

Board Minutes Board Minutes
May 22, 2023

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on May 22, 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
 - None
- Resignations/Retirements
 - Mary Schnaus-Cafeteria-JES
 - Jill Wigand-ROOS Sponsor-JMS
 - Jason Recker-Middle School Head Girls Basketball Coach-JMS
 - Courtney Obermeyer-Middle School Dance Coach-JMS
 - Rileyn Bawel-Middle School Cheer Coach-JMS
- Staff Recommendations
 - Summer School Teachers
 - Lisa Guthrie-JES
 - Kelly Shields-JES
 - Sean Jochum-Credit Recovery-JHS
 - Brianna Lammers-Summer Ag Experience-JHS
 - Andrea Ackerman-move from Grade 4 to Art (80%)-IRE effective 2023-2024
 - Jill Peter-Elementary Teacher-IRE-effective 2023-2024
 - Hailey Hurst-Elementary Teacher-IRE-effective 2023-2024
 - Addie Gaither-Social Studies-JMS-effective 2023-2024
 - Emi Donato-Elementary Teacher-JES-effective 2023-2024
 - Lydia Shephard-Elementary Teacher-JES-effective 2023-2024
 - Aurora Mendel-Spanish-JHS-effective 2023-2024
 - Anna Grant-move from JMS to Social Studies to JHS-effective 2023-2024
 - Jonathan Rottet-Daytime Custodian-JES
 - Kathy Gilliatt-Temporary Custodian-JES
 - Rileyn Bawel-Co-Coach Middle School Competition Dance-JMS
 - Lydia Shephard-Co-Coach Middle School Competition Dance-JMS
 - Anna Borden-Band Auxiliary Unit Sponsor (Color Guard)-JHS
- Incentive Program Completion/Increase-adds \$3,000 to Base Salary
 - None
- Field Trip Requests

- FFA State Convention-Purdue University-June 19-22, 2023
- JMS Performing Arts to Louisville to see Wicket-September 27, 2023
- JMS Performing Arts to Louisville to see Frozen-January 1, 2024
- Other
 - None

Wildcat Spotlight-None

Curriculum Update—Mrs. Fawks

Mrs. Fawks asked the Board to adopt the K-2 Scholastic Science Spin and Grades 3-5 Savvas Elevate with Mystery Science.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Arlet Jackle, to adopt the K-2 Scholastic Science Spin and Savvas Elevate with Mystery Science, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein

Mr. Buechlein stated the Community Learning Event that was held on May 17th went very well. The topic was the effects of screen time on the brain and vision/eye movement. The presenters were Dr. Kristi Nord (neurologist) and Dr. Joan Bauernfiend (Optometrist). Dr. Nord stated screen time takes away things that kids could be doing. He said she stated there is a direct link between 6-7 hours of screen time and depression. They also discussed the vision and development of the brain and how the structure of the brain is changing by all the screen time.

Mr. Buechlein said the event is recorded and is on the GJCS website.

Dr. Englert stated she viewed the documentary and said it was easy to relate to.

Building & Maintenance Update—Scott Stenftenagel

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to approve the low bid from Seufert Construction for \$198,000.00 for the renovation project at JHS for the Early Childcare area. He stated he received two bids and was pleased with the cost of the project. He said the project came in \$20,000 less than he had estimated. He stated the work on the project will begin right away and will be done before school starts.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Dr. Englert, to approve Seufert Construction for the project, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mrs. Jackle stated the Ireland project looks great.

Other Business:

Dr Lorey asked the Board to approve the 2023-2024 meal prices. The meal prices are the same as last year.

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

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the Little Wildcats staff job descriptions, wage scales and benefits. Dr. Englert stated she thought the salaries were a little low.

Dr. Lorey stated that Angie Sander the preschool coordinator checked on daycare costs in the area and said the proposed salaries were comparative.

Dr. Lorey also stated the full time position will get offered a single plan for insurance and will get PERF.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked if the posting for the position will be soon.

Dr. Lorey said they will post the position soon and would like to have the lead teacher hired to start in July.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked when will registration begin.

Dr. Lorey stated she wanted to get the contractor hired before they set the registration date.

A motion by Tim DeMotte, second by Dr. Englert, to approve the Little Wildcats job descriptions, wage scales and benefits, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the purchase of new equipment for the CTE classrooms at Jasper High School. She stated she received a couple of quotes for the equipment and stated she liked the quote from Midwest Technology Products for \$92,224.49 which is procurement pricing. She received one quote for the metal work bench for the particular model being sought and that was from Midwest Technology Products for \$62,737.52.

Dr. Lorey stated the corporation is working on acquiring grants to help cover the costs.

One of the grants is from Purdue. It's a Scale Program for equipment for microelectronics. They have awarded \$50,000 for the equipment. What the grant doesn't cover will be paid out of the bond.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Englert, to approve the purchase of new equipment for the CTE classrooms, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to seek approval to replace Arthur Nordhoff as local legal counsel upon his upcoming retirement the end of July. Mr. Nordhoff has been the local legal counsel for over 50 years. His guidance has certainly helped us through the many changes public education has weathered over the years. Upon his departure the corporation will be seeking a replacement to fulfill the need for a local attorney to serve localized needs. Dr. Lorey recommended Mr. Tim DeMotte, current board member to assume the position upon Art's retirement.

Mr. DeMotte stated he has worked with Mr. Nordhoff for several years and has been on the board for 7 years and knows how the corporation works and gladly accepts the nomination for the position of legal counsel. He stated if the board approves him as legal counsel he will step down as a Board Member.

Dr. Lorey recommends Mr. DeMotte take over for legal counsel on August 1, 2024 and will have the same retainer and benefits Mr. Nordhoff has. Dr. Lorey stated in January they will discuss salaries and benefits at the re-organization meeting.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked how Mr. DeMotte position will be replaced.

Since Mr. DeMotte cannot serve the Board in both capacities, there will be an open position on the Board to fulfill the remaining term which expires at the end of December 2024. Previously, we used an application process to seek interested parties to fill an open position. The Board reviewed the applicants and interviewed them to determine a recommendation. Mr. DeMotte's position represents Bainbridge Township. Therefore, only applicants from Bainbridge Township will be considered for the opening. Dr. Lorey asked for approval to advertise for the future opening.

Dr. Lorey stated the applicant has to be over 21, a current voter and live in Banbridge Township.

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the replacement of Arthur Nordhoff after his retirement with Mr. DeMotte, the vote was 4-0 with Mr. DeMotte abstaining from the vote.

Mrs. Jackle thanked Mr. Nordhoff for all his hard work and dedication to the corporation. She stated it has been a pleasure working with him.

Mr. Lukemeyer stated Mr. Nordhoff has made many contributions to the community.

Dr. Lorey made the following announcements:

- May 25-JMS 8th Grade Achievement Night-JMS 7:00 p.m.
- May 26-Last Day of School
- May 26-Commencement-JHS-6:30
- June 26-Regular Board Meeting-JHS Community Room-7:00 p.m.
- Summer Central Office work hours will begin May 30—August 8, 2023—7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Arlet Jackle, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

An Executive Session was held after the regular meeting.

I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(9) Job Performance Evaluation

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