

School Board Meeting – December 6, 2011
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 December 6, 2011 in the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Tom McCormick, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Mike Daube, Curt Pletcher, Janice Ryan, and Bill Groves. Superintendent, Richard Reese, and ten observers were also in attendance. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by school board president Jeff Johnson.

RECOGNITIONS

Tim Davis, Principal of Walkerton Elementary School, thanked Mr. Hostetler and the WES Student Council for their efforts in the food drive held before Thanksgiving break. The food drive brought in over 1,000 items that were donated to the Walkerton Food Pantry. The following students were congratulated for being winners in the Miller's Merry Manor coloring contests: Helen Guseilla, Tara Woods, Andrew Whitmer, Magali Saldana, Blake Malstaff, Ian Knowlton, Taylor Cuskaden, Cali Geers, and Ashleigh Bolze. WES's Adopt-A-Family Program resulted in 47 families being adopted for a total of 144 children being served with this program.. Everyone who adopted a family was thanked. Fifth and sixth grade students entered the Greene Township Lion's Club International Peace Poster Contest. Riley Groves was the winner and will attend a dinner in January where she will receive her \$50 first place prize. Colt Hensley and Lily Drzewiecki received honorable mentions. The board was asked to accept a donation of \$100 from Green Township Lion's Club for the WES Peace Pole project. The board was invited to the annual WES Christmas program on Thursday, December 8, 2011.

Janet Carey, Principal of North Liberty Elementary School, thanked the sixth grade team for their efforts in raising \$376.21 to donate to Hope Rescue Mission. The donation provided a wonderful Thanksgiving to 181 people. Chris Houston and the NLES Student Council visited Miller's Merry Manor on Sunday afternoon, December 4, 2011 to play bingo. The residents enjoyed interacting with the students and prizes were handed out. The Student Council recently wrapped up its Food Drive and all items collected were donated to the Walkerton Food Pantry. Hope DeHoff will receive \$50 from the Greene Township Lions Club for its International Peace Poster Contest. Hope and her parents were invited to a dinner on January 26th where the prize will be handed out. Maddison Ziolkowski received an honorable mention. The NLES fifth grade A & B tournament will be on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. The NLES Winter Program, *A Penguin Christmas*, will be presented by fourth, fifth, and sixth graders on Thursday, December 15, 2011.

Mark Maudlin, Principal of Urey Middle School, congratulated eighth grader Hunter Kruszewski for winning the Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest. She was the UMS and district winner and will continue to the State Competition. Hunter will receive a \$50 prize. The runner-up was seventh grader Summer Lindsey. Seventh grader Mike Witkowski competed in the Grand National Cross Country Motocross Championship in Tennessee. Mike won in his class of 12-13 year olds and the division of 14-15 year olds which included racers from around the world. UMS students of the month are as follows: seventh graders Kayla Perry and Matt Applegate; and eighth graders Chelsi Groves and Anthony Borrelli. The National Honor Society organized a clothing drive during the month of November. Over 600 clothing items were donated by students and staff to be donated to local families in need. On Thursday, December 8, 2011 students caught being good will be recognized with pizza and pop during lunch. Those students are as

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve NLES Turnaround Site Plan

The school board was provided with three site schemes of possible solutions to the traffic issue at NLES. Scheme G1 provided a looped turnaround for buses and approximately 50 additional parking spaces. Scheme G2 proposed a median for two-way traffic in the parking lot and approximately 50 additional parking spaces. Scheme H extended the parking area at NLES so that it connected to Wolff Street with traffic flowing one way and provided approximately 50 additional parking spaces.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Janice Ryan, seconded by Bill Groves, to approve site scheme H in an amount not to exceed \$990,000. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dual Credit Discussion – Dan Drotar

Dan Drotar provided the board with a packet of information regarding dual credit opportunities at JGHS. The advanced placement (AP) and dual-credit courses allow students to enroll in courses that provide them college level work. The courses challenge students to improve academic skills, expand knowledge and comprehension, and gain a respect for independent learning. Students are able to earn college credits if the score is high enough on exams. College Board personnel grade the exams and submit the results to students' preferred college.

2. Approve Amendment to Transfer Tuition Fees

The transfer tuition amount is estimated at the beginning of the school year. Occasionally a student requests transfer into JGSC after the ADM count. The superintendent is recommending that students enrolled after the ADM be charged 25%, 50%, or 75% of what the state reimbursement would be based on the quarter in which he or she enrolls.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mike Daube, seconded by Bill Groves, to approve the transfer tuition amendment. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

3. Approve Maternity Leave – Katy Fleck

Katy is an instructional aide at NLES. Her approximate maternity leave will start on December 9th and her estimated return will be between February 29 and March 2, 2012.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Janice Ryan, to approve the maternity leave for Katy Fleck. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent reported that he will provide the board a report on natural gas purchases. The corporation currently goes through a consortium (NEC) to purchase natural gas. The report will include

money saved through the use of this combined purchasing power. There is a School Law Workshop on Friday, December 9, 2011 in Indianapolis with Mr. Reese and three board members planning on attending.

2. Conference Requests

3. Conference Reports

The school board was provided with a listing of conference requests and reports.

BOARD COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Tom McCormick expressed concern for buses with Mercedes engines. The oil in those buses can be tested to look for any potential problems. Cindy King, Director of Transportation, will follow up with our mechanics to investigate this situation.

Jeffrey Johnson chaperoned a UMS dance and commended the work of UMS staff. The JGSC board votes in library board members for the LaPorte County Library.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

December 8, 2011 – Christmas Music Program at 7:00 p.m.

December 11, 2011 – JGHS Christmas Concert at 2:00 & 4:30 p.m.

December 22, 2011 through January 3, 2012 – Christmas Break, No School

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 6, 2011 7:00 p.m. WES Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of School Trustees of the John Glenn School Corporation met in executive session at 8:10 p.m. on December 6, 2011 for the purpose of discussing job performance evaluation of individual employees. Board members present were Tom McCormick, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Mike Daube, Curt Pletcher, Janice Ryan, and Bill Groves. Superintendent, Richard Reese was also in attendance. No other matters were discussed. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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