

## Board Minutes

August 22, 2022

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on August 22, 2022 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.

Monica Young asked the Board to add an invoice from Best for Less for painting that was done at Cabby Gym. The amount of the claim is \$1,913.90.

No other items were asked to be discussed.

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

### Consent Agenda

- Minutes, claims and bank reconciliations
- Consideration of Request for Leave
  - Valerie Small-FMLA-JES
- Resignations/Retirements
  - Chelsey Taylor-28 Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Amy Knies-28 Hour Title I Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Veronica Octelotl-28 Hour ENL Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Laura Gramelspacher-28 Hour Title I Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Chelsey Hopf-28 Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Marilyn Heidorn-Cafeteria-JES-Retirement Effective 8/9/2022
  - Ruth Hundley-28 Hour Title I Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Julie Buechler-Media Specialist-JHS-Effective 9/16/2022
  - Luke Keller-Assistant Varsity Football Coach-JHS
  - Alicia Clark-Assistant Girls Track Coach-JHS
- Staff Recommendations
  - Hannah Staub-Full-time Instructional Assistant-IRE-Starts 9/6/2022
  - Gerilyn Schmitt-Full-time Cafeteria-JMS
  - Gomathi Naddarajan-28 Hour Title I Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Kylie Schweikarth-28 Hour ENL Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Allesisha Miller-28 Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Maria Eckert-28 Hour Title I Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Joni Dillon-28 Hour Instructional Assistant-IRE
  - Courtney Dick-28 Hour Instructional Assistant-JMS
  - Tina DeKemper-Move From 30 Hours Per Week to 28-Hours Per Week-JHS-Starts 8/10/2022
  - Marilyn Beier-Move from 28-Hours Per Week to 30 Hours Per Week-JHS-Starts 8/10/2022
  - Dawn Kilian-Head Teacher-IRE
  - Mary Schnaus-Full-time Cafeteria-JHS
  - Kathy Wagner-1/2 Grade Coordinator Stipend-IRE
  - Tara Britton-1/2 Grade Coordinator Stipend-IRE
  - Ashley O'Connor-Grade Coordinator-IRE

- Courtney Heberer-Grade Coordinator-JMS
- Shannon Gentry-Grade Coordinator-JMS
- Kasey Young-1/2 Stipend Academic Coach-JMS
- Shannon Gentry-1/2 Stipend Academic Coach-JMS
- Haley Cummins-Assistant Volleyball Coach-JMS
- KeAundre Peak-Assistant Varsity Football Coach-JHS
- Incentive Program Completion/Increase-adds \$3,000 to Base Salary
  - None
- Field Trip Requests
  - JHS Performing Arts-Cincinnati-Perform National Anthem September 14, 2022
  - JHS Marching Band
    - Bands of America Competition-Indianapolis-October 20, 2022
    - ISSMA State Finals-Indianapolis-November 5, 2022
- Other
  - Marcie Showalter-Technology Integration Specialist-Increase Contract Days from 183 to 188 Per Year-GJCS.

#### Athletic Department Report-Phil Kendall

Mr. Kendall said the JHS Athletic Department had a very successful year from a competitive standpoint. This is the second year competing in the SIAC.

For the second consecutive year, JHS has finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the All-Conference standings, behind Castle. The boys' finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and the girls' finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

In SIAC, JHS was able to capture 5 team Conference Championships out of 19 overall sports.

Five sports finished second overall, two finished third, and four finished 4<sup>th</sup>. So, in 19 sports JHS finished in the top 4 in 16 of the 19.

In two years in the conference, there have been a total of 38 conference titles up for grabs. JHS has won 11 of those and Castle has won 14. The next closest is 4 (North & Memorial). JHS and Castle have won 25 of the possible 38 conference titles. He stated Castle may be the newest rival.

JHS also had 83 All-Conference athletes in the SIAC.

Outside of the conference, JHS captured 11 sectional titles, 2 regional titles, 2 semi-state titles, and had a handful of individual athletes compete for State Championships.

