

Board Minutes
August 28, 2023

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on August 28, at 7:00 p.m. President Greg Eckerle called the meeting to order. Mrs. Jackle was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by everyone in attendance.

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 Dr. Judy Englert, 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
 - Approved
- Resignations/Retirements
 - Cindy Woolery-Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Karina Medina-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Kelly Schwartz-Cafeteria Duty-JES
 - Diane Elmore-1/2 Bus Duty Stipend-JES
 - Anna Grant-Yearbook Advisor-JMS
 - Zach Worm-Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach-JHS
- Staff Recommendations
 - Tessa Dunfee-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-IRE
 - Reece Schnaus-35-Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Katelyn Johnson-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Sara Denu-Move from 28-Hour to 30-Hour Instructional Assistant and ½ Cafeteria Duty Stipend-JES
 - Ashtynn Gore-1/2 Bus Duty Stipend-JES
 - Alleisha Miller-Move from 28-Hour to 30-Hour Instructional Assistant and ½ Bus Duty Stipend-JES
 - Gabrielle Ross-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Sarah-Kasprzak-28-hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Kara Conner-35-Hour Instructional Assistant and ½ Cafeteria Duty Stipend-JES
 - Victoria Chapin-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Jenna Brown-20-25 Hour Little Wildcats Instructional Assistant-JHS
 - Courtney Heberer-Yearbook Advisor-JMS
 - Richard Wilz-Assistant Wrestling Coach-JMS
 - Dr. Lisa Bridgewater-School Psychologist-DSP Co-op
- Incentive Program Completion/Increase-adds \$3,000 to Base Salary
 - None

**GJCS Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Schedule
2023-2024**

August 28, 2023	7:00 p.m.	
September 18, 2023	7:00 p.m.	
October 23, 2023	7:00 p.m.	
November 27, 2023	7:00 p.m.	
*December 18, 2023	7:00 p.m.	
*January 4, 2024	7:30 a.m.	Board Reorganization Meeting
January 22, 2024	7:00 p.m.	
February 26, 2024	7:00 p.m.	
*March 18, 2024	7:00 p.m.	
April 22, 2024	7:00 p.m.	
*May 20, 2024	7:00 p.m.	
June 24, 2024	7:00 p.m.	
July 22, 2024	7:00 p.m.	

- Field Trip Requests
 - Varsity Tennis
 - Jeffersonville-August 18, 2023
 - Center Grove-September 22, 2023
 - JHS FFA to FFA Leadership Center-August 25-27, 2023
 - JHS Performing Arts-Cincinnati-Perform National Anthem-September 20, 2023
 - JES Kindergarten to Reid's Orchard-October 6, 2023
 - JHS Marching Band
 - Bands of America Competition-Indianapolis-October 20, 2023
 - ISSMA State Finals-Indianapolis-October 27-28, 2023
- Other
 - Bea Cobo-Increase Contract Days From 183-191

Wildcat Spotlight-Athletic Department Report

Mr. Kendall the athletic director gave an update to the Board on the following:

- Financial Data-Balance \$140,404.61
- All Conference Athletes
- Outstanding Accomplishments-Sectional Championships-Regional Championships-Semi State Championships-State Championships
- SIAC Conference Championships
- Hosted Events at Jasper High School—Brings in revenue for the high school and the community

Mr. Eckerle asked what kind of money does the corporation make on hosting IHSAA events.

Mr. Kendall stated over the 31 events that were held that \$2,765.00 was the net profit, but with the hospitality room they are required to have the events are probably a loss. He also stated with hosting the events the community businesses benefit.

Mr. Lukemeyer stated it is good because the community is benefiting too and bringing more people to the area.

Dr. Lorey stated Mr. Kendall and his staff spend countless hours planning and preparing for events and they do a great job.

Mr. Kendall stated when they drop to 3A he would like to hold the basketball sectional.

FY24 Budget Hearing

A motion by Dr. Judy Englert, second by Sara Schmidt, to adjourn the regular meeting for the budget hearing, was unanimously approved by the Board.

FY24 Budget Hearing

Dr. Lorey presented to the Board at the July meeting the 2024 Budget. Form 3 has been advertised to taxpayers the CPF and Bus Replacement Plan in Gateway and on the corporation website. This years advertised budget total is \$45,481,874 with an advertised tax rate of \$1.9208. The advertised rate is inflated to protect the levy. The DLGF will reduce the rate in the final budget orders. In 2023 the advertised tax rate \$2,0125. The approved tax rate was \$1.0217. The public hearing is conducted to give the public an opportunity to make comments about the advertised budget.

