

Board Minutes
November 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on November 27, 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.

Mrs. Schmidt asked if the leaves for staff are covered with substitutes.

Dr. Lorey stated some will be and the principals are working on getting the subs needed.

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
 - Wanda Miller-Little Wildcats Associate Teacher-JHS
 - Karen Gudorf-Cafeteria Manager-JES-Retirement effective 1/5/24
 - Emma Stenftenagel-35 Hour Title I Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Victoria Chapin-28 Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Emma Stenftenagel-1/2 Lunch Duty Stipend-JES
 - Amber Hoffman-1/2 Math Bowl Coach Stipend-IRE
 - Amber Hoffman-High Ability Coordinator-IRE
- Staff Recommendations
 - Chance Greener-Move from Little Wildcats Assistant to Little Wildcats Associate Teacher-JHS
 - Meredith Black-Full-time Little Wildcats Assistant-JHS
 - Brittany Rollins-35-Hour Title I Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Heather Pfister-1/2 Math Bowl Coach Stipend-IRE
- Incentive Program Completion/Increase-adds \$3,000 to Base Salary
 - None
- Field Trip Requests
 - Boys Basketball over night December 28-29 for the Toby Yoho Classic at Eastern Greene
- Other
 - No requests

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 28th day of August, 2023, by and between Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, a school corporation existing under the laws of the State of Indiana, Dubois County, (hereinafter referred to as "Lessor"), and the Dubois, Spencer, Perry, Pike Exceptional Children's Cooperative, (hereinafter referred to as "Lessee").

WITNESSETH THAT:

In consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, it is agreed that:

1. Premises, Terms and Warranty. Lessor does hereby lease, demise and let to Lessee certain real estate owned by Lessor, located at 1520 St. Charles St.; Suite 2 in Jasper, Indiana, (hereinafter referred to as "Leased Premises") and all appurtenances thereto for a term of two (2) years commencing on September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2025, in accordance with the provisions set out in this document.

2. Rental Payments. The Lessee agrees to pay rental for said premises (including the use of telephones) at the following rates per year during the term of this Lease, in semi-annual installments.

Yearly lease rental payment schedule:

2023-2024	\$23,000.00
2024-2025	\$23,000.00

The semi-annual installments shall be due September 1 and February 1, in each year beginning September 1, 2023 and representing rental payments in advance for each semi-annual period. All rentals payable hereunder shall be made payable and delivered to the Office of the Superintendent, Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, Jasper, Indiana.

3. Insurance. Lessor, at its own expense, will, during the full term of the Lease, keep the Leased Premises, both building and contents owned by the Lessor, insured against physical loss or damage with such exceptions as are ordinarily required by insurers of building, or facilities of a similar type, in good and responsible insurance companies.

To the extent not in conflict with provisions or policies of insurance, Lessee will indemnify and save Lessor harmless from all claims, demands and/or causes of actions for injury, damage or liability arising from or incident to the use of the Leased Premises by Lessee, it's officers, agents, employees or invitees.

Wildcat Spotlight-GJCS Social Workers—Heather Goodhue, Lisa Flamion, Holly Hughes, Melanie Kruger and Tina Wahl.

The social workers handed out a sheet that is a snapshot of a roll of a school social worker. They stated there is not a typical day for a social worker. Their schedule goes by the needs of the students. One of the main issues is finding help for mental health treatment. They talked about a parent that reached out over the summer but all the facilities for mental health treatment were full. They gave this as an example of what parents and students are going through.

Mr. Eckerle asked why are the issues increasing.

They stated a combination of things. Finances, stress on parents, parents not being able to support the kids, and parents in jail. The social workers give students coping skills to help them.

Mrs. Jackle thanked the ladies for everything they do.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked what can we do as a school corporation.

Mrs. Goodhue said possibly more staff.

Mrs. Schmidt asked are we coaching the students ahead of time before they are in full blown emotional stress.

The ladies stated they do school wide activities to help with coping.

Dr. Englert asked about Natural Helpers. She stated Natural Helpers were used in the past and were very beneficial.

The social workers said they do use Peers sometimes. They also partner with the hospital and other facilities to help address the issues.

Building & Maintenance Update—Mr. Stenftenagel

Mr. Stenftenagel ask the Board to approve Gibraltar Design to perform services for the development of plans and specifications for roof replacement phase at JMS and JHS. The estimated cost for the high school is \$314,300. The estimate for Jasper Middle School is \$566,996.

The cost for Gibraltar Design services is \$51,700.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Englert, to approve Gibraltar Design to develop plans and specifications for roof replacement for JMS and JHS, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to approve replacing the JMS auditorium stage curtain that is in disrepair. The low bid was from Tiffin Scenic Studios for \$69,680 which includes the 2024 inspection and report of the stage rigging and fire curtain.

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve Tiffin Scenic Studios for replacing the JMS auditorium stage curtain, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stenftenagel received bids for the JHS Room 610 for expansion of Little Wildcat. The low bid was from Meadors Construction in the amount of \$27,295.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Dr. Englert, to approve Meadors Construction to do renovations to JHS Room 610, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Curriculum Update—Mrs. Fawks

Mrs. Fawks shared information with the Board concerning the SCALE Program. Scale K-12 is an engineering, design-based approach to teach professional development that helps teachers design curricular modules and activities for microelectronics within the Indiana State Academic Standards.

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein (Absent)

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the bus route bid specifications and seek permission to advertise for bids. The bus life was extended and the new length of service states the bus is good as long as it passes inspection. The bus bid will be for years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028. A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the bus route bid specification and give permission to advertise for bids, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Other Business:

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 County Wide Calendar. A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 County Wide Calendar, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the office space lease with the Exceptional Children’s Co-op. A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Englert, to approve the office lease with the Exceptional Children’s Co-op, was unanimously approved by the Board. A copy of the agreement is enclosed.

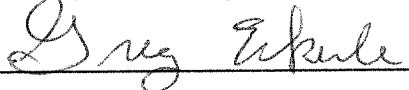
Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the Indiana Teacher Appreciation Grant distribution for all eligible certified staff. The Highly Effective receive \$700.30 and Effective \$560.31. These are gross amounts because benefits are included in the totals. Dr. Lorey also asked the Board to approve the same amount for administration staff out of the Rainy Day Fund. Dr. Lorey will not receive the payment. A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the distribution of the Teacher Appreciation Grant money to eligible staff, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey made the following announcements:


- The December Board meeting is Monday, December 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the JHS Community Room
- January reorganization meeting is Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 7:45 a.m. in the GJCS Central Office Conference Room.


There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Sara Schmidt, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:40 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

 _____ President

_____ Vice-President

 _____ Secretary

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