

School Board Meeting –October 18, 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 October 18, 2011 in the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Tom McCormick, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Janice Ryan, Mike Daube, and Bill Groves. Curt Pletcher was absent. Superintendent, Richard Reese, and eleven 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, congratulated the WES volleyball team for placing first in the annual sixth grade volleyball tournament. The team finished the season at 6-2. Deb Mosson was recognized for her efforts in organizing Red Ribbon Week. On Monday students and staff wore camouflage as they were encouraged to “win the war against drugs.” Tuesday’s theme was “give drugs the slip” and students and staff wore slippers. The different themes will continue throughout the week and prizes are given away every day along with other activities. The students and staff of WES were thanked for their donations to a family of a second grade student that experienced a house fire. The total donation amount, which included proceeds from Frozen Friday was \$414.50. The board was asked to accept the following donations: \$85 for WES cheerleading; and \$80 for the Moderate Classroom.

Janet Carey, Principal of North Liberty Elementary School, asked the board to accept the donation of \$717.29 from the NLES PTO to pay for half of the new volleyball uniforms. NLES had 16 girls participate in volleyball this year with Kara Kaser and Addie Baker serving as coaches. The girls showed wonderful improvement throughout the season and finished the season with a second place finish in the championship game. Allie Holland coached cross country with the girls finishing fourth and the boys second at the conference. The North Liberty Fire Department held an essay writing contest and the firefighters visited NLES to announce the winners and pass out apples to students. NLES is hosting Red Ribbon Week with a different theme every day.

Mark Maudlin, Principal of Urey Middle School, asked the board to accept the following donations: six blenders valued at \$86.28 from Richard and Darlene Cooley for FACS; and \$250 from Richard and Cathy Reese for the Business Club. Kim Giese, Vonna Holderread, Becky Kretchmer, and Carrie Wilton were recognized for receiving a perfect report from the St. Joseph County Health Department during an inspection on October 3, 2011. Donia Hudgen and the SADD Board of Directors were thanked for leading Red Ribbon Week.

William Morton, Principal of John Glenn High School, asked the board to accept the following donations: tents for Fall-O-Ween valued at \$1,500 from R & B Car Company; and \$50 from St. Patrick’s Church for choir. The Spell Bowl Team competed in the Regional Spell Bowl contest with a score of 71 out of 90. Kim Lord was a perfect speller with the following students having near perfect spelling: Gabby Marek, Cole Jacobson, Holly Rowe, and Elly Alexander. The team qualified for the State Spell Bowl for the 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. JGHS is in Division II. The cross country team finished third at the Conference with Luke Runyan finishing 11<sup>th</sup> overall in sectionals when he qualified for regional. Coach Carrasco was congratulated for a successful season. The volleyball sectional begins October 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. when the Lady Falcons take on South Bend St. Joe at Plymouth. On Friday, October 21, 2011 John Glenn will host the first round of sectional football playoffs against Hammond Gavit High School at 7:30 p.m. The

Falcon Pride performed at Chesterton High School on October 15, 2011 in ISSMA Regional Competition and received a Gold rating and qualified for the Semi-State Competition. The music department kicked off its annual cheese and sausage fundraiser with sales lasting through November 1, 2011 and deliveries the week of Thanksgiving. The First Edition and Rhythm Express were invited for Christmas performances for the Epsilon Chi Tri Kappa on December 1, 2011 and for the Walkerton United Methodist Church Family Night on December 4, 2011.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Tom McCormick, seconded by Bill Groves, to approve donations as stated. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – September 20, 2011 - Regular Session

Jeffrey Johnson, School Board President, requested some changes be made to the September 20, 2011 minutes under new business item 7, Review NLES Project. In the third paragraph he requested the word would be changed to could. He also requested that in the last line the following be added: "...in some board members' opinions..."

