Coach, Urey Middle School                  |
| c. Sean Carlin     | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade B Basketball Coach, Urey Middle School |
| d. Gail Crone      | Robotics Coach, Walkerton Elementary School                  |
| e. Terresa Younkin | Instructional Aide, Urey Middle School                       |

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

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| a. Jennifer Carey  | English/Language Arts Department Chair, John Glenn High School |
| b. Lori Bolze      | Para-Professional Aide, Walkerton Elementary School            |
| c. Karen Maudlin   | Student Council Sponsor, Walkerton Elementary School           |
| d. Glenda Smith    | Interim Food Service Director, John Glenn School Corporation   |
| e. Lydia Henry     | Custodian, North Liberty Elementary School                     |
| f. Alissa Warner   | Custodian, Urey Middle School                                  |
| g. Wendy Flora     | Head Cook, Urey Middle School                                  |
| h. Rebekah Parsons | Secretary, John Glenn High School                              |

4. Transfer Student Requests

The Corporation currently has 483 Out-of-District Transfer requests for the 2019-2020 school year, including the two new requests listed below.

Alana Delgado NLES/6  
 Anthony Putchio NLES/5

Christian Mattix made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items one through four and Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Appoint Barton-Coe-Vilamaa as John Glenn School Corporation's Facilities Auditor/Planner

Mr. Chris Winchell, Superintendent, noted that he will be meeting with representatives from Barton-Coe-Vilamaa on November 7, 2019 to discuss plans for Phase 1. Mr. Winchell noted that this is the final official step to award Barton-Coe-Vilamaa the RFP. Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve Barton-Coe-Vilamaa as the Corporation's new Facilities Auditor/Planner. Dan Drotar seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve JGEA/JGSC Master Teacher Contract effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

This is a one-year agreement with the John Glenn Education Association. Mr. Winchell noted that minor changes in contract language have been made, \$2,300 will be added to the base salary of all teachers, extra-curricular activities salaries will increase 12%, and there will be a 10% employee incentive stipend for any teachers accepting an extracurricular position. The change to the base salary will be retroactive to July 1, 2019. Christian Mattix made a motion to approve the JGEA/JGSC Mater Teacher Contract as presented, effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

2. Approve Resolution to Donate Three Retired Buses to Walkerton-Lincoln Fire Territory Board

The Corporation has three old buses that have been used for spare parts as needed. However, these three buses no longer have any value. The Walkerton-Lincoln Fire Territory Board asked to use these buses for training fire fighters and bus drivers. Mr. Winchell noted that Mr. Bill Kaminski, legal counsel, prepared this resolution. Mr. Winchell also noted he had communicated with Mr. John McGee, President of the Lincoln Fire Territory Board, and they ready to accept these buses for training purposes. Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the Resolution to donate three retired buses to Walkerton-Lincoln Fire Territory Board. Christian Mattix seconded the motion and the motion passed with a five to zero vote.

3. Permission to explore a Health/Science trip to Britain for Spring Break 2021

Mrs. Kay Freehauf, John Glenn High School Science Teacher, asked permission to explore field trip options for Spring Break 2021. Christian Mattix made a motion to give permission to Mrs. Freehauf and the JGHS Science Department to explore a Health/Science trip to Britain for Spring Break 2021. Dan Drotar seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a five to zero vote.

4. Approve Athletic Trainer Contract Amendment, effective July 1, 2019

This amendment reflects an additional 20 hours of Athletic Trainer Services provided during the summer, and an annual salary share of \$27,000, paid in quarterly installments by the Corporation. Mr. Winchell noted this year's amendment includes additional summer hours that are new to the contract. It was also noted that the salary continues to grow approximately \$2,000 per year. Because of the continued increases, Mr. Winchell suggested the Corporation may want to consider employing a JGSC Athletic Trainer in the future. Lastly, Mr. Winchell stated Mr. Kaminski had reviewed the amendment. Curt

Pletcher made a motion to approve the Athletic Trainer Contract Amendment, effective July 1, 2019. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a five to zero vote.

5. Approve Purchase of 123 Meraki MR42 and MR52 Wireless Access Points for \$45,835.41

Andy Stegemiller asked the Board permission to purchase wireless access points with five-year licenses for use throughout the corporation. Mr. Stegemiller noted the actual cost of this purchase is \$125,207.29, but \$79,371.88 will be paid through the federal e-rate program. A short discussion was held to review the purchase information before Christian Mattix made a motion to approve the purchase of wireless access points and firewall upgrades from Network Solutions, Inc. for \$45,835.41. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a five to zero vote.

## REPORTS

### 1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Chris Winchell, Superintendent, asked Mr. Morton to share a financial summary of Fallween Fest 2019. Approximately \$44,344 was raised for scholarships, and an additional \$5,000 will be received after the upcoming Purdue Glee Club performance in February.

Mr. Winchell next reported that the bond sale was a success, with the Corporation receiving a rate of 1.94%, which is much lower than anticipated.

Andy Stegemiller presented information on the recent eLearning survey sent to students, parents, and staff. The three surveys showed about 80% to 90% in favor of utilizing eLearning days. Board members expressed their support for eLearning. However, the Board and Mr. Winchell noted the overall philosophy that time at school for face-to-face teaching, social, emotional, and nutritional opportunities cannot not be replaced by eLearning. As such, it was the consensus that eLearning should be used sparingly. There was also a sensitivity expressed to the impact of eLearning on employee and parent schedules. A committee has been formed to plan and implement an eLearning protocol.

A discussion was held in reference to the "Red for Ed- Day of Action for Educators". This day of action will be held in Indianapolis on November 19, 2019. Several area schools recently announced closing on this day to allow staff to attend the event. Mr. Winchell noted that he and the Teachers Association had been in conversation about this item for some time. Together they had been making plans to send a delegation of Teachers. With the recent closure of neighboring schools, it has increased our local interest.

After a discussion, Mr. Winchell and the Board expressed adamant support for the Teachers and their efforts to lobby. There was also a commitment expressed to students, parents, and the approved calendar. It was noted that sending a delegation of JGSC Teachers with the full support of the administration instead of closing school would be the direction for this event. The number of attendees would depend upon substitute coverage. However, the Board stated its willingness to consider requests of this nature in the future, especially with more time to plan. There was a common agreement in the conversation that greater legislative support for public education is needed, and the Board and Administrators support the teachers in helping share this message.

### 2. Conference Requests

## BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Jeff Johnson reminded board members of the ISBA Region 2 meeting on November 18 and the ISBA School Law Seminar in December.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 19, 2019 7:00 P.M. Admn Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Holland called the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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