No Public Comment

Additional Appropriation Public Hearing

The corporation is seeking an additional appropriation in the Education Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000. Per the 2023 1782 Notice, the corporation was given permission to spend \$20,192,894 of the cash balance. At the end of July, the corporation had already spent 59.92% of the approved appropriations. The remaining Education Fund expenses may be over that limit. The additional appropriation will help with the remaining years expenses. The anticipated revenue for FY23 is \$24,791,852. Regardless of the cash balance, the corporation can only spend the amount approved by the DLGF on the 1782 Notice.

Dr. Lorey asked if there were any questions or comments.

No Public Comment

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the Resolution for an Additional Appropriation.

A motion by Mr. Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Judy Englert, to approve the Resolution for an Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$1,500,000, was unanimously approved by the Board.

The regular public meeting was re-opened.

Building & Maintenance Update—

No Action Items

Curriculum Update—Mrs. Fawks

Mrs. Fawks shared information on 2023 IREAD-3 Results. There were 16 students who received a Good Cause Exemption, based on their IEP or ILP. There were 5 students recommended for retention. The corporation pass % is 91.6%. the Indiana % Pass rate is \$81.9%.

Second grade students also took the test . Students who passed will not retake IREAD-3 in third grade. Students with a passing status will be included in the pass percentages during their cohort year of 23-24. The students considered On Track are progressing as expected; with continued literacy instruction in their grade, she stated that this group of students will pass upon retesting in their grade. Students who fell in the At Risk category will be provided additional support in literacy instruction through classroom differentiation and intervention services.

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein

Mr. Buechlein informed the Board of the annual bus route safety review. Annually the corporation must review the school's bus routes and school bus safety policies to improve the safety for the students and adults. The review has been completed.

Mr. Buechlein stated that they have made the routes on 3rd Avenue, 6th Street and Newton Street as no crossing over for students.

Mr. Lukemeyer stated that was a lot to accomplish.

Mr. Buechlein stated that bus drivers came together and worked it out.

Mr. Buechlein stated school resource officers Jason Knies and Brian Lampert provided school bus safety training to all students in grade K-5. The officers covered basic safety procedures as well as proper bus behavior.

Mr. Buechlein informed the Board on October 25th Office Knies and himself will be hosting another Parent Safety Academy. It will be held at the JHS Community Room. Attendees have to have students in the GJCS system.

Mr. Buechlein stated Mike LaRocco, Director of Transportation for the IDOE, will be a special guest at the September Dubois County Safety Committee. Mr. LaRocco will also be touring the schools and the new transportation building.

Other Business:

Dr. Lorey informed the Board they needed to elect a Board Secretary to replace Tim DeMotte.

Dr. Judy Englert stated she would be interested in the position.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer to nominate Dr. Englert as Secretary of the Board, second by Sara Schmidt, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey gave NEOLA policy changes to the Board to review and approve at the September Board Meeting.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the 2023-2024 Board meeting dates and times.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Judy Englert, to approve the 2023-2024 Board meeting dates and times, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the 2023-2024 Teacher Evaluation Plan. Proposed changes reflect the length of time for long observations, teacher professional goal setting, and changes in statutory language pertaining to the definition of a probationary teacher and contract cancellation.

A motion by Dr. Judy Englert, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve the 2023-2024 Teacher Evaluation Plan, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the 2023-2024 School Improvement Plans. All plans are updated to reflect current data and information. The goals for each school indicate areas for growth and improvement. The majority of the goals are centered around literacy and writing improvement with a behavioral goal added at JMS.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Judy Englert, to approve the 2023-2024 School Improvement Plans, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve a resolution authorizing litigation against social media companies in a multi-district with Magstaff & Cartmell. The Board received information regarding a multi-district litigation on behalf of schools against social media companies including Facebook, Google/You Tube and Snap Chat. These companies have engaged in deceptive practices by designing and promotion their product to attract and addict teens and adolescent users. Inappropriate social media use by students has increased disciplinary and mental health referrals exponentially. The time, personnel and loss of learning that occurs due to these types of issues is unfortunate and detrimental to a positive learning environment and the social and mental health of students. Because of the lack of oversight, the schools are consistently dealing with issues that either originated on social media sites or were inflamed by them.

Dr. Judy Englert asked if all schools in the area are getting involved with the litigation.

Dr. Lorey stated that school corporations in the SW are planning on participating.

Mr. Lukemeyer said with no cost to the school corporation he agrees to participate.

Mr. DeMotte stated he recommends the corporation to participate in the litigation.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve a resolution for litigation against social media companies, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey made the following announcements:

- September 18, 2023-Regular Board Meeting-JHS Community Room-7:00 p.m.
- IAPSS/ISBA Fall Conference-September 25-26, 2023
- ISBA Region Meeting will be held November 20, 2023 at the Klub Haus.

There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Dr. Judy Englert, second by Steve Lukemeyer, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

An Executive Session was held before the regular meeting.

I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2)(A) Collective Bargaining

Greg Eskole President

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Judy Engler Secretary

Steve Lukemeyer Member

Sara Schmidt Member