

## **School Board Meeting – January 15, 2013 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 January 15, 2013, at Walkerton Elementary School. Board members present were Janice Ryan, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Tom McCormick, Bob Borlik, Curt Pletcher, and Bill Groves. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 21 observers were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Walkerton Elementary Student Council. After the Pledge, the students presented to the Board a few highlights of their accomplishments and future goals.

### OATH OF OFFICE

Jeff Johnson, Curt Pletcher, Tom McCormick, and Bob Borlik were sworn into office by Notary Public, Lisa Sleek.

### REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PRESIDENT Dennis Holland

Jeff Johnson nominated Dennis Holland for President, seconded by Curt Pletcher. The motion to elect Dennis Holland as President was approved by a six to zero to one vote, with Dennis Holland abstaining.

VICE PRESIDENT Curt Pletcher

Tom McCormick nominated Curt Pletcher for Vice President, seconded by Jeff Johnson. The motion to elect Curt Pletcher as Vice President was approved by a six to zero to one vote, with Curt Pletcher abstaining.

SECRETARY Bob Borlik

Janice Ryan nominated Bob Borlik for Secretary, seconded by Tom McCormick. The motion to elect Bob Borlik as Secretary was approved by a six to zero to one vote, with Bob Borlik abstaining.

TREASURER Darlene Flora

Janice Ryan nominated Darlene Flora for Treasurer, seconded by Jeff Johnson. The motion to elect Darlene Flora as Treasurer was approved by a seven to zero vote.

DEPUTY TREASURER Carol Kuzmicz

Bill Groves nominated Carol Kuzmicz as Deputy Treasurer, seconded by Jeff Johnson. The motion to elect Carol Kuzmicz as Deputy Treasurer was approved by a seven to zero vote.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Jeff Johnson

Curt Pletcher nominated Jeff Johnson for Legislative Liaison, seconded by Bill Groves and Bob Borlik. The motion to elect Jeff Johnson as Legislative Liaison passed with a six to zero to one vote, with Jeff Johnson abstaining.

JGSC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Janice Ryan

Curt Pletcher

Bill Groves nominated Janice Ryan for the JGSC Technology Committee, seconded by Bob Borlik. The motion to elect Janice Ryan to the JGSC Technology Committee passed with a 7-0 vote. Tom McCormick nominated Curt Pletcher to the JGSC Technology Committee, seconded by Bill Groves. The motion to elect Curt Pletcher to the JGSC Technology Committee passed with a six to zero to one vote, with Curt Pletcher abstaining.

JGHS ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Bill Groves

Curt Pletcher nominated Bill Groves to the JGHS Athletic Council, seconded by Jeff Johnson. The motion to elect Bill Groves to the JGHS Athletic Council passed with a seven to zero vote.

HIGH ABILITIES COMMITTEE

Tom McCormick

Curt Pletcher nominated Tom McCormick to the High Abilities Committee, seconded by Bill Groves. The motion to elect Tom McCormick to the High Abilities Committee passed with a seven to zero vote.

REGULAR MEETING DATE AND TIME

First and Third Tuesday of Every Month, 7:00 p.m.

Tom McCormick made a motion to keep the regular meeting date and time at the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Janice Ryan. The motion to keep the meeting date and time at the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. passed with a seven to zero vote.

BOARD SALARY

\$2,000 Annually

Janice Ryan made a motion, seconded by Bill Groves, to keep the School Board salary at \$2,000 annually per member. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

SCHOOL ATTORNEY

Faegre, Baker, Daniels, LLP

Bill Groves made a motion, seconded by Janice Ryan, to approve the appointment of the law firm of Faegre, Baker, Daniels, LLP, as legal counsel for the John Glenn School Corporation. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPER/S FOR  
PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES FOR  
SCHOOL CORPORATION

Plymouth Pilot

South Bend Tribune

Janice Ryan made a motion to designate the Plymouth Pilot and the South Bend Tribune as the newspapers for publishing legal notices for the John Glenn School Corporation. The motion was seconded by Jeff Johnson, and was approved by a seven to zero vote.

## RECOGNITIONS (WES, NLES, UMS, JGHS)

Walkerton Elementary Custodians Jeanna White, Becky Bolze, and Lisa Lindsley were recognized for work done during winter break. The WES PTA hosted Santa's Secret Christmas Shop again this year. This event is beneficial to the students in several ways, and continues to be a huge success. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Honor Rolls were presented to the Board. The Kindergarten classes recently won the Box Tops contest; Mrs. Riggs and Mrs. Walker were thanked for organizing the contest. Mrs. Tina Romine recently donated a telescope, pair of binoculars, camera, as well as a few other items, to be used as rewards for first semester perfect attendance. Lastly, Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Monica Morris were thanked for their donation of a child's bicycle, also to be used for attendance incentives.

North Liberty Elementary Summer Reading Program is the recipient of WNDU/Martin's Super Market One School at a Time \$1,000 Grant. WNDU interviewed students and teachers at the school; the interview will be aired on January 16, 2013 at 5:40 p.m. Mr. Romer recognized Amy Weiss and Gale Brinkoff for their strong leadership in the Summer Reading program. Upcoming events at North Liberty Elementary include the first home game for Girls Basketball on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30; Science Fair on January 23<sup>rd</sup>; Stephen's Puppets Program, January 28<sup>th</sup>; and K-6 Language Arts Textbook Caravan on January 29<sup>th</sup> in South Bend.

