

Board Minutes
September 18, 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.

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 Steve Lukemeyer, 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
 - As presented to the Board of Trustees
- Resignations/Retirements
 - Ashley Wriston-Deaf Hard of Hearing Teacher-DCP Co-op
 - Matt Bajorek-Assistant Football Coach-JHS
- Staff Recommendations
 - Charlene Sharp-Move to 25 hours per week-JMS
- Incentive Program Completion/Increase-adds \$3,000 to Base Salary
 - None
- Field Trip Requests
 - Girls' Basketball Team Bonding Event-Overnight at JHS-October 18-19, 2023
- Other
 - No requests
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Wildcat Spotlight-None

Adoption of the 2024 Budget

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the 2024 Budget as presented.

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve the 2024 Budget, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Building & Maintenance Update—Mr. Stenftenagel

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to approve the bids for improvements to the JHS Softball and Ruxer Fields.

Bids for General Construction Contract 1 were received on September 12th with 4 contractors bidding. The low bid is from Danco Construction in the breakdown as follows:

- JHS Softball Field General Construction Work: \$786,760.00
- Ruxer Baseball Field General Construction Work: \$1,678,240.00

- Total Project \$2,465,000.00

Mr. Eckerle asked if the bids were close to the estimates.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked if the bids were close to what Mr. Stenftenagel thought they would be.

Mr. Stenftenagel said some changes were made to the scoreboards at both fields and there is a retainage wall at Ruxer that was added and the right bleachers are going to be replaced for more access around bleachers.

Dr. Englert what will we do with the old bleachers.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated Vic Betz stated interest in the bleachers and other people have approached him about the bleachers too.

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the bids for improvements to the JHS Softball and Ruxer Fields for general construction, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Bids for Contract 2 for Procurement Field Turf were received on September 12th. The breakdown is as follows:

- JHS Softball Field Artificial Turf, Sub-Surface Drainage, Athletic Equipment \$622,821.00
- Ruxer Baseball Field Artificial Turf, Sub-Surface Drainage, Athletic Equipment \$1,138,787.00
 - Total Project \$1,761,608.00

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve Field Turf USA for the installation of turf, was unanimously approved by the Board.

The total for both General Contract 1 and Field Turf Contract 2 is \$4,226,608.00.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked about the air cool chiller replacement at the high school. He asked if the building would be without air conditioning.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated they will not be without air conditioning because the chiller has to be drained in the winter time.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked about the site storm pipe installation holding up the project at Alumni.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated that will not hold up the project.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated when Lechner's finish site work the project should be back on schedule.

Dr. Englert asked if the projects at Alumni will be done on time.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated the projects will be done on time with maybe an exception of the visitors' locker room.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated he is pleased with the progress.

Curriculum Update—Mrs. Fawks

No comments

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein

Mr. Buechlein informed the Board the current bus route contracts will expire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Mr. Buechlein asked the Board's permission to advertise bus route bids for the 2024-2028 time period.

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to give permission to advertise for bus route bids, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the updates of the NEOLA policies. The Board was given the policies at an earlier meeting to look over the changes before approving them.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve the updates to the NEOLA Policies, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to renew the facilities management agreement with The Stenftenagel Group in the annual amount of \$127,100 for the three-year term in payments at a frequency of once a month in the amount of \$10,592.00. The price did not increase.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Dr. Englert, to approve the facilities management agreement with The Stenftenagel Group, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve Girls' Wrestling as an officially sanctioned sport at Jasper High School.

Mr. Kendall and Mr. Lee stated there is a growing interest in girls wrestling. They want to add the sport and coaching positions for the girl's program. The same coaches for the boys will be the girls' coaches.

Mr. Lee said he is very happy with the interest in the program.

Dr. Englert asked about Lacrosse being offered.

Mr. Kendall said Lacrosse is not an IHSAA recognized sport.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked about boys' volleyball being offered.

Mr. Kendall said it is picking up interest in the metro area but hasn't had any interest in the program yet.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked if they will be promoting girls wrestling in the middle school.

Mr. Lee said yes, they will be seeing what interest the middle school has in girls wrestling.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve Girls' Wrestling as an officially sanctioned sport, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Other Business:

Dr. Lorey made the following announcements:

- IAPSS/ISBA Fall Conference-September 25-26, 2023, at the Indiana Convention Center
- ISBA Region 9 meeting will be held November 20, 2023 at the Klub Haus.
- The October Board meeting is Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the JHS Community Room

Dr. Englert asked what the student enrollment is for this year.

Dr. Lorey stated the official count day is October 2nd, but as of now the count is 3217 and this number is up from last year.

There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Sara Schmidt, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

An Executive Session was held before the regular meeting.

I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(6)(B) New Employee Reception

Greg Etkin President

Arlet Jacke Vice-President

Jud Eber Secretary

Steve Long Member

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