

Board Minutes

October 25, 2021

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on October 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. President Bernie Vogler called the meeting to order.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Vogler asked members if any of the consent agenda items needed to be discussed.

No other items were asked to be discussed.

A motion by Ken Schnaus, second by Greg Eckerle, to approve the consent agenda, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes, claims and bank reconciliations
- Consideration of Request for Leave
 - None
- Resignations/Retirements
 - None
- Staff Recommendation
 - Leticia Marcos-28 Hour Instructional Assistant-JHS
 - Temporary student worker to organize the JHS file room-up to 40 hours at minimum wage
- Master Incentive Program Completion/Increase-adds \$3,000 to Base Salary
 - None
- Field Trip Requests
 - FFA to FIRE Leadership Camp in Indianapolis November 5-7 2021
- Other
 - Reappoint Beth Seidel to the Jasper Arts Commission
 - Appoint Abby Kennedy to the Jasper Public Library Board

Curriculum Update-Mrs. Fawks

--Dyslexia Screening

In accordance with state law, all students in grades K-2 have completed a Universal Dyslexia screening. Additional Level 1 screening for students flagged during the universal screening process was also completed prior to Fall Break. It is important to note that schools cannot diagnose a child with dyslexia; rather, the screening process helps schools identify areas of deficit that can make literacy development more difficult for an individual student. Through this screening process, they have been pleased to find that the vast majority of students who are flagged as potentially at risk for Dyslexia are already being served, either through Special Education, English Learner, Title I, or Learning Lab programming.

Mr. DeMotte asked who does the Dyslexia Diagnosis.

Mrs. Fawks said a doctor makes the final determination. She said the screening process determines which students should receive further testing.

Mr. DeMotte asked if screening was improving each year for the diagnosis.

Mrs. Fawks said the testing has only been done for two years.

--PSAT/ASVAB

Jasper High School administered both the PSAT and ASVAB assessments on October 13. These assessments are utilized for various purposes, including identifying college and career readiness, qualification for the National merit Scholarship program, and meeting the post-secondary competency component of the Graduation Pathways.

--Upcoming: ISTEP+ Winter Retest

The window for the final winter administration of the ISTEP+ assessment, which is only for current seniors who have not already passed the exam nor currently meet graduation pathways requirements, open on November 8. This school year is the final year for the transition from ISTEP+ as a graduation requirement to the Graduation Pathways.

--Spring Assessments

Assessments will begin with CogAT for High Ability determination and WIDA, which assesses English Language Proficiency for all students identified as English Learners. IREAD-3, ILEARN, I AM, and AP testing will take place later in the spring.

Professional Development Update

--Smekens

Grades K-5 teachers participated in Launching the Writers' Workshop training prior to the start of the school year. In order to support implementation of the Writers' Workshop, grade level teams in each building are also participating in remote coaching opportunities with a Smekens coach. JES teachers participated in their first remote coaching sessions prior to Fall Break: Ireland teachers will have their first coaching session on November 8. A Smekens consultant returns in-person in December to continue to work with teachers on the implementation of the Writers' Workshop.

--SIEC CL Conference

GJCS Staff Members attended the SIEC CL Conference. The participants benefited from various breakout session topics related to English Learner students and their families, as well as networking time to meet with other EL educators from around the region.

--HECC

Members of the District Technology will be attending the HECC Conference in person this year from November 10-12. The HECC conference focuses on educational technology and integration.

--IAG

Five GJCS teacher will attend the Indiana Association for the Gifted Conference in Indianapolis December 5-7. The conference will address differentiation, instructional strategies, and gifted learner's brain, in addition to other topics related to Gifted Education programming.

--Educate Dubois County

The Educate Dubois County planning committee is finalizing the agenda and presenters for the Educate Dubois County professional development day for all teachers in Dubois County. The professional development day is scheduled for January 17, 2021.

Mr. Vogler asks who is running the joint meeting.

Mrs. Fawks said it is a county wide decision.

