

Board Minutes Board Minutes  
April 24, 2023

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on March 27, 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 Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Englert, to approve the consent agenda, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes, claims and bank reconciliations
- Consideration of Request for Leave
  - Ross Polen-FMLA-JHS
- Resignations/Retirements
  - Dee Bell-Spanish Teacher-JHS-Retirement
  - Jill Kelly-Part-time Social Worker-JHS-Effective May 26, 2023
  - Nelleigh Harker-28 Hour Instructional Assistant-JMS
  - Barb Ernst-3 Hou/Day Cafeteria-JHS
  - Laura Sinkhorn-Lunch Duty ECA-JES-Effective May 26, 2023
  - Kelli Schmitt-Middle School Spell Bowl coach-JMS
  - Jason Ahlbrand-Boys Varsity Assistant Basketball-JHS
- Staff Recommendations
  - Elementary Summer School Teachers
    - Brock Moeller
    - Christine Shafer
    - Heather Yarbrough
    - Kyla Buechlein
    - Angie Cox
    - Jami Seifert
    - Hilda Carrillo
    - Bea Cobo
    - Lindsey Healy
    - Austin Hopf
    - Jodi Crooks
    - Trisha Pfau
    - Eileen East
    - Nick Eckert
  - Summer School Instructional Assistants
    - Kathryn Frederick
    - Kelly Schwartz
    - Alleisha Miller

- Charity Elkins
- Sharyn Lopez
- Lora Ross
- Karina Mdenia
- Brandi Smiley
- Michelle Lamkin
- Christine Shafer-Literacy Cadre Coach-JES
- Jenny Hanneman-Literacy Cadre Coach-IRE
- Elizabeth Ahlbrand-English Teacher/JV Volleyball Coach-JHS
- Megan Johnson-Foreign Language Department Chair-JHS effective 2023-2024 school year
- Sandra Terwiske-3 Hour/Day Cafeteria-JHS
- Mason Schoenbachler-40 Hour/Week Summer Student Technology Intern-GJCS
- Summer Food Service Program Staff
  - Loretta Hoffman-6 Hours/Day-JES
  - Michelle Witte-4 Hours/Day JES
  - Deb Goepfner-4 Hours/Day-JES
  - Substitutes- as needed
- Caleb Begle-Move from Boys Basketball JV Coach to Boys Varsity Assistant-JHS
- Andy Noblitt-Boys Basketball JV Coach-JHS
- Abby Messier-Middle School Head Volleyball Coach-JMS
- Mark Buse-Middle School Assistant Volleyball Coach-JMS
- Leesa King-New Corporation Bus Driver
- Tom Hilsmeier-10-15 Hours Per Week Mowing-GJCS
- Incentive Program Completion/Increase-adds \$3,000 to Base Salary
  - None
- Field Trip Requests
  - Girls High School Basketball Team-Summer Camp at Western Kentucky University June 19-21, 2023
  - JHS Agriculture Trip-Ireland-June 1-10, 2025
  - JHS Boys Golf-Bedford Tourney-April 28-29, 2023
  - JHS Boys Golf-Indianapolis Spring Showcase-May 5-6, 2023
  - JHS Girls Tennis-Avon Tourney-April 28-29, 2023
- Other
  - None

#### Wildcat Spotlight-Entry-Level Drivers Training-How to Become a Bus Driver

Chris Flamion and Officer Knies informed the Board of the training that is done for people wanting to become bus drivers. They have trained GJCS Bus Drivers and people from other counties and school corporations.

#### Curriculum Update—Mrs. Fawks

Mrs. Fawks asked the Board to approve the Summer Enrichment Programs.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the Summer Enrichment Programs, was unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Mr. Buechlein shared information on the Community Learning Event that will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the community room. The topic being discussed is screen time and how the effect screen time has on vision eye movement development. He also informed the Board the event held on March 30<sup>th</sup> was very informative and about 45 people attended the event.

