

School Board Meeting – February 18, 2020

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 February 18, 2020, at the John Glenn Administration Office. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Bob Borlik, Christian Mattix, Dan Drotar, and Bill Groves. Curt Pletcher and Dennis Holland were absent. Christopher Winchell, Superintendent, and 14 observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Walkerton Elementary Recognitions:

The following donations were received:

- \$50 from Falcon 500 for Honor Roll incentives
- Miscellaneous school supplies from Walkerton United Methodist Church
- Mr. Davis announced the Summer Reading Program sold 735 carnations for Valentine's Day.
- Dave Lewallen, from Marshall County REMC, presented information about electrical safety to Walkerton Elementary 4th graders. He also spoke about how electricity works and showed students how electricity can cook a hotdog.
- The 6th Grade Girls' Basketball teams participated in the LaVille Pre-Season Tournament on Saturday, February 8, 2020. The 6-B Team won the championship round.
- Mrs. Deb Weller organized the eLearning parent meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020. Approximately 40 parents attended this meeting.
- Mrs. Karen Maudlin and Student Council students provided lunch for staff on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.
- Winners of the recent Book Fair Coloring contest are:
 - Headstart – Lily Griffin and Braxxon Godette
 - Preschool – Ily Brovold and Hazel Ennis
 - Mrs. Ickes' room – Zac Dipert and Braylon Stull
 - Kindergarten – Maisie Mullins and Kinlee Luse
 - 1st – Heather Hall and Leah Brackett
 - 2nd – Peyton Burdick and Amelia Jackson
 - 3rd – Suri Norem and Julian Kellems
 - 4th – Adelia Kissinger and Lillian Turnet
 - 5th – Audrey Ennis and Malitzy Galvez
 - 6th – Anna White and Stephanie Shortt.
- Coach Ryan Reese and Coach David Guseilla took the 5th and 6th grade Girls' Basketball teams to Bethel University on Saturday, February 15, 2020, to watch the Lady Pilots in action. All girls had a wonderful time.

North Liberty Elementary School Recognitions:

The following donations were received:

- \$200 from Falcon 500 for the 3rd Grade Literacy activity
- \$250 from Falcon 500 for the Kindergarten field trip
- The NLES PTO Book Fair was a huge success with an Ice Cream Social on February 11, 2020. The book fair is an exciting opportunity for students to select newly released books. Parents Denise Scott and Amanda Gill organized this event, with other parent helpers assisting as well.

- Ms. Marks' 4th Grade Science class has been learning about the different biomes of our world by creating models with items that are noticed in those areas. A picture was shared with the Board showing the models of tropical rainforests, tundras, woodlands, grasslands and deciduous forests.
- PE Teacher, Cristyn Messick, sponsored a Kids Heart Challenge (formerly Jump Rope for Heart) for NLES. This challenge is a fun and exciting event where students learn about their heart at multiple stations while raising money for the American Heart Association. The students and staff have surpassed their goal of \$2,000 and currently have raised \$2,219.37.

Urey Middle School Recognitions:

- On Saturday, February 8, 2020, Urey choir students traveled to Penn High School to participate in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contest. Students participated in 19 events throughout the day, and had one of the largest groups in attendance. Scores were some of the best in the history of Urey Middle School. Students received 1 bronze, 1 silver, and 17 gold medals. Medal winners are:
 - Bronze: Maralee Wyatt
 - Silver: 8th grade large ensemble
 - Gold:
 - 7th grade ensemble
 - 8th grade small ensemble
 - Soloists: Aubrie Walker, Emma Ernsberger, Emma Helmholdt-Dipert, Emma Knowlton, Gabby Ziolkowski, Grace Hildreth, Lillian Barenie, Abby Cripe, Alexis Mankowski, Ashelie Harman, Bella Godette, Brooklyn Godette, Faith Reynolds, Kelsey Yelaska, Vanessa Meyer
- The Urey Kitchen Staff received a perfect score during the St. Joseph County Department of Health inspection on January 30, 2020. Congratulations to staff members Wendy Flora, Natasha Scott, and Donna Erickson.
- Student Nathan Matanic was named the district winner in the American Legion Americanism and Government Scholarship Test. Nathan and his family were invited to attend a dinner/recognition meeting on February 22, 2020 at the American Legion District Meeting in New Carlisle.
- Jennifer Medich, Theatre Director, spoke with students on February 12, 2020 during the Career Café. Ms. Medich spoke to students regarding careers in performing arts, directing, producing, choreography, lights/sound and marketing for performance arts.