2. Approve Claims – 1223 – 1293

3. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Resignations/Retirements

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- a. Amanda Christy, WES, Title I Aide
- b. Lonnie Shetler, NLES, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' B Team Basketball Coach
- c. Randy Schmeltz, UMS, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' A Team Basketball Coach
- d. Bryan Stull, WES, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' A team and Girls' A Team Basketball Coach
- e. Stephen Underwood, UMS, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' B Team Basketball Coach

Appointments/Transfers

- a. Ashley Stephens, NLES, Before and After Aide
- b. Elizabeth Tucker, WES, Before and After Aide
- c. Holly Klopfenstein, NLES, Before and After Aide
- d. Annette Tysver, WES, Before and After Aide
- e. Rusty Borrer, UMS, Assistant Football Coach

4. Transfer Tuition

- a. Antonio Smith, JGHS, Grade 9

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Janice Ryan, seconded by Bill Groves, to approve consent agenda items one through four. The motion was approved by a five to one vote with Mike Daube abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Overnight Trip for FFA National Convention – October 19 – 21, 2011

Twelve FFA members are requesting to travel to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis from October 19 – 21, 2011. Hannah Klopfenstein has been chosen to compete in the National Finals for Dairy Handlers Activity on Thursday, October 20, 2011.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mike Daube, seconded by Tom McCormick, to approve the overnight trip for the FFA National Convention on October 19 – 21, 2011. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote

2. Approve Overnight Trip for FFA Soil Judging Finals – October 27 – 29, 2011

The soils team would like to travel to Martinsville, IN to compete in the Indiana FFA State Soils Finals from October 27 – 29, 2011. This will be over fall break, so students will not be missing out on classes. This is the third consecutive year that the John Glenn team has qualified for the state finals soil judging. The team members are as follows: Betta McGaughey, Haley Verhaeghe, Victoria Morey, and Savhana Ciula. Alternates are Gretchen Keen and Alacyn Cox.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Tom McCormick, seconded by Bill Groves, to approve the overnight trip for the FFA Soil Judging finals on October 27 – 29, 2011. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

3. Review and Approve NLES Renovation

The school board was provided with six options for proposed additions at NLES along with reroute options for the drive. The options and respective prices are as follows: Option A, \$1,170,000; Option C-1, \$1,127,000; Option C-2, \$1,077,000; Option D, \$1,370,000 which also includes \$50,000 for the canopy cost; Option E, \$1,303,000; and Option F, \$1,180,000. Tom McCormick suggested that eight classrooms be added similar to scheme C-2 and that the rooms be moved over slightly. This would also include the addition of restrooms. The architect is going to take the information from the board and rework some of the drawings for the board to review.

The recommendation was made to renovate the media center and do the turnaround this year and add classrooms next year. Waiting for the addition of the classrooms would allow for more feedback. The approximate cost for the media center renovation is \$150,000 and for the turnaround is \$100,000 to \$150,000.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Mike Daube, to approve the renovation of the media center and the turnaround at NLES using General Obligation Bonds for

funding. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote. A motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Mike Daube, to table the approval of the renovation to NLES adding classrooms. The motion was approved by a six to zero vote.

#### 4. Future School Board Meeting Locations

The first board meeting of the month, starting in December, will be held at the school buildings as listed below.

- a. Dec. - WES
- b. Jan. - NLES
- c. Feb. - JGHS
- d. March. - UMS

### REPORTS

#### 1. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent reported on the proposed culinary arts program. He met with Janice Ryan, Dennis Holland, and Ed Winchell to tour the building. Investors are being sought and the initial start-up would cost approximately \$250,000. There was a survey performed at JGHS regarding the culinary arts program and there appears to be a strong interest in the program. The superintendent is going to set up a tour of the bakery facility for the entire board in the near future.

The ISBA Fall Region 2 meeting is on October 19, 2011 at Christo's in Plymouth.

#### 2. Conference Requests

#### 3. Conference Reports

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

### BOARD COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Dennis Holland reported on the Building Trades house being built on Quince near the intersection with Sycamore Road for Jameson Brown. There are 21 students participating in the program this year.

Jeff Johnson announced upcoming seminars including a 90 minute seminar in Indianapolis on October 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the impact of Charter of Schools in Indiana after a decade. Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> in Plymouth is the ISBA Employee Discharge Workshop. Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> is the ISBA Current Issues in Education seminar. Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> is the School Law Seminar for the ISBA in Indianapolis.

### UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 1, 2011 7:00 p.m. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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