

## **School Board Meeting – December 18, 2012 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 18, 2012, in the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Janice Ryan, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Tom McCormick, Bob Borlik, and Bill Groves. Curt Pletcher was absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 18 observers were also present.

RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Cathy VanDuyne was thanked for organizing the wonderful Christmas program at Walkerton Elementary School, performed on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Board was asked to accept \$95 in donations collected at the program. The annual Adopt-A-Family program helped 48 families, with 145 children, this year; Tyner UMC donated hats and gloves for students who may need these items during the winter months; Tri Kappa recently donated school supplies for the students. Recognition was given to the Falcon 500 Club, WES, Ed Erickson, and Ron Harasewicz for their monetary donations and donations of time to the Caps/Lids project. A new “recycled” bench in the front hallway is the result of all their time and effort. The Board was asked to accept donations from WES PTA for \$100 towards the school bench program, and a donation from Falcon 500 Club for the drum program. A letter from a supportive parent in reference to the Newtown, Connecticut tragedy was read to the Board.

Urey Middle School recognized 7<sup>th</sup> graders Alexis Rose and Cole Sarber for being selected as Outstanding Students of the Month for December. Frank Shenemen and Brooke La Bere, along with the Urey Volunteers Club, were recognized for collecting approximately 350 personal care items which were delivered to the Homeless Shelter in South Bend. The Urey Student Body and staff collected 304 toys and \$20 in cash for the Student Council’s yearly toy drive. These toys will be delivered to local families to help make their holidays a little brighter. Urey Staff adopted three families this year through the Adopt-a-Family program.

William Morton, Principal of John Glenn High School asked the Board to accept the following donations for John Glenn High School: Sharon Strieter, \$50 – Drama; George & Mary Turner, \$50 – Drama; St. Stanislaus Kostka Altar & Rosary Society, \$100 – Drama; United Methodist Women, \$100 – Drama. In sports recognitions, the Girls JV and Varsity teams are having a great season. The Varsity team’s record is 8-1, and the JV team’s record is 9-0.

A motion to accept the donations was made by Jeff Johnson and seconded by Tom McCormick. After a brief discussion, the motion was passed with a six to zero vote.

Mr. Reese presented Roger Hamilton, of Hamilton’s Service Center, with a plaque recognizing 25 years of outstanding service to John Glenn School Corporation. Mr. Hamilton has provided service for the corporation busses over the past 25 years, and the corporation has received many compliments from the State Police for the excellent condition of our fleet. Several Board members recognized Mr. Hamilton for the fine service he and his employees provide.

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – December 4, 2012 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – # 1520 - 1587
3. Personnel Recommendations

### **Retirements/Resignations**

1. Daniel Drotar      Girls' Soccer Coach, John Glenn High School
2. Randi Davis      Before and After Program, North Liberty Elementary

Bill Groves made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 - 3, Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a six to zero vote.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Daniel Drotar – AP Program Presentation

Mr. Drotar recently attended a workshop to learn more about the AP/Dual Credit courses. Mr. Drotar shared this information with the Board, in addition to presenting testing results from last year's AP/Dual Credit classes. Mr. Drotar also presented information on the current AP/Dual Credit Classes offered and additional classes that are being considered for next school year. Mr. Drotar invited two recent John Glenn graduates, Elly Alexander and Kirsten Brown, to speak about the benefits they received by taking AP classes in high school. Both young ladies felt that they were better prepared for college, compared to their peers, by being able to take college-level courses while still in high school.

2. Qualified Entity Purchase Agreement

This agreement is a reduction in the interest rate of the severance bonds. This rate was re-negotiated and JGSC will now be paying less in interest over the life of the bond.

A motion to accept the Qualified Entity Purchase Agreement was made by Bill Groves and was seconded by Jeff Johnson. Darlene Flora, Treasurer, explained to the Board how the refinance process works. A short discussion was held, and the motion passed with a six to zero vote.

### REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Richard Reese stated that there are concerns with the funding level of the General and Transportation Funds. Mr. Reese gave a brief overview of the two funds, how they are funded, and what expenses are drawn from these funds. Mr. Reese stated that he wanted to make the Board aware of his concerns about proper funding of these two areas of the budget. Darlene Flora then explained to the Board all the factors affecting the two funds. A discussion ensued by the Board to consider options and alternatives to resolving these issues.

Mr. Reese provided to the Board a copy of a letter issued to parents on Monday, December 17, 2012, concerning the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut. The letter addressed John Glenn School Corporation's continued concern for our student's safety. A discussion was held concerning the tragedy, and safety within the John Glenn School Corporation.

Mr. Reese notified the Board that the Administration Building will be closed on December 24, 25, and 31, 2012, and January 1, 2013 in observance of the holidays. Also, on January 21, 2013, school *will be* in session due to a fog cancellation on November 21, 2012.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Janice Ryan highlighted the email that she forwarded to all Board members concerning a letter she received from a patron concerning his willingness to assist on any school safety committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 15, 2012 7:00 P.M. WES Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Janice Ryan called the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 p.m. The Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussing litigation “that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing”. Nothing else was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

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