

Board Minutes
December 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on December 18, 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 Sara Schmidt, 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
 - As presented to the Board of Trustees
- Resignations/Retirements
 - Kyle Jahn-Engineering/PCC Teacher-JMS-Effective January 4, 2024
 - Samantha Riley-28 Hour Instructional Assistant-JHS
- Staff Recommendations
 - Kylie Anderson-EL Teacher-JHS
 - Harley Hopster-28 Hour Instructional Assistant-JHS
 - Education Professions Student Interns-Part-time Instructional Assistants—2-3 Hours Per Day/4 Days per week
 - Karsyn Sander
 - Ella Erny
 - Jocelynne Calderon
 - Kerrigan Kieffner
 - Mindy Alcantara
 - Olivia Miller
 - Jordyn King
 - Morgan Metz
 - Taylor Prechtel
 - Izzy Schwenk
 - Lily Taber
 - Kate Jerger
 - Emma Pryor
- Incentive Program Completion/Increase-adds \$3,000 to Base Salary
 - None
- Field Trip Requests
 - JHS Wrestling-Spartan Classic in Connersville-December 27-29, 2023

- JHS Wrestling-Warhawk Classic in Georgetown, KY-January 12-13, 2024
- JES Grade 5 to Louisville KY Science Center-May 17, 2024
- Other
 - No requests

Wildcat Spotlight-GJCS Social Workers—None

Building & Maintenance Update—Mr. Stenftenagel
None

Curriculum Update—Mrs. Fawks

Mrs. Fawks asked the Board to approve the 2024-2025 JHS Course Description Book. She said the following courses have been added:

- Human Performance-Third class in the Exercise Pathway
- Greenhouse and Soilless Production-Third class in Horticulture Pathway
- Added 5 new English courses to allow more students to complete the Indiana College Core. All of the courses are dual credit:
 - English 11 College Prep
 - English 12 College Prep
 - Advanced English; Children’s Literature
 - Advanced English; Creative Writing
 - Advanced Composition; Rhetoric and Argument
- Added 3 period option for Ed. Profession students to work as Instructional Assistants at Jasper Elementary School and Ireland Elementary School. Sam Venderley received a grant for the program. It will be a good experience for the students.
- Added Finance and Investment Pathway that can be completed 100% online for any student that may need a pathway for graduation

Mr. Eckerle asked about We the People being a weighted course.

Mr. Buechlein stated that Mr. Land is working on getting the course changed to an AP Course.

Pathway Additions:

- Visual Arts
- Theatre
- Band
- Choir

Currently 34 graduation pathways are offered at JHS.

Mrs. Fawks stated the corporation is in the process of seeking approval for a Work Ready graduation pathway for students that desire to enter the workforce immediately after graduation.

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve the 2024-2025 JHS Course Description Book, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mrs. Fawks asked the Board to approve the 2024-2025 JHS Academic Program Guide. She stated there are no changes at this time.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Englert, to approve the 2024-2025 JHS Academic Program Guide, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey stated the Board received a request to consider as part of Due Process the removal of the book, The Freedom Writer Diaries from the 9th grade English curriculum. All Board Members have read

the book and had the opportunity to speak with all parties involved. She asked the Board to make a ruling on the request.

Dr. Englert stated to consider the book as a whole not by parts. A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to have the book stay part of the curriculum, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein

Mr. Buechlein gave the Board an update on the bus bids for 2024-2028. The bids were opened on Tuesday, December 12th. He stated he is still in the process of negotiating and finalizing bids for several routes. As of now, 5 routes were not bid and will be taken over by the Corporation and one route was eliminated due to combining it with several others. He will let the Board know when bids are finalized.

Mr. Buechlein asked the Board to approve raising the extra curricular pay for bus drivers from \$15.00 to \$17.50 per hour starting January 1, 2024.

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve the increase in the ECA bus driver pay, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Other Business:

Dr. Lorey gave the Board an update on the 2024 Budget. The 1782 Notice from the DLGF was approved. Due to the second year of large increases to the Assessed Valuation (198,025,558), the tax rate for 2024 continues to be lower than anticipated. The rate came in at \$1,0083. The corporation traditionally planned for an overall tax rate of approximately \$1.11.

Dr. Lorey made the following announcements:

- January reorganization meeting is Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 7:45 a.m. in the GJCS Central Office Conference Room.
- Kindergarten online registration will be January 8-29
 - Assessment and paperwork collection will be the evening of January 29
- The regular January Board Meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, 2024 at the Jasper High School Community Room at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Sara Schmidt, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.


An Executive Session was held before the regular meeting to discuss the following:


I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state and federal statue.

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