

Board Minutes

December 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on December 20, 2021 at 1:00 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 Arlet Jackle, to approve the consent agenda, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes, claims and bank reconciliations
- Consideration of Request for Leave
 - Kathy Wagner-FMLA-Ireland
- Resignations/Retirements
 - Chelsea Hopf-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JMS
 - Julie Barth-Cafeteria Manager-JMS-Effective January 12, 2022
- Staff Recommendation
 - Olivia Dubon-Serrano-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JHS
- Master Incentive Program Completion/Increase-adds \$3,000 to Base Salary
 - None
- Field Trip Requests
 - None
- Other
 - None

A motion by Ken Schnaus, second by Arlet Jackle, to adjourn the regular meeting, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey stated Pursuant to Indiana Code, before a school corporation may spend more than \$1,000,000 by lease or bonds, it must hold a public hearing. This was the second of the two required hearings.

Mr. Stenftenagael gave an overview of the proposed projects.

Dr. Lorey gave an overview of the financial impact of the proposed projects.

Dr. Lorey asked if there was any public comment or questions. There were no comments.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the Project Resolution.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Greg Eckerle, to approve the Project Resolution, was unanimously approved by the Board.

**EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
GREATER JASPER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS**

A special meeting of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools (the "School Corporation") was held at 1600 St. Charles Street, Jasper, Indiana, on December 20, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 p.m. (Local Time), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board.

On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Bernie Vogler, Ken Schnaus, Greg Eckerle, Arlet Jackle, Tim Demotte

Absent:

(Among other proceedings had and actions taken were the following:)

The President presided over the hearing, welcoming everyone and introducing members of the Board and speakers.

It was explained that under Indiana law whenever a school corporation proposes to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess of one million dollars it must first hold a public hearing. Additionally, another purpose of the meeting was that under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 whenever a school corporation proposes to enter into a lease agreement and/or issue bonds for the construction or renovation of a school building resulting in total costs in excess of certain thresholds, the school corporation is required to hold two public hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds and enter into such lease agreement. The first hearing on the preliminary determination for the Project (as defined herein) was held on December 13, 2021. Notice of both public hearings was published in The Herald on December 1, 2021, and was mailed to the Dubois County Clerk and any organizations previously requesting

such notice as provided in Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5. The proof of publication of the notice of the hearing was presented to the meeting.

It was explained that at this hearing all interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning the (i) renovation of and improvements to Ireland Elementary School, including the construction of classroom additions, (ii) renovation of and improvements to Jasper High School, including classroom and career and technical education renovations, (iii) site and athletics improvements, and (iv) mechanical and interior improvements to all school facilities (collectively, the "Project"). The purpose of the hearing is two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed Project; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the Project and ask questions.

After the purpose of the hearings was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the Project were given. An evaluation of the existing facilities was presented, including the building plan explaining the proposed Project. The estimated Project cost and schedule were then presented to the public. It was explained how this Project could be funded and the tax rate impact the Project would have on the community.

After the above presentations, the Board President announced that the Board would now hear testimony and questions from the public. Questions and testimony were given by several patrons.

At the conclusion of the public testimony and question, the Board considered the Project Resolution to complete the Project at a cost of more than one million dollars per building. Thereafter, the resolution attached as Exhibit A passed.

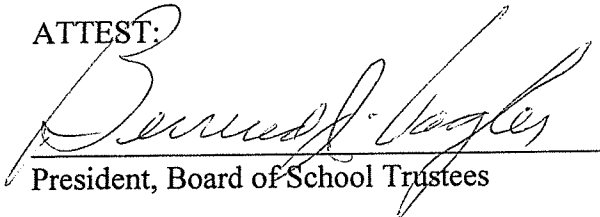
Also, at the conclusion of the public testimony and question, the Board considered the Preliminary Determination Resolution to issue bonds and enter a lease agreement in order to complete the Project. Thereafter, the resolution attached as Exhibit B passed.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.



Secretary, Board of School Trustees

ATTEST:



President, Board of School Trustees

EXHIBIT A
PROJECT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools (the "School Corporation") at a meeting on December 20, 2021 held a public hearing in accordance with Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37 for the purpose of answering questions and listening to taxpayers' comments and any evidence they may present about the proposed (i) renovation of and improvements to Ireland Elementary School, including the construction of classroom additions, (ii) renovation of and improvements to Jasper High School, including classroom and career and technical education renovations, (iii) site and athletics improvements, and (iv) mechanical and interior improvements to all school facilities (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully studied all of the known options and feels that the proposed Project is in the best interests of the present and future students to be served by these facilities; now, therefore,

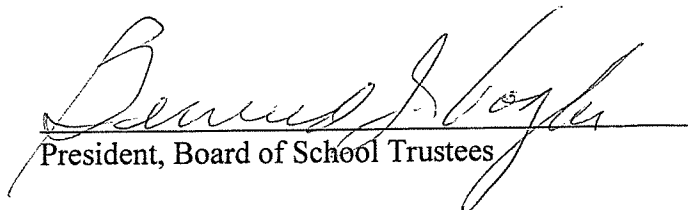
BE IT RESOLVED, that the purpose of the Project is to provide an improved educational environment for students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the estimated hard and soft construction costs of the Project are \$38,717,300, with estimated costs of issuance (including capitalized interest less interest earnings and interim lease rental) of \$1,282,700, resulting in total estimated Project costs of \$40,000,000.

