

Board Minutes
February 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on February 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 Tim DeMotte, 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
 - Andrew Helming-FMLA-JHS
- Resignations/Retirements
 - Taylor Schulte-28 hour Title I Instructional Assistant-JES-Effective 2/27/23
 - Kristina Hundley-Custodian-JES-Retirement Effective 6/9/23
 - Alicia Clark-JV Volleyball Coach-JHS
- Staff Recommendations
 - Hilda Carrillo-EL Teacher-JES
 - Cassandra DeKemper-28-hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Kathryn Frederick-28-hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Barb Ernst-3-hour/day Cafeteria-JHS
 - Lisa Frazee-1/2 JMS Assistant Girls Track Stipend-Spring 2023
 - Jamie Seitz-1/2 JMS Assistant Girls Track Stipend-Spring 2023
- Incentive Program Completion/Increase-adds \$3,000 to Base Salary
 - None
- Field Trip Requests
 - JHS Dance State Competition-Lafayette March 10-11, 2023
 - BPA State Leadership Conference-Indianapolis-March 12-14, 2023
- Other
 - None

Jasper High School Board Update-Mr. Goeff Mauck

Mr. Mauck talked about the following highlights of the year:

- Sports
- 28 different clubs
- Pride Club
- Freshman Orientation-Prime for Life-Hidden in Plain Sight-Mayor's Youth Council
- 3 Musicals-2 choir concerts-Jazz Band and Band Concerts
- JHS Best Student Council in Indiana
- Testing days—3 days separate career exploration opportunities for students

- Bulletin Board Designs
- Art & Psych
- Cheer Block
- Homecoming & YLU Group
- National Merit Scholars & SADD
- Cross Country & Golf Teams for State
- Van Gogh & Winter Plants
- Halloween Contest Winners
- Cheer to State & Parade
- Natural Helper & We the People
- Band Seniors & VUJ Winners
- Band won State
- JHS Athletics
- Scholarship & FFA Winners
- Earth Club
- Choir & JAG Competition
- Class Projects
- Girls & Boys Diving Teams
- FFA Week
- Indiana Dept. of Education STEM Certification in the next two weeks

Mr. DeMotte stated he likes the way the students are treated like young adults.

Dr. Lorey thanked Mr. Mauck for all he does for JHS.

Parents Supporting Jasper—Emily Klein and Jamie Fleming

Mrs. Klein stated they want to see more parent activities to get parents involved and support the students and teachers. They want parents to be positively involved. They want to try to expand the volunteers at the schools. They asked for the upcoming testing if they could put positive signage at the schools to promote positive attitudes.

Mrs. Kelin stated on March 4th they are holding an event in front of JHS to get the word out about the group.

Mr. Eckerle stated he appreciates their interest and time they are helping with parent activities.

Mr. DeMotte stated he appreciates what they are doing. He stated his wife is with the PTO and maybe they can work together on some projects.

Wildcat Spotlight---Dubois-Spencer-Perry-Pike Exceptional Children's Cooperative-Pam Bell and Tammy Hurm

Ms. Bell informed the Board the Exceptional Children's Co-op has 10 school corporations in their Co-op. There are 3,034 students with disabilities and they have 63 employees.

They informed the Board of the following:

- Informed the Board of the number of full-time equivalent staff hired for GJCS by the Co-op. Most of these staff members travel to other corporations so they are not full time staff for GJCS
- Showed how many students have the initial evaluations completed, initial placements and initial evaluations not eligible
- Showed the students who return to Gen Ed
- Talked about federal funding
- Addressed how many students are being served in eligibility areas

- 27 students have graduated from the AIM Academy—These students attend VUJC for their special ed classes. This is more like a college experience for these students. The Co-op also partners with SIRS for the AIM Academy. Two of the teachers are SIRS employees.

Mr. DeMotte asked if we are understaffed with teaching positions.

Ms. Bell stated it is hard getting staff.

Mrs. Englert asked if the students get re-evaluated each year.

Ms. Bell stated they do not but they meet with the parents and teachers each year to discuss the students' progress.

Curriculum Update—Mrs. Fawks

Mrs. Fawks informed the Board on the Elementary English-Language Arts Curriculum and Professional Development Update.

- 2018-2019 First year of ILEARN
- 2019-2020 State Testing Canceled Due to Covid
- 2020-2021 ILEARN Results-Identified writing as an area of concern across the elementary grades
- Summer 2021 Interventionists Certified in Orton Gillingham
- 2021-2023 Writing Work with Smekens Education
- 2022-2023 State Identifies Literacy and the Science of Reading as Priority
- Writing Work with Smekens Education 2021-2022
 - Launching the Writers Workshop
 - Monthly Virtual Sessions to Support Implementation of Writers Workshop
 - 6 in-person days with Shona Lansdell, consultant with SMEKENS
 - Continued with Smekens 2022-2023
- State identifies literacy and science of reading as priority
 - Return to phonics in 2020-2021
 - Required dyslexia screening in grades K-2
 - Increased referrals to Student Assistance Teams
 - Title I numbers
 - IN Literacy Cadre
- Became evident that evaluating the core reading instruction and ensuring all staff were current in their knowledge of science of reading was necessary
- Professional Development in different areas

Mr. DeMotte stated removal of phonics wasn't a good idea.

