

Board Minutes
January 23, 2023

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on January 23, at 7:00 p.m. President Greg Eckerle called the meeting to order.

Public Comment:
None

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Eckerle 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 Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the consent agenda, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes, claims and bank reconciliations
- Consideration of Request for Leave
 - Nikki Roberts-FLMA-IRE
 - Jessie Lichlyter-FMLA-JES
 - Kimberly Gentry-FMLA-JES
 - Mary Griffin-FMLA-JES
- Resignations/Retirements
 - Hannah Staub-30-Hours/Week Instructional Assistant-IRE
 - Hillory Werner-Secretary-JHS-Effective 6/5/23
 - Yvonne Wigand-Instructional Assistant-Retirement effective 8/1/23
- Staff Recommendations
 - Kimberley Allen-32.5 Hours/Week Cafeteria-JMS
- Incentive Program Completion/Increase-adds \$3,000 to Base Salary
 - None
- Field Trip Requests
 - JHS Jazz Band to Louisville for the U of L Jazz Festival on Friday, February 24, 2023
- Other
 - None

Wildcat Spotlight—Gillian Blessinger, GJCS Marketing and Communications Coordinator

Gillian discussed happenings during the Wildcat Spotlight on photos and videos for GJCS events, the creation of an Instagram page, the What's Happening Wildcats newsletter, plus the Cat Chat radio show on 91.7 The Curve.

Dr. Lorey stated the corporation wanted to increase the brand recognition as a school corporation and to really highlight the students and the successes they have. She stated Ms. Blessinger has done a great job of getting involved and highlighting a multitude of things that are happening with the schools. She has also been able to turn around and begin promoting all of the opportunities from enrollment, staff recruitment, success of the students academically and athletically.

Wildcat Spotlight---Jasper Middle School Board Update—Mr. David Hubster

Mr. Hubster stated this year they are focusing on getting back to the basics—Academics, Behavior and Character. He discussed the ELA Pass Rate results for ISTEP+ and ILEARN. He gave the Board 6 year statistics for ELA Pass Rates, Math Pass Rates and ILEARN Performance Data. He informed the Board of the academic interventions they implemented. Another area they are concentrating on is Behavior. He discussed behavior occurrences and violations.

- Third Occurrence-Lunch detention-meet with classroom teacher
- Sixth Occurrence-After school detention-meet with Mr. Tolbert
- Ninth Occurrence-behavioral Intervention-team meets to develop plan
 - The team collects teacher data to see where the student needs help
 - They determine the best intervention for the individual student
 - Behavior Contracts
 - Check-in/Check-out
 - Mentor
 - Schedule Change
 - Other

Mr. Hubster discussed Panorama and Graduation Profile data and direction. The data is for students from K-12 pieces/programs, so it will help the corporation develop a more complete picture and consistent message.

Mr. Hubster talked about Homeroom Huddles and Teambuilding Homerooms for students.

Curriculum Update

Mrs. Fawks informed the Board about the following:

- WIDA Access and Alternate Access
- SAT
- IREAD-3
- I AM
- ILEARN & ILEARN Biology ECA
- AP Testing

Mrs. Fawks informed the Board about the return to Instruction Plan Semi-Annual Review for ESSER III purposes. A copy is attached.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked if the corporation still followed the Covid 5 day stay at home.

Mrs. Fawks and Dr. Lorey stated yes.

Mr. Lukemeyer stated if the person is fever free 5 days seem like a long time.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the return to Instruction plan, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mrs. Fawks shared the 2022 Graduation Rate Data. She stated the students are above the state average. She stated the goal is to be at 95%.

Mrs. Fawks shared the Spring Standardized Testing Preview. She stated in the spring there is heavy testing of students. Most of the testing is state mandated.

Mrs. Fawks stated Jasper High School offers 20 AP Courses and that is great. The Board asked if more AP Courses were going to be added.

Mrs. Fawks stated she didn't know of any at the time.

School Operations During the Covid-19 Endemic January 2023

Our schools have worked diligently over the past 2 years to implement measures that would afford a safe learning environment and minimize the exposure to Covid-19 for students and staff.

