

## **School Board Meeting – November 19, 2013 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 November 19, 2013, at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Jeff Johnson, Dennis Holland, Janice Ryan, Bill Groves, Bob Borlik, and Tom McCormick. Curt Pletcher was absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 8 observers were also present.

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

Thursday, November 21, 2013, the WES Spell Bowl Team will travel to North Liberty to compete in the Elementary version of the Hoosier Spell Bowl. Ms. Vicky Tucker was recognized for her efforts in organizing the Veteran's Day program at Walkerton Elementary. A check for \$616.49 was presented to the Ladies Auxiliary for the creation of an "Honor Park". Mrs. Laizure's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class donated the most money for this project. Miles Distributing donated ceramic tiles valued at \$250 to the Art Department recently. The WES PTA held a Parent Night on Friday, November 15, 2013. The theme was "Family Reading Experience" and the event was well-attended. Mr. Hostetler and the WES Student Council recently held a food drive for the Walkerton Pantry. Many items were collected and delivered to the Walkerton Food Pantry on Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

The Greene Township Lions Club recently donated dictionaries to all North Liberty 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Lion Ruth Shearer, Lion Stephen Eddy, Lion Rick Holm, and Lion Keith Shearer presented the dictionaries on November 8, 2013. WNDU Channel 16 Reporter Kate Chappell visited North Liberty Elementary on November 7 to report on several activities being conducted at NLES to support Veterans and Active-Duty military members. The news story can be seen on the WNDU website at [www.wndu.com](http://www.wndu.com). Mrs. Darlene Bell's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students have become pen pals with soldiers in Kuwait. Mrs. Bell's daughter is stationed in Kuwait, and has sent the students several letters, Kuwaiti coins, and a memorial coin. NLES parents and student council members were thanked for their recent efforts collecting canned goods for needy families. On November 18, Eric Tamashasky, St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department, spoke with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. The topic was "Keeping Your Children Safe in the Digital World", and dealt with social media issues. North Liberty Elementary will be hosting and competing in the Regional Spell Bowl competition to be held on November 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Congratulations went to Mrs. Wendy Peters and the Urey Spell Bowl Team for bringing home the Division 3 State Championship on Saturday, November 16, 2013. Members of the team who traveled to Purdue University include: Ashley Jones, Ashley McKesson, Brianna Helminger, Delaney Patterson, Isabel Cochran, Jay Nimon, Kylie Rhodes, Lydia Henry, and Tristan Carrasco. The team correctly spelled 67 out of 72 words correctly. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> State Championship Urey has earned in the last eight years. DeJah Pompey has won the Lions' Club Peace Poster Contest and Miranda Wolfe placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the contest. The St. Joseph County Health Department recently visited the UMS kitchen for an inspection. Mrs. Kim Giese, Head Cook, and her staff had no violations in the report.

The Board was asked to accept two donations for the Drama department: \$25 from Eric Pressel, and \$25 from Dogwood Designs. On November 16, 2013, the JGHS Spell Bowl Team brought home their 18<sup>th</sup> Spell Bowl Championship. The JGHS spellers captured the Division 2 Spell Bowl State Championship with a score of 87/90 words spelled correctly. This was the team's sixth year in a row to win the state title. Earning perfect scores of 9/9 were Erin Patterson, Jahna Amaguer, Cole Jacobson, Ryan Arick,

Jennifer Almaguer, Joel Hadden, and Anna Dennie. Near perfect spellers, with a score of 8/9, were Jacob Kickbush, Holly Rowe, and Riley Patterson. Alternates on the team were Jordan Maure, Mason Strycker, Elizabeth Wilks, Maddy Piedra, Taylor Winkel, Billy Harness, and Aubrey Houser. The fall play, Arsenic and Old Lace, will be performed on November 22, 23, and 24, 2013.

A motion to accept the donations as listed was made by Jeff Johnson, and seconded by Tom McCormick. The motion passed with a six to zero vote.

#### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 4

1. Approve Minutes – November 5, 2013 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – # 1467 - 1541
3. Personnel Recommendations

#### **Retirements/Resignations**

- a. [Kailyn Sanchez](#) Title One Aide, North Liberty Elementary
- b. [Laina Niedbalski](#) Music Department Aide, UMS & JGHS

#### **Appointments/Transfers**

- a. [Gary Strong](#) Freshman Basketball Coach, John Glenn High School
- b. [Caleb Hadden](#) Transfer from Boys' Freshman Basketball Coach TO Boys' JV Basketball Coach, John Glenn High School
- c. [Earl Sleek](#) Weight Room Supervisor, John Glenn High School
- d. [Bill Snyder](#) Part-Time Mini-Bus Driver, Walkerton Elementary
- e. [Kathy Peterson](#) Bus Aide, Walkerton Elementary
- f. [Brianna Schmidt](#) Title I Aide, North Liberty Elementary
- g. [Amber Mattke](#) Sub-Teacher for Maternity Leave, Kindergarten, WES
- h. [Tracy Blount](#) Substitute Aide (for Amber Mattke), WES
- i. [Emily Winchell](#) 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheer Sponsor, WES
- j. [Christin Hannah](#) Home-Bound Instructor, UMS
- k. [Holly Mitschelen](#) Accompanist to the Vocal Music Teacher, JGHS

#### 4. Transfer Tuition

Braidyn Shenenberger Grade K - NLES

A motion to accept Consent Agenda Items 1 - 4 was made by Janice Ryan, and seconded by Bob Borlik. The motion passed with a six to zero vote.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. EMCOR Services Presentation

A PowerPoint presentation by Vince Beasley and Brian Walker of EMCOR Construction Services was shown to the Board. Mr. Beasley gave an introduction of the company and its services, followed by Mr. Walker, who explained the technical aspects of the proposed construction work suggested for North Liberty and Walkerton Elementary Schools. Replacement lighting, installing additional insulation, and replacing ceilings in specific classrooms at NLES and WES were construction items considered. A discussion was held to consider the proposed ideas, but no vote was taken. The discussion will continue at future board meetings.

##### 2. Accept FMLA/Maternity Leave – Ann Riggs

A motion to approve the FMLA/Maternity Leave for Ann Riggs was made by Jeff Johnson and seconded by Bill Groves. The motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

3. Accept FMLA/Maternity Leave – Shelly Gladura

A motion to approve the FMLA/Maternity Leave for Shelly Gladura was made by Bill Groves and seconded by Bob Borlik. The motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

4. Discussion of 2014-2015 Corporation Calendar

A short discussion was held concerning next school year’s calendar. Mr. Reese noted that the 2014-2015 Calendar is similar to the current school year calendar. However, since the dates for the Falloween Festival have not been set, there may be some changes to make before the calendar is approved.

5. Discussion of 2015-2016 Corporation Calendar

Mr. Reese presented information on a “Balanced Calendar” which has been requested for review by all area J.E.S.S.E. schools. A short discussion was held concerning the pros and cons of changing to a balanced calendar, but no action was taken. The discussion will continue at future board meetings.

REPORTS

- 1. Superintendent’s Report  
No new items reported
- 2. Conference Requests
- 3. Conference Reports

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Several Board Members commented on the fine Veteran’s Day programs hosted by John Glenn High School, Walkerton Elementary, and North Liberty Elementary. WNDU Channel 16 provided news coverage for all three programs.

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 3, 2013 7:00 P.M. NLES Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Holland called the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of School Trustees of the John Glenn School Corporation met in executive session at 8:45 p.m. The executive session was held for the purpose of discussing individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction; nothing else was discussed. The meeting ended at 10:15 p.m.

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