

Board Minutes

November 28, 2022

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on November 28, 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.

No other items were asked to be discussed.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, 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
 - Becky Kraus-FMLA-JMS
- Resignations/Retirements
 - Shalyn Foster-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Amber Czerwinski-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Courtney Dick-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JMS
 - Rachel Tussey-35-Hour Instructional Assistant-JHS
 - Amy Bastien-Assistant Girls' Cross-Country Coach-JMS
 - Jessica George-School Psychologist-DSP Co-op
- Staff Recommendations
 - Samantha Venderley-Education Professions Teacher-JHS
 - Jana Bennett-28-Hour Title I Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Mitch Sermersheim-Increase Hours to 26 Per Week-JMS
 - Marissa Wehr-35-Hour Instructional Assistant-JHS
 - Kurt Cooper-Part-time PATH Teacher-DSP Co-op
- Incentive Program Completion/Increase-adds \$3,000 to Base Salary
 - None
- Field Trip Requests
 - We the People State-Indianapolis-December 5-6, 2022
 - JHS Robotics Trips
 - District Event-Princeton High School-March 10-12, 2023
 - District Event-Center Grove High School-March 31-April 2, 2023
 - District Championship-Anderson University-April 6-8, 2023
 - BPA Trips
 - State Leadership Conference-Indianapolis Downtown Marriott-March 12-14, 2023
 - National Leadership Conference -Anaheim, California-April 26-30, 2023
- Other
 - Seek approval to raise the maintenance hourly rate from \$20.06 to \$21.50 per hour

Wildcat Spotlight—Sean Jochum and Brian Uebelhor-JHS Guidance Counselors

Mr. Jochum and Mr. Uebelhor informed the Board of the Indiana graduation requirements have undergone several shifts in the past few years. The following is the graduation requirement timeline:

- 1987 ISTEP was introduced as a graduation requirement
- 2018 Graduation Pathways became the new graduation model in Indiana
- 2018-2021 Students could graduate by either passing the ISTEP or the Graduation Pathway Model
- 2022 All students are on the Graduation Pathway Model

They talked about the Graduation pathway student goals—Graduation Requirements/Graduation Pathway Options.

Mr. DeMotte asked before graduation pathways what would have happened to a child that didn't pass ISTEP.

Mr. Jochum stated the principal would sign off for the child.

Mr. Vogler asked what the graduation rate is.

Mr. Jochum stated approximately 94.8 last year and very similar this year.

Dr. Lorey stated the guidance department does an amazing job guiding our students.

Curriculum Update

None

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein

Mr. Buechlein asked the Board to approve the bulk fuel bid for the Bus Maintenance Building from SynEnergy (Country Mark). They will provide diesel and regular gasoline at the new maintenance building.

Mr. Schnaus asked how they were chosen.

Mr. Buechlein stated they were the only bidder.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Greg Eckerle, to approve SynEnergy as the bulk fuel distributor, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Buechlein informed the Board a new 84 passenger bus was delivered and Mr. Jason Knies will be the driver of the new bus.

Mr. Buechlein informed the Board about Screenages which is an area that addresses social media. The school corporation is partnering with the Dubois Community Foundation on the program. There will be a county wide event on February 8th at the Astra. The hope is parents will go there and watch a presentation and ask questions about if their children may be addicted to social media-gaming etc.

Mr. Stenftenagel addressed the Board concerning the approval to purchase 9 welding booths for the CTE expansion and renovation project at Jasper High School in the amount of \$90,330.00.

A motion by Ken Schnaus, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the purchase of the welding booths, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated if the Board has any questions concerning the facility report they can contact him.

Mr. Vogler asked if the athletic field lighting will be replaced with LED bulbs.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated the entire fixture will be replaced.

Mrs. Jackle asked if the JES playground is completed.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated yes.

Mr. Schnaus asked if the bulbs will pay for themselves over time.

Mr. Stenftenagel said yes in approximately 10 years.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the purchase of a new John Deere tractor with front blade and fork attachments. The current 1998 John Deere tractor shared by JMS, JES, and Ireland is no longer running and will require nearly \$4000 to repair. The value of this piece of equipment is \$2000. As a result, she recommended to trade it for a replacement. Quotes were received from Hopf Equipment and Hutson. She recommended purchasing the John Deere 3038 E from Hutson for \$25,308.86. This amount includes a \$3000 trade value. She also said the front blade and forks are an additional \$3,065.16. The total cost is \$28,374.02 and would be paid from the Rainy Day Fund.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Greg Eckerle, to approve the purchase of the tractor, blade and forks, was unanimously by the Board.

Other Business:

Dr. Lorey asked approval of the Teacher Appreciation Grant allocation distribution to eligible teachers and administrators. The Indiana Department of Education announced the 2022 Teacher Appreciation Grant allocations for each district. GJCS is to receive \$118,430.00. Per Indiana Statute and corporation policy, once the funds are distributed, the corporation has 20 business days to distribute. She also asked approval for all administrators, not including herself, to also receive the same amount from the Rainy Day Fund.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Ken Schnaus, to approve the Teacher Appreciation Allocations and the administrator's allocations, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the 2023-2024 County-wide Calendar. The 4 Dubois County School Districts met to review 3 calendar options for the 2023-2024 school year. All options were presented to the teachers in the county for consideration and vote. The calendar they chose is enclosed.

Mr. Schnaus asked about eLearning days.

Dr. Lorey stated The State of Indiana limit e-learning days to 3. They will leverage e-Learning as a last resort. Teachers in the classroom are more valuable than what the students get from the computer.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Greg Eckerle, to approve the 2023-2024 County-wide calendar, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Several teachers asked the Board to allow them to place a monument honoring former teacher Carma Thimling be placed at Ruxer Field.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Ken Schnaus, to approve the placement of the Carma Thimling monument, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey made the following announcements:

- The regular December Board meeting will be on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Jasper High School Community Room
- January reorganization meeting is Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.
- The 2022-2023 Discussion Dates are:
 - January 18, 2023—Greg Eckerle
 - March 8, 2023—TBD
 - May 10, 2023—Tim DeMotte

GREATER JASPER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
2023-2024
Approved 11/28/22

Tuesday	August 8, 2023	Teacher Day
Wednesday	August 9, 2023	Full Day for Students
Monday	September 4, 2023	Labor Day - No School
Wednesday	September 27, 2023	Parent/Teacher Conferences -5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. or 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 4, 2023	Parent/Teacher Conferences -5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. or 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Friday	October 6, 2023	End 1st Quarter
Mon-Fri	October 16-20, 2023	Fall Break - No School
Wed/Thurs/F	November 22-24, 2023	Thanksgiving Break
Thursday	December 21, 2023	End 2nd Quarter End 1st Semester
Thursday	January 4, 2024	School Resumes
Monday	January 29, 2024	Professional Development Day - No School
Friday	February 16, 2024	Snow Make-Up Day - No School
Monday	February 19, 2024	Great Americans' Day - No School
Friday	March 15, 2024	End 3rd Quarter
Mon-Fri	March 25-29, 2024	Spring Break - No School
Monday	April 1, 2024	Snow Make-Up Day - No School
Thursday	May 23, 2024	End 4th Quarter End 2nd Semester
Friday	May 24, 2024	Snow Make-Up Day - No School
Friday	May 24, 2024	Commencement

Snow days will be taken in order.