From a financial perspective, Jasper Athletics managed to recover from the Pandemic year about as well as we would ask. Coaches and their programs continued to do a great job of separating out wants and needs for their programs. Also, they continued to use alternative funds to help purchase things and cut back some normal expenses to help the athletic department out. They made sure they purchased the necessary items so the programs would be successful.

On paper, the athletic department finished ahead by \$57,115.06 for the fiscal year of July 1-June 30 20-21. Eight of the sports programs finished in the black for the year. Football and Boys' basketball leading the way by netting \$41,313.39 between the two of them.

The Athletic Department heads into the 2022-23 school year with a balance of \$77,406.73.

Mr. DeMotte asked if the department was in a loss for a couple of years.

Mr. Kendall stated one of the reasons was the purchase of the \$40,000 spent on the scorer table.

Mr. Kendall stated we are receiving some of the funds back because of the advertising done on the scorer table each year.

Mr. DeMotte asked if we are playing more competitive teams does he think more people will attend the events.

Mr. Kendall stated people will come watch if we are having a good season.

Mrs. Jackle stated at the game coming up on Friday the youth football league will be at the game and that will bring in more revenue too.

Mr. Kendall also stated we usually hold 5 games here and 5 away but this year we will have 4 games here and 6 away and that will cause some loss in revenue.

Mr. Vogler asked about season ticket purchases.

In the past \$25,000 was sold in season tickets and this year it is \$30,000.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Arlet Jackle, to close the public meeting and open the Public Hearing, was unanimously approved by the Board.

#### Additional Appropriation Public Hearing

Dr. Lorey informed the Board she is seeking an additional appropriation in the Education Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000. Per the 2022 1782 Notice, the corporation was given permission to spend \$20,246,666 of the cash balance. The remaining Education Fund expenses may be over the limit. The anticipated revenue for FY 22 is \$22,511,693. Regardless of the cash balance, the corporation can only spend the amount approved by the DLGF on the 1782 Notice. She asked if there were any questions or comments for the additional appropriation.

There were no comments

#### FY 23 Budget Hearing

The 2023 Budget was presented to the Board at the July Board meeting. The corporation has advertised the Form 3 Notice to Taxpayers, the CPF and Bus Replacement Plan on Gateway and on the corporation website. This year's advertised budget total is \$41,419,873 with an advertised tax rate of \$2.0125. The advertise rate is inflated to protect the levy. The DLGF will reduce the rate in the final budget orders. The public hearing is conducted to give the public opportunity to make comments about the advertised budget. Dr. Lorey asked if there were any questions or comments on the Budget.

There were no comments.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Tim DeMotte, to close the public hearing, was unanimously approved by the Board.

#### Curriculum Update-Mrs. Fawks

No Report

#### Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein

No Report

#### Building & Maintenance Update

Schmidt & Associates---

Schmidt & Associates presented revisions to bleacher seating and provided a project update.

The following are areas to be updated at Alumni:

- New Home Locker/Concessions/Restroom Building
- Renovate Existing Visitor Concessions Building
- Remove Existing Bleachers and Locker Building
- New Grandstands (Home & Visitors) and Press-Box
- New Ticket Buildings

They provided the Board with a timeline for the project. The total estimate for the project is \$10,200,253.

Mr. DeMotte asked if the time table would interfere with football season.

Dr. Lorey stated they are trying to avoid any conflicts and the only area it might be an issue with is track. Track may have to be moved to JMS.

Dr. Lorey stated that talks still need to happen with the coaching staff on what changes are needed.

The following are areas to be updated at the Sports Complex:

- Varsity Softball
  - New Synthetic Turf
  - New Scoreboard
  - Rework Bleacher Area
  - New LED Sports Lights
- JV Softball
  - Existing Varsity Scoreboard
  - Rework Bleacher Area
  - New LED Sports Lights
- Tennis
  - New Scoreboard
  - New LED Sports Lights

The Board received a project schedule. The estimated cost is 2,160,500.

Mr. Vogler asked if there would be any issues with playing the JV and Varsity games at the same time.

Mr. Kendall said the only issue is trying to get umpires.

Dr. Lorey stated lighting is not on the JV field at this time.

Mr. Kendall stated another issue is athletics are being shared between JV & Varsity teams. Kids are playing in both games.

