

## **School Board Meeting – October 21, 2014 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 on October 21, 2014 at the John Glenn Administration Building. Board members present were Dennis Holland, Jeff Johnson, Tom McCormick, Janice Ryan, and Bill Groves. Curt Pletcher and Bob Borlik were absent. Richard Reese, Superintendent, and three observers were also present.

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

Recently the WES kindergarten classes traveled to the Lincoln Township fire station where they were shown the trucks, all students received hats, and all were instructed on fire safety. The Polk Township firefighters came to the elementary school on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, and spoke to all students in grades K-6. This year they also held a coloring contest for grades K-2 and an essay contest for grades 3-6. Winners were presented with a \$25.00 gift card to Moonies in Plymouth. Winners were: Santiago Salinas, Melany Raygoza, Danielle Divine, Helen Guseilla, Haley Halsey, Emma Egger and Dominic Pranger. WES had 240 students with perfect attendance for the first 9 weeks. Each child received a perfect attendance button which many are still wearing proudly. WES had an attendance rate of 97.52% for the first 9 weeks. The WES 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball team defeated Knox in the first round of the volleyball tournament on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, but then lost to LaVille in the championship round. WES Student Council members for the 2014-15 school year are: McKenzie Hudgen, Maya Vermillion, Olivia Baldwin, Melachi Wright, Abby Neff, Cynthia Galvez, Chloe Martin, David Shinkle, Kambri Scott, Arisa Bajer, Will Baldwin, Vinnie Jordan, and Sydney Pugh. The Outdoor Sensory Playground's Dedication was held on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

North Liberty Elementary received a donation from PTO of \$2,000 to purchase Cheer uniforms for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Recognition went to the NLES Food Service Staff for receiving no violations from the St. Joseph County Health Department inspection recently. The NLES Volleyball season came to an end as the team completed their season. The "A" team ended their season with a record of 6-4 and the "B" team finished 5-3. North Liberty town sidewalks along Mill St. are complete with some minor clean up needed. This town project will provide a safe route as students walk to and from school.

Urey Middle recently received the following donation to be used for Business Club Activities: Richard and Cathy Reese - \$250.00. Congratulations to Claire Heying (7<sup>th</sup>) and Rheese Adamson (2<sup>nd</sup>) for placing at the Cross Country NSC meet at LaVille on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Kim Giese and her cafeteria staff for receiving a Perfect Health Department Inspection on October 10, 2014.

The Board was asked to accept the following donations to John Glenn High School. Drama: Carl & Joanna Dreessen, \$150; Arlen Holderread, \$50; Tom & Rosie Morgan, \$50; Roger & Shirley Hamilton, \$250; Glenn & Lori Jacob, \$100; Creekside Home & Lands, \$100; Jerolyn & Dale Fansler, \$50; Richard & Cathy Reese, \$250; John & Nancy Turner, \$250; Jeff & Tracy O'Connor, \$250; and Beth Schmeltz, \$250. The following donations are for Falloween: Lifetouch, \$250; R & B, \$2,000 (Fireworks Sponsor), Kaser Realty, \$400 (Entertainment Sponsor), Walkerton Chamber of Commerce, \$250 (Parade Sponsor), and Preferred Auto, \$250. The Falcon 500 Club donated \$150 to the FCCLA – Baby Think It Over program and \$100 to the Falloween Children's Parade. Epsilon Chi Tri-Kappa donated \$50 to the Aerial, \$50 to Band, \$50 to the Theatre, \$50 to Yearbook, \$50 to the Vocal department, and \$50 to the Academic Decathlon.

Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the recognitions and donations as listed and read, and Janice Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #1 – 3

1. Approve Minutes – October 7, 2014 – Regular & Executive Session
2. Approve Claims – # 1440 - 1520
3. Personnel Recommendations

### **Retirements/Resignations**

- a. Tamie Pudlo Girls' Tennis Head Coach, JGHS
- b. Barbara Strahm Instructional Aide, WES (21 years with JGSC)
- c. Dawne Cowgill Bus Driver, JGSC, (12 years with JGSC)

### **Appointments/Transfers**

- a. Richard Snyder Director of Dramatic Productions, Director of Musical Productions  
Stage Manager/Set Designer, JGHS

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 3, and Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a five to zero vote.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve 2015 Budget as advertised
  - a. General Fund
  - b. Debt Service Fund
  - c. Exempt Debt Service Fund
  - d. Exempt Retirement/Severance Bond
  - e. Transportation Fund
  - f. Rainy Day Fund
  - g. Resolution of Neutrality agreement between Exempt Debt Service Retirement/Severance Bond and School Bus Replacement and Capital Projects Fund.

Janice Ryan made a motion to approve the 2015 Budget as advertised. Tom McCormick seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

2. Approve Proposal for French Club Trip to Quebec

Miss Danielle Sebranek, French Teacher at John Glenn High School, presented information to the Board highlighting a proposed 2015 spring break trip to Quebec City. The group will depart on March 23, 2015 and return on March 26, 2015. The group will be traveling by charter bus and will follow an itinerary set for the four-day, three-night trip.

The Board asked Miss Sebranek several questions before Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the proposal for a French Club Trip to Quebec City. Dennis Holland seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

3. Balanced Calendar Discussion

A lengthy discussion was held to discuss the options involved with changing over to a balanced calendar. Mr. Reese presented to the Board several sample calendars from other schools that are following the balanced calendar. A balanced calendar involves longer breaks at the end of each nine weeks. Some schools utilize this break time for remediation, while other schools do not. Concerns from the Board included possible financial impact, positive or negative academic impact, and summer school scheduling. The board concluded the discussion by asking Mr. Reese to provide a sample John Glenn balanced calendar at the November 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

4. 26-2 Neola Policy Updates – Second Reading

Tom McCormick made a motion to approve the second reading of the 26-2 Neola Policy Updates. Dennis Holland seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

5. Approve “The Crossing” Services Agreement

Mr. Reese provided highlights of the program services offered by “The Crossing” School. This school offers educational support to students who have dropped out of school, or are at risk of dropping out, with the goal of high school graduation. Approximately 95% of the ADM funds John Glenn receives from the state for a student would be paid as tuition to The Crossing for said student to attend the program.

A short discussion was held before Tom McCormick made a motion to approve “The Crossing” Services Agreement. Janice Ryan seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

REPORTS

- 1. Superintendent’s Report
- 2. Conference Requests

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Dennis Holland commented on the progress of the Building Trades home being built in North Liberty on Lafayette Street, as well as the dedication of the Sensory Playground at Walkerton Elementary.

Tom McCormick also commented on the quality of the Building Trades home, as well as the workmanship of the John Glenn students.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 4, 2014 7:00 P.M. ADMN Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Groves called the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held to discuss the purchase or lease of real property by the governing body. No other information was discussed. The meeting started at 8:30 p.m. and ended at 9:13 p.m.

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