On February 17, 2022, the ISDH announced that *schools would no longer be required to contact trace close contacts of positive students*. They indicated that the value and feasibility of contact tracing has waned. They cited asymptomatic and mild cases, unknown infection, shorter incubation periods and pandemic fatigue as reasons to eliminate this process.

In essence, Covid-19 has shifted from a pandemic to an endemic like other illnesses that we manage throughout the year such as the flu.

As a result, beginning Monday, February 21, 2022 Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools will no longer be quarantining and excluding from school close contacts of individuals who test positive for Covid-19.

Individuals who test positive for Covid-19 must still notify the school and will still be required to follow the guidance below:

Isolation/Quarantine Guidance

COVID-19 Positive

- Isolate at home for 5 days
- Return on day 6 if symptoms improved
- Wear a mask in all school settings except while eating or drinking for 5 additional days.

*Must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

Virtual learning options will only be available to students who are isolating due to a verified case of Covid-19.

GJCS will no longer provide BinaxNOW rapid testing for individuals.

Individuals may seek testing through other local sources.



UNIFORM CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
 State Form 54266 (R2 / 6-15) / Form 236
 STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4

A public servant who knowingly or intentionally has a pecuniary interest in or derives a profit from a contract or purchase connected with an action by the governmental entity served by the public servant commits conflict of interest, a Class D Felony. A public servant has a pecuniary interest in a contract or purchase if the contract or purchase will result or is intended to result in an ascertainable increase in the income or net worth of the public servant or a dependent of the public servant. "Dependent" means any of the following: the spouse of a public servant; a child, stepchild, or adoptee (as defined in IC 31-9-2-2) of a public servant who is unemancipated and less than eighteen (18) years of age; and any individual more than one-half (1/2) of whose support is provided during a year by the public servant.

The foregoing consists only of excerpts from IC 35-44.1-1-4. Care should be taken to review IC 35-44.1-1-4 in its entirety.

1. **Name and Address of Public Servant Submitting Statement:** Arlet Jackle
7587 W Portersville Road, Otwell, IN 47564

2. **Title or Position With Governmental Entity:** School Board Member

3. a. **Governmental Entity:** Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools

b. **County:** Dubois

4. **This statement is submitted (check one):**

a. as a "single transaction" disclosure statement, as to my financial interest in a specific contract or purchase connected with the governmental entity which I serve, proposed to be made by the governmental entity with or from a particular contractor or vendor; or

b. as an "annual" disclosure statement, as to my financial interest connected with any contracts or purchases of the governmental entity which I serve, which are made on an ongoing basis with or from particular contractors or vendors.

5. **Name(s) of Contractor(s) or Vendor(s):** Arlet Jackle

6. **Description(s) of Contract(s) or Purchase(s)** *(Describe the kind of contract involved, and the effective date and term of the contract or purchase if reasonably determinable. Dates required if 4(a) is selected above. If "dependent" is involved, provide dependent's name and relationship.):*

Arlet drives a bus for a contract driver for the school corporation.

Arlet could drive for extra curricular activities for the school corporation.

7. **Description of My Financial Interest** (Describe in what manner the public servant or "dependent" expects to derive a profit or financial benefit from, or otherwise has a pecuniary interest in, the above contract(s) or purchase(s); if reasonably determinable, state the approximate dollar value of such profit or benefit.):

Arlet receives payment for driving a bus from a contract driver for the corporation.
Arlet could receive payment for driving for extra curricular events.

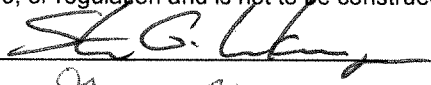


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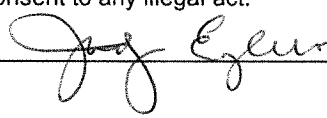
8. **Approval of Appointing Officer or Body** (To be completed if the public servant was appointed by an elected public servant or the board of trustees of a state-supported college or university.):

I (We) being the _____ Board of School Trustees _____ of
(Title of Officer or Name of Governing Body)

_____ Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools _____ and having the power to appoint
(Name of Governmental Entity)

the above named public servant to the public position to which he or she holds, hereby approve the participation to the appointed disclosing public servant in the above described contract(s) or purchase(s) in which said public servant has a conflict of interest as defined in Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4; however, this approval does not waive any objection to any conflict prohibited by statute, rule, or regulation and is not to be construed as a consent to any illegal act.