Mrs. Fawks stated it was not a good idea and it has shown that it wasn't working.

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein

Mr. Buechlein ask the Board to approve the Jasper Park and Recreation Camp CARES use of an activity bus for the Summer.

A motion by Judy Englert, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the Jasper Park and Recreation Department the use of an activity bus, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Buechlein stated the new bus maintenance facility fueling will be operational by next week.

Mr. Buechlein stated that screenagers went well. He thought the discussion after the meeting was a learning opportunity for those in attendance.

Mr. Eckerle stated the discussion panel was very informative.

Building & Maintenance Update—Scott Stenftenagel

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to approve the JHS Mechanical Improvements Bids. He received 3 bids and Deig Brothers was the lowest bid of \$1,687,000.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the JHS Mechanical Bid from Deig Brothers, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to approve the air-cooled chiller replacement at JHS. He received 2 bids and Koch Air Carrier was the lowest bid of \$171,573.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the air-cooled chiller replacement bid from Koch Air Carrier, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to approve a request to send out an RFP for the installation of the owner purchased chiller.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the request to receive and RFP for the installation of the chiller, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to give permission to solicit RFP for improvements to the JHS loading dock. The current loading dock the concrete is starting to crack due to deliveries utilizing hand wheelers going up and down the stairs. In addition to the concrete issue, the height of the rim of the dumpster and distance of the dumpster away from the loading dock is creating difficulty to access. The proposed layout will provide a ramp for one to safely utilize hand-wheelers for delivery of products as well as for one to easily access the building. The proposed provides for a lower elevation for the dumpster. This will allow the dumpster to be closer to the edge of the loading dock for easier access. It is also proposed to install an electric heat system directly under the new concrete of the loading dock, loading dock ramp and stairs. The heat system will be operated automatically by use of a thermostat adjusted to the appropriate temperature to heat the concrete walking surfaces and keep clear of ice. The total project cost is estimated to be \$149,500.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked about the cost of the heating of the spaces.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated they can do that as an alternate but approximate cost would be around \$5,500.

Mrs. Englert asked if there would be a roof over the area for this area.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated on part of it.

Mrs. Englert asked if there could be a curtain area.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated the curtain wouldn't serve a purpose.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Arlet Jackle, to give permission for an RFP for the JHS loading dock, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stenftenagel gave an update on Alumni Stadium.

Mrs. Englert asked if all events will still be able to be held at Alumni.

Mr. Stenftenagel said they are going to do the work around the events so it should not be a problem for any of the events.

Other Business:

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the kindergarten device replacement quote. She stated they are seeking to replace all kindergarten iPads with HP Chromebook for the 2023-2024 school years. Quotes were received from Riverside Technology and Bluum. She recommended the quote from RTI for \$98,100. This will be paid for from the Rainy Day Fund.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Judy Englert, to approve the quote from Riverside Technology for \$98,100 for the kindergarten devices, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the elementary teacher device replacement quote. She stated the Apple MacBook's for the elementary teachers need to be updated. Quotes were received from Riverside Technology and Bluum. She recommended the Board to approve the bid from RTI for \$39,655. This will be paid for from the Rainy Day Fund

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Judy Englert, to approve the quote from Riverside Technology for \$39,655 for the elementary teacher devices, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve a tower lease for Hutson, Inc. The student-lead radio station WJPR is operational and working through previously held agreements with sponsorships and advertisers. Some tower space is currently being rented by outside vendors. One of the vendors is Huston. The Board received the proposed lease agreement between GJCS and Hutson to outline the rental agreement. The corporation would provide space on the tower for Huston to operate John Deere GPS service equipment. The rent would be \$1,500/year to be paid monthly. The contract would be for 6 years. At the end of the 6 years rent will increase approximately 3% per year. This is the same agreement approved by the Board for Fullnet in October.

Mr. Lukemeyer has concerns about a 6 year contact. He stated he would like to see a 3 year contract. He also asked if we were providing electricity to the tower. He suggested taking the contract back to the vendor for a 3 year contract.

Dr. Lorey stated we do provide electricity to the building.

Mr. DeMotte stated he would approve the 6 year contract.

A motion by Mr. DeMotte, second by Mrs. Englert, to approve the lease agreement for Hutson Inc, was voted 4-1 with Mr. Lukemeyer opposing the 6 year contract.

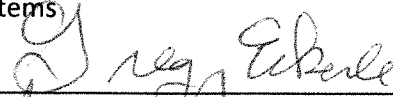


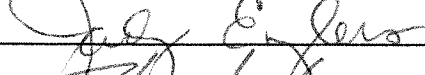

Dr. Lorey made the following announcements:

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

There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Judy Englert, 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

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