

## **School Board Meeting – May 6, 2014**

### **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 on May 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Dennis Holland, Janice Ryan, Jeff Johnson, Bob Borlik, Curt Pletcher and Bill Groves. Tom McCormick was absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and 10 observers were also present.

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

Jorjia Ayers, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, and Aubrey Pittman, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, recently competed in the annual Pilot News Spelling Bee. While neither student won the Bee, WES was very proud of their efforts. The WES fourth, fifth, and sixth grade music students will present their spring music program on Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. On Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the WES PTA will be holding their first Fun Fair. The Board was asked to accept the following donations: Falcon 500 donated \$75 for LOL Club, \$50 for Kindergarten field trip, and PTA donated \$100 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade field trip.

The Board was asked to accept the following donations from Falcon 500: \$30 for the Kindergarten field trip, \$25 for the Summer Reading program, and \$75 for Resource headphones. The Board was also asked to accept a donation from Interior Finishes Inc., who donated carpet for the teacher's lounge. NLES and WES Student Council Community Service raised \$1,063.30 for Riley's Children's Hospital. SAPA donated \$500 toward the Riley's donation in memory of Bobbi Nyari. The Indiana State Police thanked JGSC and NLES for allowing them to use the NLES facilities to host the Indiana Police K9 Practical. Mr. Romer provided the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks honor roll for board review. Recognition was given to the Technology Staff and Mrs. Cummings for coordinating the ISTEP testing schedule. Jessica Heeren, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher, was voted the NLES Teacher of the Year for 2013-2014. The Indiana Department of Transportation awarded the Town of North Liberty with \$560,830 for the Tamarak Trail Project, which will provide a safe walking trail from Potato Creek Crossing to the elementary school.

Urey Middle School recently received the following donations: Falcon 500 - \$195.30 for Presidential Physical Fitness Awards, \$72.50 for an Athletics Guest Speaker, and \$10 toward the cost of the new scoreboard. Congratulations went to Cindy Isenbarger and Frank Sheneman, who were chosen by their peers as Urey's Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year. Urey's Students of the Month for April are 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Maya Kharga and Kollen Ross, and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Sarah Moonen and Tucker Ennis. Students of the Month for May are 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Abigail Houser and Bryce Whitmer, and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Kelsey Clady and Alex Ross. The following students were "Caught Doing Good" during the month of April and will be rewarded with a lunch of pizza and pop: Brandon Becker, Madaline Hummel, Dylan Long, Harlee Mark, Freeman Patterson, and Riley Rhodes. The UMS Kitchen Staff were recognized for having a violation-free Health Department inspection on April 17<sup>th</sup>. A total of 625 items were donated to the Urey food drive during their yearly Student Council food drive. Urey Middle School Business Club and Student Council received a letter of thanks from the Walkerton Police Department for their donation of \$500 to the K-9 program. Mr. Maudlin thanked 30 volunteers from the community who helped with the "Envision the Future" event this year. This program helps 8<sup>th</sup> graders gain a glimpse of what their lives may be in the future based on the choices they make now and in the future.

John Glenn High School was recently ranked by the US News and World Report as the 17<sup>th</sup> best high school in the state, out of over 400 high schools. This is a great accomplishment and achievement that is

possible because of the excellent teaching staff at JGHS, accompanied by a wonderful student body. In athletics, Michael Schmeltz was selected as an Academic All-State player for football, Hunter Schuman broke the JGHS school record for shot-put, and Luke Runyan broke the record for the 1600 meter run. The service organization “The League of Extraordinary Falcons” spent five hours canvassing Koontz Lake, Walkerton, and North Liberty on April 19<sup>th</sup> and collected over 1,000 items for the Walkerton Area Food Pantry. Congratulations were given to Mr. Franklin Sheneman for his leadership and to the League members for their fine acts of service. Three juniors have been chosen to attend Hoosier Boys’ State in June. Kevin Auman, Connor Burns, and Adam Palmer will be attending the event, which will be held June 15 – 21 at Trine University in Angola, Indiana.

