

Board Minutes
January 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on January 22, at 7:00 p.m. President Greg Eckerle called the meeting to order. Dr. Englert came after the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

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
 - Audrey Werner-Middle School Head Girls Cross Country Coach-JMS
 - Andres Schroeder-Middle School Head Girls Soccer Coach-JMS
- Staff Recommendations
 - Alexa Hammond-Temporary Teacher-JMS
 - Susan Garcia Baez-28 Hour PreK Instructional Assfstant-JES
 - Amy Buechlein-High Ability Coordinator-IRE
 - Halli Leinenbach-Middle School Assistant Track Coach-JMS
 - Hannah Welsh-Middle School Head Girls Cross Country Coach-JMS
- Incentive Program Completion/Increase-adds \$3,000 to Base Salary
 - Eric Dall-Add \$3000 to base salary for completion of the Master’s Incentive Program
- Field Trip Requests
 - Jasper High School FFA to National Farm Machinery Show/Tractor Pull-February14-15, 2024-Kentucky Exposition Center-Louisville, KY
 - Jasper High School FFA to FFA State Dairy Foods Competition at Purdue University-February 16-17, 2024
 - Jazz Band to U of L Jazz Festival-February 23, 2024-Louisville, KY
 - Educator Rising State Competition-February 27-28, 2024-Indianapolis, IN
 - FCCLA State Leadership Convention Center-February 29-March 2, 2024-Muncie, IN
 - BPA State Leadership Conference-March 10-12, 2024-Indianapolis, IN
 - JHS Performing Arts to Disney and Universal Studios Workshops-May 3-7, 2024-Orlando, FL
- Other
 - No requests

Presentation by Mayor Dean Vonderheide and Mike Steffe on the Regional Wellness Center
 Mayor Vonderheide asked the Board to consider repurchasing 10 acre plot of land for the new wellness center campus. A 10-acre plot of land situated between JHS and the Jasper Parklands has been identified by the city as the target location for a planned Regional Wellness Center campus project. Coincidentally, the same land was sold from the city to the school corporation in the past 10 years. Now the city hopes the school will sell the land back and become one of numerous community partners for the indoor recreation and aquatics center.

Jasper Mayor Dean Vonderheide and Tri-County YMCA's Mike Steffe provided a presentation during the meeting to discuss the plans. The city has generated 6 million of a 15 million goal from private investors and the city will apply for a Ready 2.0 grant from the state to the tune of 8 million. The city will also likely bond another 22 million, which is to be paid for from a new food and beverage tax. He also stated the project will move forward at one scale or another, depending on available funding
 Among the planned amenities for the 90,000-square foot facility are six 25-yard swimming lanes in the aquatics center, with plans to offer swimming lessons, aqua aerobics, personal training and water therapy. An indoor walking track would also provide an escape from inclement weather.

Mr. Steffe said the programming is endless. They want to bring in community partners to help achieve having the center be a hub for the community.

Mayor Vonderheide also stated there is a need for early learning development and childcare in the county and having the facility could offer some relief through the wellness center.

The School Board agreed to deliberate on any possible future use the corporation may have for the land before agreeing to enter into negotiations with the city for the purchase of the 10 acres.

Wildcat Spotlight-Dana Kunz

Mrs. Kunz explained the efforts to prepare students for post-secondary education or the workforce. They discuss Career Counseling for K-5, Career Awareness-Career Explorations Grades 6-8, Career Preparation Grades 9-10, Career Training for Grades 11-12. She meets with students and discusses with them if they plan on going into the workforce after high school, trade school, or a 4 year college. She talked about Dubois County Graduate Profile that she does with the students to help them with their employment skills. They hold an event for the students to celebrate their employment path.

Mrs. Schmitt said it is great having an event to celebrate the student deciding an employment path.

Dr. Lorey stated it is great to engage community and create partnerships within the community.

Dr. Englert asked what happens to the students who are undecided on what their path is.

Mrs. Kunz said she does a senior survey and the students who reply they are undecided she meets with them to help them try to figure out what their next step is.

Mrs. Kunz said they have a plan when they leave high school.

Dr. Lorey said once the student has graduated, they lose track of them and don't have the data to know what path they decided on for sure.

Building & Maintenance Update—Mr. Stenftenagel

Mr. Stenftenagel stated Gibraltar Design and the Stenftenagel Group has completed the development of plans and specifications for the JMS and JHS roof replacement projects. The proposed roof replacement is located over the Band Room, Band Corridor-Lobby, Mechanical Room and Elevator Lobby. The existing roof membrane is currently 21 years old.

Estimated total project costs for the JHS roof membrane replacement for the area of the high school is \$334,300.00

The proposed JMS roof replacement area is located over the kitchen, cafeteria, large group instruction room and main administration lobby. The existing roof membrane is currently 21 years old. There are 5 existing skylights that consist of fiberglass translucent panels. Over the years the fiberglass has become

brittle and has experienced re-occurring leaks that have been causing staining and damage to ceiling tile and gypsum board bulkheads located around the skylights. He proposed that the skylights be replaced with new skylights during the roof membrane replacement to perform the installation of proper flashing and membrane interface with the skylight system and the new roof membrane.

Estimated cost of the JMS roof project is \$742,500.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Dr. Englert, to approve the JHS and JMS roof projects, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to approve the 2024 HVAC preventative maintenance service agreement renewal with Alpha Mechanical in the amount of \$63,550 for performing preventive maintenance and service for listed HVAC equipment throughout the corporation.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Sara Schmitt, to approve Alpha Mechanical service agreement in the amount of \$63,550, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Curriculum Update—Mrs. Fawks

Mr. Fawks gave a curricular update on the Science of Reading.

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein

Mr. Buechlein asked the Board to approve the purchase of a used 2016 Ford Super Duty F-250 truck for use by the district maintenance and transportation department. The price of the truck is \$30,400. The purchase of the truck will be out of the Rainy Day Fund.

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Sara Schmitt, to approve the purchase of the Ford truck, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Buechlein asked the Board to approve the 2024-2028 independent bus contracts.

Dr. Englert asked what percentage is the increase.

Mr. Buechlein said about 12 percent.

A motion by Sara Schmitt, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the 2024-2028 independent bus contracts, was unanimously approve by the Board.

Other Business:

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the 2024 Conflict of Interest statement for Mrs. Jackle. The conflict is because Mrs. Jackle drives a bus for an independent bus contractor and is on the School Board.

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Sara Schmitt, to approve the Conflict of Interest for Arlet Jackle was voted 4-0 with Mrs. Jackle abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the YMCA to utilize Jasper Elementary School for the Summer Day Camp Program.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the YMCA the use of Jasper Elementary School for the Summer Day Camp Program, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey made the following announcements:

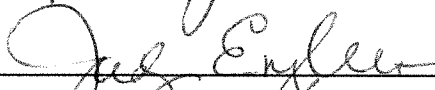
- The regular February Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024 at the Jasper High School Community Room at 7:00 p.m.
- The first snow day the students need to make up will be on February 16th

There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Steve Lukemeyer, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

An Executive Session was held before the regular meeting to discuss the following:
IC. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(3) Discussed Assessment, Design, Implementation of School Safety Measures, Plans, and Systems


_____ President


_____ Vice-President


_____ Secretary


_____ Member

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