

School Board Meeting – November 15, 2011
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 15, 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, recognized the WES Spell Bowl Team as it will be traveling to NLES on November 17, 2011 to compete in the elementary version of the Hoosier Spell Bowl. The WES sixth grade basketball B team was congratulated for winning its first game against LaVille at the LaVille Pre-Season Tournament. The team lost to a very good Bremen team in the championship game. Everyone who helped make Veteran's Day a success at WES was thanked and are as follows: Vicky Tucker for organizing the program and providing a banner with a square from each classroom to the veterans; Cathy VanDuyne for leading the school in the National Anthem; Rosana Balmer for leading the school in the Pledge of Allegiance; and Commander Harl Shafer from VFW Post 1954 in North Liberty and the 12 veterans present to share the day with WES. Miller's Merry Manor was thanked for inviting the kindergarten class to trick-or-treat. All three classes, plus Miss Rizek's moderate class and Mrs. Snyder's pre-school class, went to Miller's Merry Manor and each student returned with candy to take home. The WES PTA and third grade teachers were recognized for providing dinner during parent-teacher conferences. The board was asked to accept a donation of \$127.50 from the Flacon 500 Club for the Music Department. Niko Demonte was congratulated for being a winner of WSBT's "Sketch the Sky." Niko's picture was aired in October and he will travel to WSBT on November 18th with a guest for a celebration honoring all winners.

Janet Carey, Principal of North Liberty Elementary School, asked the board to accept the donation of \$250 from North Liberty Chapter O.E.S. No. 290 for the Children's Emergency Fund. Darlene Bell was recognized for producing a heartfelt Veteran's Day Program. There were 57 veterans who attended the program, including a WWII vet. Each veteran was presented with a certificate from their child or grandchild and the students sang several songs under the direction of Cathy Burnett. The VFW provided a 21 gun salute. Mrs. Melanie Heiser has organized the Lucky Shamrocks, a group of retired community members who mentor a second grade child every Tuesday over lunch hour. The students and Lucky Shamrocks met for the first time last week. On Thursday, November 17th, NLES will host the IASP Spell Bowl Competition in the gym beginning at 5:00 p.m. The board was provided with a letter to NLES students from Mrs. Heiser congratulating everyone on a successful Red Ribbon Week, congratulating winning classes for the most number of animal shelter items collected, and announcing locker competition winners.

Mark Maudlin, Principal of Urey Middle School, congratulated the Urey Spell Bowl Team for competing in Class 2 at the State Spell Bowl Competition. This is a move to a higher class based on enrollment numbers and UMS was competing against schools with over 650 students enrolled. The team placed fifth. Mrs. Francie Beville, Mr. Damon Groves, Mrs. Jill Groves, Mrs. Donia Hudgen, and Mr. Seth Ponder were recognized for coordinating a Reality Store Program for eighth graders in the spring. Students will select a career with a predetermined salary and experience real life by having taxes taken out of the

salary. They will also buy or rent a house or apartment, purchase a car, insurance, clothes, groceries, phones, etc. with the goal to simulate living on a budget and real world adult experiences.

William Morton, Principal of John Glenn High School, asked the board to accept the following donations: \$100 from Falcon 500 for wrestling; \$100 from Falcon 500 for girls' JV basketball; \$30 from Barry's Photography for drama; \$200 from Greene Township Lions for Fall-O-Ween; \$20 from Fanco LLC for the Aerial; \$50 from K. Kanfantaris for the Aerial; \$75 from Gerry & Deborah Brown for the Aerial; \$50 from John Small Insurance for the Aerial; \$80 from Falcon 500 for the Aerial; \$25 from Brian Eberhart DDS from the Aerial; and \$20 from Yoder Sports Center for the Aerial. The John Glenn Spell Bowl team was congratulated for earning the Division 2 State Spell Bowl Championship. The spellers won with a score of 84 out of 90, with the next closest score being 75. The team had four perfect 9/9 spelling rounds from Elly Alexander, Miranda Kafantaris, Kim Lord, and Holly Rowe. There were six near perfect spelling rounds of 8/0 from Jake Coday, Gabby Marek, Erin Patterson, Cole Jacobson, Ann Heckman-Davis, and JJ Silvey. This is John Glenn's 16th State Championship in the last 25 years and the teams third in Division 2. All fall sports have concluded and winter sports have started. The girls' basketball team had its home opener last week and the boys' basketball team starts next week. Wrestling starts Saturday with a JV Tournament at West Noble. The Fall Play, "A Christmas Carol" will be presented this weekend featuring 49 students from grades seven through twelve. General admission is \$6 at the door and the show is at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dennis Holland, seconded by Janice Ryan, to approve donations as stated. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – October 18, 2011 - Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – 1376 – 1429
3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Resignations/Retirements

- a. Megan Mackowiak, JGHS, JV Volleyball Coach
- b. Merly Mears, JGHS, Varsity Volleyball coach
- c. John Huffman, WES, 5th Grade Boys' B Team Basketball Coach