#### Building & Maintenance Update—Scott Stenftenagel

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the board to approve the upgrade of the security camera system at Jasper Middle School. A total of 86 new CCTV Cameras will be installed around the interior and exterior of the building and parking lots. He recommended they approve the proposal from Architectural Sales for the amount of \$138,200.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked if they received any other quotes.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated no they have had good luck with Architectural Sales and by going with them their system will interact with the doors that are in place.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Tim DeMotte, to approve the upgrade and improve the security camera system at Jasper Middle School with Architectural Sales, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to approve the replacement of the auditorium curtain at Jasper High School. He recommended to approve Tiffin Scenic Studios for the replacement of the stage front, masking curtains and also replacement of associated tracks for \$57,046.00.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Steve Lukemeyer to replace the auditorium curtain at Jasper High School, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to approve replacing the gravel play surface and railroad ties that borders the existing playground area with mulch at Ireland Elementary School. A proposal was received from Buschkoetter's Nursey to remove the existing railroad tie borders, pea gravel fill, install approximately 1000 feet of drainage tile and install 12" depth of mulch throughout the playground area. Some of the existing pea gravel will be retained to be utilized around the drainage tile. The proposal also includes the installation of pre-molded plastic borders along two sides (East and South) of the playground. The asphalt walkway located along the remaining two sides (West and North) will be removed and a new concrete walk be installed. The estimated cost is \$82,568.75.

Mr. Stenftenagel informed the Board that Mrs. Bauer has a private individual that has offered to donate \$9,000 toward the project.

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to approve the playground improvements for a total of \$82,568.75.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked if any other bids were received.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated Buschkoetter's did the project at Jasper Elementary School and they were pleased with how it turned out and the cost estimate.

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Tim DeMotte, to approve replacing the gravel play surface with mulch and other improvements at the Ireland Elementary School playground, was unanimously approved by the Board.

#### Other Business:

Dr. Lorey presented proposed changes to the Jasper Middle School Handbook for 2023-2024. The only changes pertain to the dress code.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the JMS Handbook for 2023-2024, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the replacement of all second grade Chromebooks. Quotes were received from Bluum and RTI for replacement of the Chromebooks. The RTI quote was \$87,120 and Bluum quoted \$88,160.40. She asked the Board to approve the bid from RTI.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Dr. Englert, to approve the replacement of second grade Chromebooks from RTI, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the replacement of all UPS (uninterruptable power supply) Batteries on Internet Access Points. The replacement is for JHS, JMS, Ireland, and the Central Office. The quote for the replacement is \$77,373.94. Since this is an E-Rate project, the corporation should receive about 70% of this funding back through the federal program.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the replacement of UPS Batteries on Internet Access Points, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the 2024 Budget Timeline. She plans to present the budget to the Board in the July meeting, hold the public hearing at the August meeting, and seek approval at the September meeting.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the 2024 Budget Timeline, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the Little Wildcats employee childcare program. Over the past several months they have been exploring ways to add value for the employees in addition to current salaries, wages and benefits. One area that is of great need is high quality, affordable and accessible childcare. She made a proposal to open an employee childcare program to be housed at Jasper High School. The program would provide developmentally appropriate learning and high-quality care of employees of GJCS, The Exceptional Children's Co-op and the Patoka Valley CTE Co-op. The program will operate under a Legally Licensed Exempt status with the state and comply with all CCDF Eligibility Standards including safety and care guidelines and child/adult rations. The proposed program will operate 183 days of school year to align with the teacher contract. Drop-off is at 7:30 a.m. with pick-up by 4:00 p.m. The base charge will be \$25/day for one child, \$44.50/day for 2 children, \$57.50/day for 3 children. Each additional child would cost an added \$13.00/day. Currently there are 18 children of employees interested in the program. Staffing needs will be based upon the number of children who enroll, as well as compliance with child/adult ratios. The goal is to be ready to open at the start of the 2023-2024 school year. This date will depend on the renovations needed in the proposed space.

Mrs. Jackle stated she thinks this is a great idea.

Dr. Englert asked about how many are you thinking about attending the program.

Dr. Lorey stated 4 infants to one adult.

Dr. Englert asked if it would be open to the public.

Dr. Lorey stated at this time no.

Mrs. Jackle asked if a staff member has a special needs child will they be able to attend.

Dr. Lorey stated yes.

Mrs. Jackle stated if a high school student has a child will that child be able to attend.