John Glenn High School recognitions:

The following donations were received:

- \$50 from Dennis and Paula Calvert for the Scholarship Fund, in memory of Lloyd Meyer
- \$200 from CK Concrete Construction for Baseball
- \$295 from Kona Ice Michiana for Falloween
- \$100 from Brian and Therese Schmeltz for Drama
- \$100 from Jack Tejcek for Drama
- Congratulations to Band students who earned medals at ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest on February 1, 2020. Students in John Glenn Schools earned 55 Gold medals and four Silver medals. 37 Ensemble members and three soloists earned their way to the ISSMA State Solo and Ensemble Contest on February 29, 2020. Those students earning medals at the ISSMA contest include:

Ivan Alvarez	Kraig Alvarez	Connor Arick
Bobby Blankenmyer	Eric Blankenmyer	Zach Brown
Wyatt Carteaux	Ian Clanton	Jose Diaz
Corey Dillion	Donivan Donihue	Keegan Donlon
Abbie Elsing	Connor Fort	Hayden Franklin
Trace Gibson	Brad Hardwick	Ryleigh Kepperling
Daniel Knabe	Ian Knowlton	Josh Knowlton
Jenna LeRose	Stuart MacKenzie	Izzy Matthews
Daniel Perez	Kevin Rivera	Gabby SmGirlsith

Anabelle Stremme Matthew Tibbs Joey Valentiny
Cassie VanOverberghe Sadie Walker Mackenzie Werntz
Ernest Villa

- The Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association presented a Victory Club Award to Coach John Nadolny at their annual banquet on January 19, 2020 in Indianapolis. Coach Nadolny won his 500th game during the 2019 season when the Falcons posted an 18-11 record during his 25th year of coaching high school baseball.
- Special recognition was given to the Boys' Basketball Team for winning the TCU Bi-County Championship. The team has won this tournament two years in a row. Rob Porter was named MVP of the Bi-County Tournament.
- NIC Academic All-Conference Student Athletes for winter sports are:
 - Girls Basketball: Abby Machnic, Kasadie Johnson, Raegan Romer, Julianne Wilk, and Riley Gean
 - Boys' Basketball: Khori Barker
 - Wrestling: Melachi Wright – Honorable Mention All NIC Conference
- Falcon Robotics made their debut on February 8, 2020, at Plymouth High School's robotic competition. The team finished qualification rounds with a record of 4-2 with a ranking of 19th out of 48 teams. At the end of team selection for the tournament, they were the 14th ranked team out of 16 teams, which drew the 3rd ranked team leading to a first round loss in the tournament. Team members are Bryce Dittmar, Derick Bers, Jose Diaz Jr., Katharine Klinedinst, Landon Sinnott, Robert Blankenmyer, Skyler Ernsberger, William Brinkoff, and Jacob Murphy.
- On February 15, 2020, the Speech Team competed in a tournament at Bethany Christian High School. Elisabeth Klinedinst finished 6th in Drama and Sydney Worthington finished 4th in Informative Speaking.

Bill Groves made a motion to approve donations and fundraisers as presented and Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – February 4, 2020 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 121 - 257
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Retirements/Resignations

- a. Reed Kipp Head Football Coach, Urey Middle School

Appointments/Transfers

None presented at this meeting.

4. Leave of Absence Request – Employee #1977

Bob Borlik made a motion to approve consent agenda items 1 - 4 and Bill Groves seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Purchase over \$10,000 for Phone System Upgrade

Andy Stegemiller, Technology Director, requested board approval for the purchase of a new phone system for the corporation. The current phone system, which is outdated, will not last much longer. Mr. Stegemiller obtained three quotes for the Board's review. His recommendation is to purchase from ENA at an upfront cost of \$21,980, with a monthly cost of \$1,918.51. Mr. Chris Winchell, Superintendent, noted that Treasurer, Tom Bendy, has already worked the cost of the new phone system in the budget. A

short discussion was held before Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the purchase of a new phone system for the Corporation from ENA for \$21,980 upfront costs and \$1,918.51 monthly charges. Bill Groves seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

2. Approve Purchase over \$10,000 for Special Purpose Bus

Marie Fansler, Transportation Director, requested approval for the purchase of a “special purpose” bus from Midwest Transit Equipment for \$50,559. This is a 2018, 14-passenger bus with a gasoline engine. Mr. Winchell reviewed specs with the Board before Bill Groves made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2018, 14-passenger bus from Midwest Transit Equipment for \$50,559. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

3. Approve JGHS Speech Team Overnight Trip to Noblesville on Friday, March 13, 2020

Speech Team Sponsor, Jennifer Moore, asked for approval of this tentative request in the event the team makes it to the state finals, which will be held on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14, 2020. The finals will take place in Fishers, Indiana. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the Speech Team overnight trip to Noblesville on Friday, March 13 2020. Dan Drotar seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Winchell reported the following:

- Mr. Winchell noted that John Glenn High School will have a two-hour delay for Juniors and Seniors on March 10 and April 15 due to state testing for Freshman and Sophomores. This delay provides a quiet testing atmosphere for students.
- Mr. Winchell provided an update on the North Liberty walking trail construction. The trail will run behind the North Liberty Elementary campus.
- Barton-Coe-Vilamaa met with Mr. Winchell, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Bendy this week to discuss their Phase 2 proposal. A final draft will be provided to the Board at a future meeting.
- The Indiana State Teachers Association President will visit John Glenn School Corporation on Friday, February 21, 2020. The President will be in the area attending the ISTA Northern Advocacy Conference at Swan Lake.
- Mr. Winchell discussed Senate Bill 425 with the Board. This bill proposes a pilot program for townships wishing to de-annex from their current school corporation to join another school corporation.

2. Conference Requests

3. Conference Report

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

No comments were shared at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 3, 2020 7:00 P.M. UMS Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Christian Mattix called the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

PRES. _____

SEC'Y. _____