Dr. Lorey stated both projects are within the bonds and the bonds that are going to be sold.

Dr. Lorey also stated the tax rate will not increase. The current debt is coming down and the new projects can take its place.

Mr. Schnaus said he wants to see the list of wants verses needs for the projects. He also stated he wants to make sure the classroom needs are being met.

Dr. Lorey stated the alternate bids can be looked at to control costs.

#### Gibraltar Design

Gibraltar Design presented final plans and specifications for the Ireland Elementary Classroom Addition.

The following were areas discussed for the project:

- Adding parking on north side
- Add 4 Kindergarten classrooms
- Administration area updated
- New carpet—new wall finishes—paint walls
- New ceilings in classrooms
- Replace light fixtures
- Add LED Lighting
- New basketball goals in gym—alternate bid
- New bleachers-alternate bid

Dr. Lorey stated they added a preschool program at Ireland this year and would like to add additional classes for preschool.

Dr. Lorey stated she is hoping the HVAC system holds out until the new can be installed because it is hard to find parts to fix the old units.

Mr. Eckerle asked who else offers preschool in the area.

Dr. Lorey stated there are private preschools and also Holy Trinity has a preschool program.

Dr. Lorey stated the preschool program has the On My Way to Pre-K program that families can apply to help with the costs of the preschool.

Gibraltar showed the design of the front administration area being renovated. The proposed cost is \$4,761,000. This amount is hard costs only.

A motion by Ken Schnaus, second by Greg Eckerle, to solicit bids for the Ireland Classroom Addition Project, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Due to the long lead time for a new Air Handler Unit for the Pool area the Board will need to order it now because the delivery to the site is approximately 35 weeks out. The cost for the unit is \$398,000.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the purchase of a new air handling unit for the Jasper High School pool area, was unanimously approved by the Board.

#### Building & Maintenance Update—Todd Hopf

The following are areas that Mr. Hopf gave an update on:

- Bus Building has some delays
- JES playground equipment delayed
- Hall of Fame—complete with the exception of the programming of the electronic lockset at the main entrance
- Cabby Gym Roof starting the replacement in October
- CTE Pre-bid meeting had 3 local contractors show interest

Dr. Lorey reminded the Board the facility improvements that are going on right now are for generations to enjoy. The updates we are doing are part of a long plan. The money is managed through the Debt Fund and taxes will not be raised from the projects.

#### Other Business:

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to declare the small band instrument trailer surplus.

A motion by Ken Schnaus, second by Arlet Jackle, to declare the band trailer surplus, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the increase of student fees for Interactive Media Photography to \$10.00/student and Radio TV 2 to \$15.00/student due to increased pricing for SD Cards.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Ken Schnaus, to approve the above student fee increases, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey gave the Board recommended updated NEOLA Policies for review.

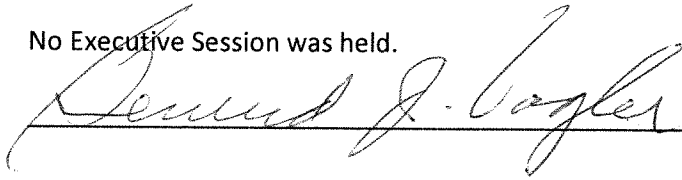
Dr. Lorey made the following announcements:

- The regular September Board meeting will be on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jasper High School Community Room
- ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference will be held October 3-4, 2022
- The 2022-2023 Discussion Dates are:
  - September 7, 2022—Bernie Vogler
  - November 9, 2022—Arlet Jackle
  - January 18, 2023—Greg Eckerle


- o March 8, 2023—Ken Schnaus
- o May 10, 2023—Tim DeMotte

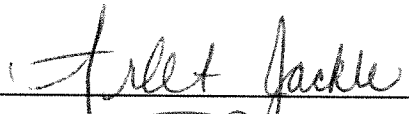
There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Ken Schnaus, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

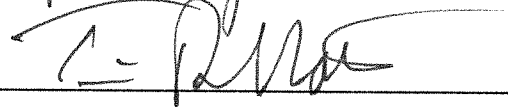
No Executive Session was held.

  
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