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein

--He asked the Board to approve an extra-mile contract addendum for Bus 3 that is owned by Mark Kieffner. A copy of the Addendum is enclosed.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Ken Schnaus, to approve the bus contract addendum for Mark Kieffner for Bus 3, was unanimously approved by the Board

--Bus Cameras

Stop Arm Cameras two years ago didn't exist. They now have all 30 buses equipped.

Mr. DeMotte asked how many violators have been caught.

Mr. Buechlein stated 15 violators so for this year.

Mr. Vogler stated the stop arm violators are a problem.

Building & Maintenance Update—Scott Stenftenagel/Todd Hopf

---Bus Maintenance Building

Waiting on pre-engineered building submittals from contractor for review and approval. Once submittals are approved, the installation of the building foundations can begin. The contractor has informed him the pre-engineered building is tentatively planned not to be delivered until next summer. He is looking at ways to improve the schedule. Trees and sod have been installed where possible. The new completion date is spring of 2023.

---JHS Kitchen Air Handler Unit Replacement

They are working on the replacement now and will work in the kitchen spaces over school breaks

---JES Classroom Addition

Contractor bids were received on October 12th. He asked the Board to approve the bid from Jasper Lumber Company in the amount of \$1,399,485.00. They hope to start site and utility work in November as weather permits. October 2022 is the estimated completion date. He also informed the Board steel products are now 36-39 weeks out so this may set back the estimated completion date.

Mr. Schnaus asked if the bids were similar.

Mr. Hopf said they look at all the specifications to award the contract.

Mr. DeMotte asked if the supply chain is opening up.

Mr. Stenftenagel said it depends on what is being shipped.

Mr. DeMotte asked about the bid pricing being so far apart.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated some companies just bid to see how other companies are bidding.

Mr. DeMotte said it is nice it's a local company.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Greg Eckerle, to approve Jasper Lumber Company for the JES Classroom Addition, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Other Business

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar. A committee of each superintendent and a teacher representative met to review proposals. Teachers though out the county were given an opportunity to vote on the proposal.

Mr. Schnaus asked about only 2 snow days for the calendar.

Dr. Lorey stated with being able to do E-Learning that will help with snow days.

Mr. DeMotte asked about the students who do vocational classes and how the calendar works for them.

Dr. Lorey said the other schools ask for the calendar once it is approved and take it into consideration when adopting their calendars.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Greg Eckerle, to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey informed the Board the Jasper Elementary School Dedication is Wednesday, December 1 at 1:15 p.m. in front of the school

Dr. Lorey made the following announcements:

- The November Board Meeting will be Monday, November 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Discussion Dates 2021-22
 - November 10, 2021—Bernie Vogler
 - January 5, 2022—Greg Eckerle
 - March 9, 2022—Tim DeMotte
 - May 4, 2022—Arlet Jackle

Public Comment

- Tom Jahn addressed the Board concerning the Jasper High School Yearbook. His comments are enclosed.

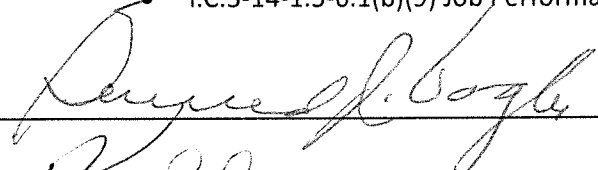
Mr. Vogler stated the Board wants to hear what the people have to say. He stated he appreciated how he started out that people don't agree but need to find a way to get along.

Mr. Vogler thanked Mr. Jahn for coming.

There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Arlet Jackle, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.


An Executive Session was held before the regular meeting.

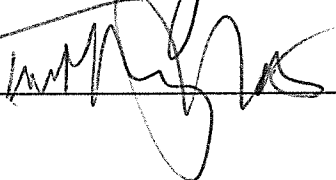
- I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2)(A) Collective Bargaining
- I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) Job Performance Evaluation


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