

## **School Board Meeting – August 21, 2012 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 August 21, 2012, in the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Dennis Holland, Curt Pletcher, Bob Borlik, Jeff Johnson, and Tom McCormick. Janice Ryan and Bill Groves were absent. Also in attendance were Richard Reese and 14 observers. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Dennis Holland.

### RECOGNITIONS

Tim Davis, Principal of Walkerton Elementary, asked the Board to accept the following donations: \$52.50 for the Recycling Committee, and \$25.00 for Attendance incentives from the Falcon 500 Club; School supplies from Tyner United Methodist Church, Walkerton United Methodist Church, Miller's Merry Manor, Mrs. Linda Parker, and Tyner Rebekah Lodge. Mr. Davis had several recognitions which included thanking students and staff for a great start to the new school year, thanking Mrs. Harasewicz, Mrs. Richardson, Vicky Tucker, Ryan Reese, Ann Ring, and Cindy King for helping with registration. Mr. Davis went on to mention the new health program being presented to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade by the Purdue University Extension Office, and the WES Preschool. All tuition spots for the preschool are full and there is a waiting list for next year.

Randy Romer, North Liberty Elementary Principal presented his donations and recognitions next. Mr. Romer asked the Board to accept the following donations for the summer reading program: \$200 from 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank, \$100 from Shannon Stuart, \$100 from Steven Court, \$500 from TCU, and \$125 from Edward Christian Dining. Donated school supplies were received from the following: North Liberty Church of the Brethren, Miller's Merry Manor of Walkerton, Carol Holderbaum, and North Liberty Church of Christ. Mr. Romer recognized James Philson and the North Liberty Police Department for assisting with car duty.

Recognitions for Urey Middle School were presented by Mr. Morton, Principal of John Glenn High School. The Board was asked to approve a \$1000 donation given to the Kogiones family to help offset medical costs for Izzy Kogiones. Recognition went to Andy Stegemiller, Jim Houser, and Brooke LaBere for all of the work that has gone into preparing the 1:1 program. Kim Giese and staff were also recognized for their work at the Open House on August 16<sup>th</sup>, with 125 people attending.

Will Morton, Principal of John Glenn High School, asked the Board to approve a donation of \$175 from the Falcon 500 Club for Girls Golf. Mr. Morton noted that the fall athletic season is off to a good start, and pre-sale tickets for Fallween will be sold over the next two weeks.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS – Transfer Tuition Discussion

Richard Reese spoke to the Board and observers about the cost of transfer tuition over the past six years. Mr. Reese distributed information that had already been presented at the August 7, 2012, meeting, to help explain the tuition costs. Darlene Flora, Corporation Treasurer, explained to all present how the calculations for transfer tuition are made. Mrs. Flora emphasized that the tuition costs are calculated with a State formula. Jeff Johnson stated that although he sympathizes with the parents of transfer tuition students, he does not feel that the Board can eliminate transfer tuition at this time. Mr. Reese made a recommendation to keep transfer tuition as it is for this year.

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – August 7, 2012 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claim #959
3. Personnel Recommendations

### **Retirements/Resignations**

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|----|----------------|--|
| a. | Felicia Batman | Teacher’s Aide, Walkerton Elementary                         |
| b. | Joel Paschen   | Soccer Assistant Coach, JGHS                                 |
| c. | Lindsay Ennis  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach, Walkerton Elementary |
| d. | Renee Sheaks   | Before & After Care Aide, North Liberty Elementary           |
| e. | Jeanna White   | Cheerleading Coach, Walkerton Elementary                     |