Elected Official



Office

9. **Effective Dates** (Conflict of interest statements must be submitted to the governmental entity prior to final action on the contract or purchase.):

January 23, 2023
Date Submitted (month, day, year)

Various 2023
Date of Action on Contract or Purchase (month, day, year)

10. **Affirmation of Public Servant:** This disclosure was submitted to the governmental entity and accepted by the governmental entity in a public meeting of the governmental entity prior to final action on the contract or purchase. I affirm, under penalty of perjury, the truth and completeness of the statements made above, and that I am the above named public servant.

Signed: Arlet Jackle
(Signature of Public Servant)

Date: 01/23/2023
(month, day, year)

Printed Name: Arlet Jackle
(Please print legibly.)

Email Address: arletjackle@yahoo.com

Within fifteen (15) days after final action on the contract or purchase, copies of this statement must be filed with the State Board of Accounts by uploading it here https://gateway.ifionline.org/sboa_coi/ which is the preferred method of filing, or by mailing it to the State Board of Accounts, Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Room E418, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204-2765 and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county where the governmental entity took final action on the contract or purchase.

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein

Mr. Buechlein was absent.

Dr. Lorey reminded the Board regarding the Screenagers event on February 8th at the Astra.

Building & Maintenance Update—Scott Stenftenagel

An update report was provided to the Board and no action items were presented. Items on the report are:

- JHS Mechanical Improvements Projects Re-Bid
- Alumni Stadium Improvements Project
- JHS Athletic Fields and Tennis Courts Lighting Conversion to LED Lighting
- Ruxer Field Lighting Conversion to LED Lighting
- Alumni Stadium Lighting Conversion to LED Lighting
- Ireland Elementary Classroom Addition and Improvements Project
- Bus Maintenance Building
- JES Classroom Addition
- Ireland Elementary Mechanical Room Expansion an HVAC Improvements Project
- Cabby O’Neil Gymnasium Roof Replacement
- JHS CTE Expansion and Renovation, JHS Band Storage and Exterior Maintenance Building Project

Other Business:

Dr. Lorey discussed the approval of the GJCS vision statement as part of the long-range strategic planning process. They had two options to choose from and discussed both options.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve option 1, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked approval from the Board to advertise Request for Proposals (RFP) for food service and operations management with a Food Service Management Company. Bids will be opened March 10th. A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Judy Englert, to approve the RFP for food service and operations, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the Patoka Valley CTE Cooperative Agreement.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the agreement with the Patoka Valley CTE Cooperative, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the upgrade for student devices for grades 6-12. There were two bids one from Riverside Technologies and one from Bluum. Bluum had the low bid of \$990,969.00. The corporation will do a four year lease agreement with Springs Valley Bank for the devices.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked how often do we replace devices.

Dr. Lorey stated usually every 4 years.

Dr. Lorey stated the devices will be paid out of the Rainy Day Fund.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Judy Englert, to approve the student devices from Bluum, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the updated NEOLA policy and by-laws.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the NEOLA policy and by-laws, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the 2023 Conflict of Interest Statement for Mrs. Jackle. A motion by Judy Englert, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the Conflict of Interest for Arlet Jackle was voted 4-0 with Mrs. Jackle abstaining from the vote.

The appointment for the Jasper Redevelopment Commission is up and Mr. DeMotte serves on the commission now. There was not a new recommendation so Mr. DeMotte will continue to serve on the Jasper Redevelopment Commission.

Dr. Lorey made the following announcements:

- The regular February Board meeting will be on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jasper High School Community Room
- The 2022-2023 Discussion Dates are:
 - March 8, 2023—Arlet Jackle
 - May 10, 2023—Tim DeMotte

There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Arlet Jackle, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

An Executive Session was held before the regular meeting to discuss the following:
I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(3) Discussed Assessment, Design, Implementation of School Safety Measures, Plans, and Systems

Dr. Lorey President

Arlet Jackle Vice-President

Tim DeMotte Secretary

Judy Englert Member

Steve Lukemeyer Member