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Randy Schmeltz, UMS, 8th Grade Girls' A Team Basketball Coach
- b. Rick Podell, WES, 5th Grade Boys' B Team Basketball Coach
- c. Gary Strong, UMS, 7th Grade Boys' A Team Basketball Coach
- d. Chris Lawler, UMS, 7th Grade Boys' B Team Basketball Coach

- e. Will Groves, NLES, Reassigned from 6th Grade Boys A Team to 5th Grade Boys' A Team Basketball Coach
- f. Steve Morris, NLES, Reassigned from 5th Grade Boys A Team to 6th Grade Boys' A Team Basketball Coach
- g. Wes Walls, NLES, 6th Grade Boys' B Team Basketball Coach
- h. John Schmidt, WES, 6th Grade Boys' A Team Basketball Coach
- i. Randi Rudynski, WES, 6th Grade Cheerleading Coach
- j. Bob Stout, JGHS, Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach
- k. Meredeth Monserez, NLES, Title I Aide - Maternity Leave for Katy Fleck

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mike Daube, seconded by Bill Goves, to approve consent agenda items one through three. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve Board Policies and Bylaws

0160 Meetings

Policy 0161 contains a section titled "consent agenda," 0166.1 which requires the board to take action on purchases over \$2,000. Board policy 6320, "purchasing," which is included in your packet, states that the board needs to take action on purchases over \$5,000 and is currently what the board practices. To prevent conflicting statements, the item in policy 0160 will be removed referencing the need for board action for purchases over \$2,000.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Janice Ryan, seconded by Bill Groves, to approve board bylaw and policy 0160. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Plan for NLES Media Center Renovation and Turnaround

Dana Wannemacher from Barton Coe Vilamaa provided the board with three different approaches to the turnaround at NLES and the media center projected layout. Layout G1 created a loop and approximately 50 additional parking spaces that would eliminate three of the five tennis courts. Scheme G1 has an approximate cost of \$380,000. G2 would provide a rectangle turnaround and also approximately 50 additional parking spaces with the elimination of three tennis courts. G2 would create two lanes of traffic both flowing one way and its approximate cost is \$260,000. Layout H would create a driving loop that would connect with the street and also create approximately 50 additional parking spaces and eliminate three tennis courts. Scheme H would cost approximately \$420,000. The media center would include a new entry way, eliminate the current stair step area, and add lower level shelves for all elementary students.

2. Public Hearing Regarding Additional Appropriation

The public hearing was opened and no patrons stepped forward to speak. Randy Rompola from Baker and Daniels explained the process. On the board agenda for approval was the bond resolution authorizing an amount up to \$990,000. The resolution also set the parameters for the bond. The maximum interest rate is set at 6%. The appropriation resolution and it is appropriating the bond for the new project. A public hearing is required along with a notice that was previously published. The public hearing was closed.

3. Approve a Resolution of the John Glenn School Corporation Appropriating the Proceeds (Together with Investment Earnings Thereon) Derived from the Sale of General Obligation Bonds Heretofore Authorized

The appropriation resolution is in an amount not to exceed \$990,000.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Janice Ryan, to approve a Resolution of the John Glenn School Corporation Appropriating the Proceeds (Together with Investment Earnings Thereon) Derived from the Sale of General Obligation Bonds Heretofore Authorized. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

4. Approve a Resolution of the John Glenn School Corporation Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds of the John Glenn School Corporation in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$990,000) to Procure Funds to be Applied to the Cost of Certain Renovations at North Liberty Elementary School, Together with Expenses Incidental Thereto, Including Expenses in Connection with Issuance of such Bonds

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After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Mike Daube, to approve the Resolution of the John Glenn School Corporation Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds of the John Glenn School Corporation in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$990,000) to Procure Funds to be Applied to the Cost of Certain Renovations at North Liberty Elementary School, Together with Expenses Incidental Thereto, Including Expenses in Connection with Issuance of such Bonds. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent attended the spell bowl competition at Purdue University where the JGHS team won the state competition. Coach Paul Hernandez was complimented for his excellent coaching. The superintendent and principals attended an employee discharge workshop presented by the ISBA.

2. Conference Requests

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

BOARD COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Mike Daube congratulated Mr. Hernandez and the spell bowl team. Mr. Jeff Johnson reminded the board that the meeting on December 6, 2011 is at WES. There is also an ISBA seminar on Friday, November 18, 2011.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

- November 17, 2011 – NLES & WES Spell Bowl at NLES, 5:00 p.m.
- November 18, 2011 – JGHS Fall Play, 7:30 p.m.
- November 19, 2011 – JGHS Fall Play, 7:30 p.m.
- November 20, 2011 – JGHS Fall Play, 2:00 p.m.
- November 24-25, 2011 – Thanksgiving 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 November 15, 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 9:00 p.m.

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