### **Appointments/Transfers**

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| a. | James Kabay       | Assistant Girls’ Soccer Coach, JGHS                            |
| b. | Judy Moore        | Title One Para-Professional, Walkerton Elementary              |
| c. | Joy Hensley       | Title One Para-Professional, Walkerton Elementary              |
| d. | Paula Pearson     | Title One Para-Professional, Walkerton Elementary              |
| e. | Chuck Bowen       | Moderate Room Para-Professional, Walkerton Elementary          |
| f. | Amber Mattke      | Para-Professional, Walkerton Elementary                        |
| g. | Earl Sleek        | Substitute Custodian, Urey Middle School                       |
| h. | Wendy Peters      | Spell Bowl Coach, Urey Middle School                           |
| i. | Austin O’Conner   | Cross Country Coach, Urey Middle School                        |
| j. | Leann Bope        | Before & After Aide, Walkerton Elementary                      |
| k. | Randi Davis       | Before & After Aide, North Liberty Elementary                  |
| l. | Karen Dreibelbeis | Pre-School Aide, Walkerton Elementary                          |
| m. | John Huffman      | Home-Bound Teacher, Walkerton Elementary                       |
| n. | Christin Hannah   | Home-Bound Teacher, Walkerton Elementary                       |
| o. | Sarah Rice        | Moved to Senior Class Co-Sponsor                               |
| p. | Connie Fansler    | Junior Class Co-Sponsor  |
| q. | Geoff Jankowski   | Moved to Sophomore Class Co-Sponsor<br>Student Council Sponsor |
| r. | Matt Johnson      | Moved to Sophomore Class Co-Sponsor                            |

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| s. | Julie Parent      | Moved to Freshmen Class Sponsor           |
| t. | Pat Crone         | Varsity Club Sponsor                      |
| u. | Kurtis Foster     | Weight Room Sponsor                       |
| v. | Melissa Knizner   | Before & After Aide, Walkerton Elementary |
| w. | Morgan Kafentaris | Before & After Aide, Walkerton Elementary |

Richard Reese explained that we are not adding new positions, but rather filling empty positions. Mr. Reese noted that three Aides have resigned to take teaching positions in South Bend.

#### 4. Transfer Tuition

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| 1. | Dustin Miller   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade, North Liberty Elementary |
| 2. | Gillian Kennedy | 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade, North Liberty Elementary |
| 3. | Vada Kennedy    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade, North Liberty Elementary |
| 4. | Nate Blodgett   | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Urey Middle School       |

After a brief discussion, a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1 – 4 was made by Jeff Johnson, and seconded by Bob Borlik. The motion was approved with a vote of five to zero.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Approve Affidavit for Payment.

Richard Reese and Curt Pletcher explained to the Board that the affidavit is a “Trusting Fee”, which is an annual fee imposed by US Bank for the maintenance of the Urey bonds.

A motion to approve the affidavit for payment was made by Tom McCormick, seconded by Jeff Johnson, and passed with a vote of five to zero.

##### 2. Falcon Pride Band Trailer

Dan Bladow, President of Falcon Price Band Boosters, asked the Board to donate \$3,000 toward the purchase of the new band trailer. Mr. Bladow stated that the new trailer cost \$8,500; the old trailer was sold for \$2,500, leaving a balance of \$6,000. Richard Reese informed the Board there are sufficient funds in the construction account to cover the \$3,000 donation.

A motion to donate \$3,000 towards the purchase of the Falcon Pride Band Trailer was made by Curt Pletcher, seconded by Jeff Johnson, and passed with a vote of five to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report – Enrollment numbers

Richard Reese spoke to the Board about past and current enrollment numbers. Last year, we had 1794.5 students enrolled. This year, we will be funding approximately 1,810 students. The official ADM count will take place on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Mr. Reese recognized Cindy King for her hard work coordinating the bus routes this year. Several of the routes changed and there was some confusion on the first day of school. Thanks to the efforts of Cindy King and the bus drivers, the bus routes are now running smoothly.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Tom McCormick asked the board to consider action to correct the crossing area at the intersection of Georgia Street and John Glenn Drive. Mr. McCormick noticed the lack of sidewalks at the mentioned intersection, and the confusion that sometimes ensues as the high school students try to cross the street.

Jeff Johnson asked the Board to look at the lighting situation along the new drive at North Liberty Elementary. Mr. Johnson noticed that there is a dark area along the drive that may be a safety issue at some time. A brief discussion ensued concerning the logistics of adding additional lighting to the drive.

Jeff Johnson asked the Board to nominate a Legislative Liaison for the ISBA Fall Seminar on September 24 and 25. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Randy Romer presented a brief slide show detailing the construction occurring at North Liberty Elementary School.

Richard Reese reminded Board members about the deadline for petitioning to be on the November ballot. The deadline to file the paperwork is August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Dennis Holland called the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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