Dr. Lorey stated that she and Mr. Mauck have discussed this option and there is a possibility.

Mr. DeMotte asked if the instructor needs a teaching license.

Dr. Lorey stated they do not need a teaching license but would need other credentials.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked if 7:30 a.m. is early enough so staff can get to their schools.

Dr. Lorey stated they should be able to get to their schools on time.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked how they came up with the costs.

Dr. Lorey stated they did surveys to see what employees were paying for childcare.

## **Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Employee Childcare Program**

Little Wildcats is a private childcare center serving children ages twelve weeks to 5 years of age of Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools/DSP Co-op Employees/Patoka Valley CTE Cooperative employees (GJCS serves as LEA for both Cooperatives). Little Wildcats offers quality, affordable and convenient care for children, while providing developmentally appropriate learning through exploration, discovery, and hands-on experiences to learn about the world around them. The program will combine preschool activities with a “home like” atmosphere.

### **2023-2024 Days of Operation**

Monday, August 7, 2023 through Thursday, May 23, 2024

There are 183 days of operation (not including evening hours for parent/teacher conferences). Center operation will begin 2 days prior to the first day of school for students and end on the last day of school. Childcare will also be provided on the January 29, 2024 professional and on all snow make-up days when school is in session.

### **Hours**

Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily and follow the school calendar.

### **Legally Licensed Exempt Provider**

Little Wildcats will operate as a Legally Licensed Exempt provider. However, the program will demonstrate compliance with CCDF eligibility standards. This will include meeting all safety, care guidelines and ratios as defined through the Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning (OECOSL).

### **Facility**

Little Wildcats will be housed at Jasper High School in a newly converted childcare suite located in the northeast corner of the building. The childcare space complies with all OECOSL facility requirements.

### **Staff**

Staffing will be determined by enrollment. Flexibility with movement of children up to new classrooms will take into account each child’s development, as well as staff to child ratios. The program will employ a Lead Teacher (CDA credentialed) and Childcare Assistants. We will also partner with Jasper High School to utilize Education Professions student rotations and Career Exploration Interns when applicable.

All staff will comply with CCDF standards for childcare providers including:

- Expanded Criminal History Checks and State Central Registry Check
- Drug Testing
- Tuberculin Test Requirement
- Safe Sleep Training

**GREATER JASPER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**2024 BUDGET PREPARATION TIMELINE (TENTATIVE)**

<b>April 24</b>	<b>Seek Board approval of Budget Timeline</b>
June-July	Preparation of first draft of proposed budgets
July 21	First draft of budgets to School Board
<b>July 24</b>	<b>Regular Board Meeting, Request permission to upload budget hearing notice into Gateway</b>
August 14	Publish Form 3 in Gateway.  Publish CPF Plan and Bus Replacement plan on the GJCS website.
<b>August 28</b>	<b>Regular Board Meeting. Public Hearing on proposed budgets.</b>
<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>Board Meeting for Budget Adoption</b>
Nov. 1	Last date to file adopted budgets, proofs of publication, Capital Projects Plan and School Bus Replacement Plan with County Auditor.
Nov/Dec	Department of Local Government Finance Final Hearing and approval of budgets.

Mr. Lukemeyer stated he thinks the program is a great idea.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the Little Wildcats employee childcare program, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey made the following announcements:

- Jasper Elementary and Ireland Elementary have been designated as Family Friendly Schools by the Indiana Department of Education. The recognition honors schools that welcome all families into the school community, communicate effectively, support student success, speak up for every child, share power and collaborate with the community
- The May Board meeting will be on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jasper High School Community Room
- ISBA Regional Meeting—May 16, 2023 at Klub Haus
- Jasper Elementary and Ireland Elementary Schools have been designated at Family Friendly Schools by the Indiana Department of Education
- JHS Academic Awards-Friday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the JHS gym
- May 25-JMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Achievement Night-JMS 7:00 p.m.
- May 26-Last Day of School
- May 26-Commencement-JHS-6:30


Possible Discussion Dates

- The 2022-2023 Discussion Dates are:
  - 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 8:00 p.m.


No Executive Session

  
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