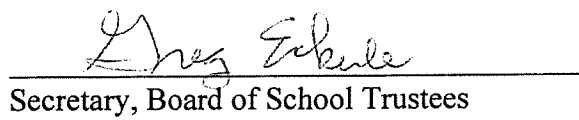
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the estimated \$40,000,000 will be funded by one or more of the following: Operations Fund, common school fund loan, general obligation bond issue, and/or a building corporation bond issue with an anticipated gross impact on the Debt Service Fund tax rate of \$0.2135 per \$100 assessed valuation based on an estimated \$1,384,426,855 assessed valuation beginning in 2024. However, as existing obligations mature,

the anticipated net increase to the Debt Service Fund tax rate is expected to be \$0.00 above the current rate.

Passed and adopted this 20th day of December, 2021.



President, Board of School Trustees



Secretary, Board of School Trustees

EXHIBIT B

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools (the "School Corporation") published a Notice of Preliminary Determination Hearings on December 1, 2021 in *The Herald* and mailed such notice to the Dubois County Clerk and any organizations requesting such notice as provided in Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 with respect to the (i) renovation of and improvements to Ireland Elementary School, including the construction of classroom additions, (ii) renovation of and improvements to Jasper High School, including classroom and career and technical education renovations, (iii) site and athletics improvements, and (iv) mechanical and interior improvements to all school facilities (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the first preliminary determination hearing was held on December 13, 2021 and the second preliminary determination hearing was held on December 20, 2021 in accordance with the notice and the law of the State of Indiana (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, the School Corporation has made the following information available to the public at the public hearings: (a) the result of the Schools Corporation's current and projected annual debt service payments divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 0.75%; and (b) the result of (i) the sum of the School Corporation's outstanding long term debt plus the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any of the territory of the School Corporation; divided by (ii) the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 5.37%; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the School Corporation preliminarily determines to issue bonds and enter into a lease agreement for the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the lease agreement will be for a maximum term of 22 years with a maximum annual lease rental of \$3,500,000. The maximum annual lease rental has been estimated based upon an estimated principal amount of bonds of \$40,000,000, estimated interest rates ranging from 1.00% to 5.00%, and estimated total interest costs of \$21,895,000. The School Corporation's current debt service levy is \$8,022,730 and the current debt service rate is \$0.6106. After the School Corporation enters into the proposed lease agreement and the bonds are issued, the gross debt service levy will increase by a maximum of \$0.2135 and the gross debt service rate will increase by a maximum of \$3,500,000. However, as existing obligations mature, the anticipated net increase to the Debt Service Fund tax rate is expected to be \$0.00 above the current rate. The maximum annual debt service for the Project for any year in which the Bonds are outstanding is \$3,500,000. The estimated amount of the School Corporation's debt service levy and rate that will result during the following ten years if the School Corporation enters into the lease and issues the bonds, after considering any changes that will occur to the debt service levy and rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligation that will mature or terminate during that period, is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Levy</u>	<u>Estimated Total Debt Service Rate</u>
2021	8,022,730	0.6106
2022	8,254,242	0.6106
2023	8,307,938	0.6106
2024	8,451,602	0.6105
2025	8,548,106	0.6101
2026	8,647,873	0.6099
2027	8,758,377	0.6104
2028	8,752,101	0.6100
2029	6,989,586	0.4871
2030	6,041,555	0.4211
2031	5,321,581	0.3709

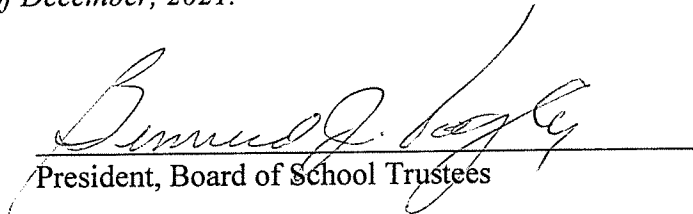
The purpose of the lease agreement is to provide for the completion of the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Project includes capital improvements necessary to complete the most recent threat assessment or school safety plan.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to publish the notice of adoption of this preliminary determination in accordance with Indiana law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a valid petition pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 is received by the School Corporation, the Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized to submit the notice pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5(b)(2) and any other required information to the Dubois County Clerk.

Passed and adopted this 20th day of December, 2021.



President, Board of School Trustees



Secretary, Board of School Trustees

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the Preliminary Determination Resolution.