A motion to accept the donations as stated was made by Jeff Johnson and seconded by Janice Ryan. The motion was passed with a six to zero vote.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – April 14, 2014 – Regular Session
2. Approve Claims – # 522 - 601
3. Personnel Recommendations

#### **Retirements/Resignations**

- a. Jared Egger                      5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, North Liberty Elementary School  
Asst. Varsity Coach, Boys’ Basketball, John Glenn High School
- b. Denny Hummel                    Head Custodian, North Liberty Elementary School, 24 years at JGSC
- c. Diana Nance                      Before & After Aide, North Liberty Elementary School
- d. Pamela Kaiser                    Secretary, Urey Middle School, 21 years at JGSC
- e. Angel Kaiser                      Instructional Aide, North Liberty Elementary

#### **Appointments/Transfers**

- a. Will Groves                        Reassigned from Assistant Golf Coach to Head Golf Coach, UMS
- b. Cole Jacobson                    Before & After Aide, Walkerton Elementary School
- c. Leanne Runyan                    Secretary, John Glenn High School

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 3, and Bob Borlik seconded the motion. The motion passed with a six to zero vote.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Second Reading – NEOLA Policy Revisions

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| 0150    | Organization (Bylaws) – Revised                                    |
| 1630.01 | Family & Medical Leaves of Absence (“FMLA”) – NEW                  |
| 1662    | Anti-Harassment – NEW  |
| 3362    | Anti-Harassment – Revised  |
| 3419.01 | Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans              |
| 3430.01 | Family & Medical Leaves of Absence (“FMLA”) – Revised              |
| 4362    | Anti-Harassment – Revised  |
| 4419.01 | Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans - Revised    |
| 4430.01 | Family & Medical Leaves of Absence (“FMLA”) – Revised              |
| 5111    | Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for... - Revised |
| 5517    | Anti-Harassment – Revised  |
| 5517.01 | Bullying – Revised   |
| 5630.01 | Use of Seclusion and Restraint with Students – Revised             |
| 6144    | Investment Income – Revised  |
| 6151    | Bad Checks and Uncollectable Debts – Revised                       |
| 7217    | Possession of Firearms and Weapons by Visitors – Revised           |

7510.01 Use of Corporation Physical Fitness Facilities – NEW  
8510 Wellness - Revised

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the Second Reading of the NEOLA Policy Revisions as presented. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

2. Approve Purchase over \$5,000 – Computers for Project Lead The Way (PLTW)

A short discussion was held before Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the purchase of 24 computers for Project Lead the Way in the amount of \$14,880. Bob Borlik seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

3. Approve Purchase over \$5,000 – PLTW Power/Data Updates

Mark Maudlin answered questions from the Board concerning the future technology needs for Project Lead the Way. Bob Borlik then made a motion to approve the purchase for the PLTW power/data updates to be provided by Michiana Contracting at a price of \$5,920. Dennis Holland seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

4. Accept Invitation to Join the Northern Indiana Conference

A short discussion was held before a motion was made by Bob Borlik to accept the invitation to join the Northern Indiana Conference. Curt Pletcher seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. President Bill Groves commented on the fine opportunity presented to John Glenn students by joining the NIC.

5. Approve JGHS After-Prom Trip to Great America Park in Illinois

Mr. Reese and Mr. Morton provided highlights to the Board concerning the prom and after-prom activities. Curt Pletcher made a motion to approve the JGHS after-prom trip to Great America Park. The motion was seconded by Jeff Johnson, and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

6. Approve 2014 Common School Loan Application

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the 2014 Common School Loan Application, and Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. Mr. Reese provided details concerning the application process, noting that it may or may not be approved by the State. The motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

7. Approve Resolution for 2-Day Pay for Classified/Non-Certified Employees

Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the resolution for the two-day pay for non-certified staff members. Bob Borlik seconded the motion. Several board members commented on the issue and emphasized they did not want to establish a precedent for the future. It is the board's hope that this is a good compromise for all involved. The motion was passed with a vote of six to zero.

8. Approve Resolution for the Purchase of Gift Cards for High School Staff

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the purchase of gift cards for the high school staff, and the motion was seconded by Curt Pletcher. Richard Reese explained the process required by the State for buying gift cards, which includes approving a resolution and having all staff receiving a gift card sign their name. The motion was approved with a vote of six to zero.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report

a) Darlene Flora – IASBO’s “School Business Official of the Year”

Darlene Flora, Treasurer/Business Manager will be honored at the IASBO Conference in French Lick, Indiana, on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Flora has been named the IASBO Region 2 “School Business Official of the Year”.

b) DLGF News Release

The Indiana Department of Local Government Finance announced on April 28 that all 92 counties issued property tax bills on time for the first time since 2001. This is great news for the corporation, as this means that funds payable to the school corporation will be received from LaPorte, Marshall, and St. Joe counties in a timely fashion.

c) Tennis Court Discussion

A lengthy discussion was held to discuss which company the board will choose to work on the tennis courts. It was decided that Barton, Coe, & Vilamaa will be invited to attend the next board meeting to answer any questions the board may have.

2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Jeff Johnson asked the board to consider offering two more days of pay to employees who did not have the opportunity to make up time during the extended days. The other five board members present stated that they felt a compromise had already been reached and were not inclined to offer any more compensation.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 20, 2014 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Groves called the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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