8<sup>th</sup> Graders Sheyenne Auer and Mason Hatfield were selected as Outstanding Students of the Month for December; UMS received a check for \$58.50 from Box Tops for Education. Eight students were "Caught Doing Good" during the month of December and will be rewarded with a lunch of pizza and pop. Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball A teams, who won their NSC contests on Saturday, January 12, 2013.

Donations to John Glenn High School were received from Falcon500 Club, \$50 for the Media Center, Theresa VanOverberghe, \$500 to Choir; and TCU, \$1000 to Choir. Girls' Basketball is currently ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the State in the 3A division. The wrestling team has won two tournaments: the Knox Super Dual and the Wawasee Super Dual; they are currently 24-4. The Academic Decathlon team will compete on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, and the December Student of the Month is MJ Philson, son of Jim & Kim Philson of North Liberty.

A motion to accept the donations was made by Tom McCormick and seconded by Bob Borlik. After a brief discussion, the motion was passed with a seven to zero vote.

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – December 18, 2012 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – # 1588 – 1651 & 1 - 22
3. Personnel Recommendations

### **Appointments/Transfers**

1. Ashley Dohner Winter Assistant Cheerleading Sponsor, JGHS – stipend \$450
2. Earl Sleek Temporary Custodian, UMS
3. Amanda Gill Part-Time Data Manager, UMS
4. Amanda Smith Kindergarten Aide, WES

### **Retirements/Resignations**

1. Seth Ponder Boys' Soccer Head Coach, JGHS
2. Bryan Stull JV Softball Coach, JGHS
3. Chuck Bowen Resource Room Aide, WES

Bill Groves made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 - 3, Janice Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a seven to zero vote.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement – Curt Pletcher, Jeffrey Johnson, Dennis Holland, and William Groves

The Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements were signed by the above mentioned Board Members.

2. Organize Board of Finance by Electing a President, Secretary, & Review of 2012 Investments

President Dennis Holland Secretary Bob Borlik

Jeff Johnson made a motion, seconded by Bill Groves, to elect Dennis Holland as President of the Financial Board and Bob Borlik as Secretary. Dennis Holland was elected as President of the Financial Board and Bob Borlik, Secretary, by a seven to zero vote.

3. Approve Transfer of Appropriations of General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Transportation Fund

The superintendent stated that the budget is prepared 18 months in advance and Treasurer, Darlene Flora, does a great job anticipating how to allocate funds and keeping the amount of funds that need transferred to a minimum. Darlene Flora provided a brief explanation of the process involved with transferring appropriations.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill Groves, seconded by Jeff Johnson, to approve the transfer of appropriations of the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Transportation Fund. The motion was approved by a seven to zero vote.

4. 2013 Costa Rica Trip – Spanish Class (Spring Break)

This New Business item has been put on hold until the February 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

5. Stipends for Support Staff

Richard Reese explained that this is a one-time stipend calculated at 1-1/2% of the base salary of support staff. A discussion was held concerning employees that have not completed their first full year of employment and their eligibility for the stipend. Dennis Holland recommended holding a discussion next year prior to any request for stipends.

A motion was made to approve the Stipends for Support Staff by Bill Groves, seconded by Jeff Johnson, and the motion passed with a seven to zero vote.

6. F.M.L.A. Leave for Olivia Hurley

Olivia Hurley, part-time custodian at Urey Middle School, requested a Family Medical Leave of Absence for six weeks following the birth of her child. Bill Groves made a motion to approve the F.M.L.A. leave for Ms. Hurley. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of seven to zero.

## REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Reese provided the Board with zoning information regarding the new senior housing development in North Liberty.

Mr. Reese also reported on changes in the summer school structure for 2013. The high school will hold their first session starting on June 3 and ending June 28. The class times will run from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The second session will be for grades K – 8, with some additional high school classes being offered as well. The second session will run from July 15 to August 2, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bill Groves voiced his concern over the class times of the second session.

Mr. Reese asked Darlene Flora to discuss the 2013 Budget Order for 2013. Mrs. Flora provided the board with information on the Fund Report for 2013. A discussion was held concerning the Budget; Curt Pletcher explained alternative options that may be utilized in the future to help meet the budget.

Mr. Reese provided an update on the Intermodal Group. Promotional DVDs of John Glenn Schools will be provided to new prospective employers in the Kingsford Heights area. Janice Ryan stated that the John Glenn School Corporation is a big attraction for this intermodal development.

Mr. Reese and Mr. Davis attended a Safety Meeting at the Marshall County Sheriff’s Department over winter break. Mr. Davis is the Safety Specialist for John Glenn School Corporation. Mr. Reese gave a brief summary of the meeting, and told the Board Members he would be willing to discuss safety issues at a future board meeting. Dennis Holland asked Mr. Reese and the administrators to meet and discuss future safety options; Curt Pletcher asked for a summary of any possible expenses that may be needed to upgrade security.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Jeff Johnson provided information about the upcoming ISBA seminar on Collective Bargaining.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 5, 2013 7:00 P.M. JGHS Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Holland called the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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