A motion by Greg Eckerle, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the Preliminary Determination Resolution, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Curriculum Update-Mrs. Fawks

Mrs. Fawks asked the Board to approve the Course Description Book for Jasper High School. There have been a number of course title revisions to align CTE courses with the Next Level Program of Study initiative. Other changes include offering Engineering Essentials at JMS for high school credit and offering Health exclusively online, with students having the option to complete the requirement over the summer or during the school year. Many of the departments are offering classes on a semi-annual rotation, which increases the enrollment numbers and allows classes with typically low enrollment to be offered.

A motion by Ken Schnaus, second by Arlet Jackle to approve the JHS Course Description Book, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mrs. Fawks asked the Board to approve adding 2 sections of preschool at Ireland Elementary for the 2022-2023 school year. They will offer an AM and PM Session. She also recommended hiring a teacher and an assistant to staff the program.

A motion by Ken Schnaus, second by Greg Eckerle, to approve adding 2 sections of preschool at Ireland Elementary and hiring a teacher and assistant, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein

- Shared information regarding stop arm violations
- Update on the Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) requirements
- Discuss the CPS Geotab installation being done on the buses

Building & Maintenance Update—Scott Stenftenagel

- Bus Maintenance Building
- JHS Kitchen AHU Replacement
- Jasper Elementary School Classroom Addition

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to approve Weyer Electric to install the new theatrical lighting and controls in the Jasper Middle Auditorium for the amount of \$173,804.00.

A motion by Ken Schnaus, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the new theatrical lighting and controls bid from Weyer Electric at JMS, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to approve him sending out an RFP for the Jasper High School Community Room and Athletic Department improvements.

A motion by Greg Eckerle, second by Tim DeMotte, to approve sending out the RFP, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Other Business

Dr. Lorey informed the Board the 2022 budget has been approved by the DLGF. The tax rate will be \$1,1100. The Debt Service portion of the tax rate is \$0.5746. The certified assessed valuation is \$1,353,789,255. This is an increase of \$37,880,030 from the 2021 Certified AV.

Mr. Schnaus asked if using bond anticipation notes is still being considered.

Dr. Lorey stated yes.

Dr. Lorey said hard costs are around 40 million.

She stated bonds would be sold this spring and full package in the fall.

She stated payments would start the following year.

Mr. Schnaus said interest rates could be an issue.

Dr. Lorey stated it is an anticipated expense and interest will change.

Dr. Lorey stated the shorter the term the higher the tax rate. She stated they will never go over the tax rate the corporation has now.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated construction costs and material costs may rise too. He stated it is best to start the project now not wait 2 or 3 years.

Mr. Schnaus stated if we only need 15 million, he does not want to be paying on 40 million.

Dr. Lorey stated we could bond for a lesser amount but will need to turn around really quick to do the issuance again.

She informed the Board at the end of the month, the close out of the monthly and annual financial transactions necessary to ascertain the December 31 cash balance and make necessary transfers will be happening.

Dr. Lorey said the corporation received an administrative cost grant from the Food and Nutrition service in the amount of \$3,063. The funds are earmarked to reimburse administrative costs associated with the reporting of students in the program. She asked the Board to approve the following staff to be paid from the allocation out of the cafeteria fund:

- Katie Sherman--\$437.40
- Kristy Vaughn--\$1071.00
- Gina Weyer--\$792.85
- Kari Roth--\$404.20
- Megan Wehr--\$310.91
- Toni Reckelhoff--\$46.64

A motion by Ken Schnaus, second by Greg Eckerle to approve the payment of \$3,063.00 to the above staff, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey made the following announcements:

- Prekindergarten registration will be January 6—paperwork collection will be the evening of January 31
- Kindergarten online registration will be January 17-31—Assessment and paperwork collection will be the evening of January 31
- Reorganization meeting is Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.
- The regular January Board meeting will be on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the JHS Community Room
- Discussion Dates 2021-22
 - January 5, 2022—Greg Eckerle
 - March 9, 2022—Tim DeMotte
 - May 4, 2022—Arlet Jackle

Mr. Eckerle stated he was impressed with the kids who competed in We the People at Indianapolis. He stated Jasper High School had the fewest students and they handled themselves very well with the questions. He wanted to give them a shout out.

Dr. Lorey stated it is a great class and they represented JHS very well.

Mr. Vogler said 2021 was a good year for Greater Jasper Schools. He said we are under good leadership with Dr. Lorey. He complimented the Board for always being at the meetings as well as Art, Mr. Buechlein, Mrs. Fawks and Mrs. Young.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He started we will head into a new year and will continue the hard work. He wished everyone Peace-Happiness-Joy and prosperity.

The Board responded same to you.

There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Ken Schnaus, the Board voted to adjourn at 1:58 p.m.

No Executive Session

Raymond J. Vogler President

Ken L. Schnaus Vice-President

Greg Schaub Secretary

Tim DeMotte Member

Arlet Jackson Member