

Board Minutes  
September 30, 2024

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on September 30, 2024 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 Dr. Englert, 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
  - Sarah Kasprzak-35-Hour/Week Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Cindy Hembree-Cafeteria-JHS
  - Madison Scheel-Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Makyla Wahl-Little Wildcats-JHS
  - Hallie Leinenbach-Assistant Track coach-JMS
- Staff Recommendations
  - Maverick Merkel-2-Hour/Week Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Beth Pfister-Move From 28-Hour/Week to 35-Hour/Week Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Terri Beckman-30-Hour Per Week Instructional Assistant-IRE
  - Alexis Walker-Instructional Assistant-JMS
  - Anthony Price-ELA Department Head-JMS
  - Kelli Schmitt-Yearbook Advisor-JMS
  - Hallie Leinenbach-Assistant Girls Basketball Coach-JMS
- Approve Master's Incentive Program Completion Base Salary Increases
  - None
- Field Trip Requests
  - JES Kindergarten to Reid's Orchard-Owensboro, KY-October 4, 2024
  - JHS FFA to State Soils Judging Contest-Vevay-October 11-12, 2024
  - JHS FFA to National FFA Convention-Indianapolis-October 23-26, 2024
  - JHS AP Psychology Class to Museum of Illusions-St. Louis, MO-October 28, 2024
  - Ireland Kindergarten to Reid's Orchard-October 28, 2024
  - JHS FFA to FIRE Camp-Trafalgar-November 8-10, 2024
  - JHS Performing Arts to Derby Dinner Theater-Louisville, KY-November 21, 2024

- JHS FFA to State Crops, Forestry and Entomology CDE-Lafayette-December 13-14, 2024
- Other

#### Wildcat Spotlight—Little Wildcats-Ashlyn Hoffman

Ashlyn gave an overview of the Little Wildcat program. The program provides childcare for any GJCS staff member. Children ages 8 weeks to 5 years old (PreK) are allowed in the program.

The program is split in four rooms.

- Little Freshman-8 weeks to 12 months
- Little Sophomores-12 months to 24 months
- Little Juniors-24 months to 47 months (not 3 by August 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Little Seniors-3 years old (Preschool) and 4 years old (PreK)

This year a curriculum was bought with lesson plans to meet the kids needs.

Mrs. Hoffman informed the Board who the staff are and what area they help with. She also stated the high school helpers who come in are wonderful.

Mrs. Schmidt asked if they hold grandparents' day.

Mrs. Hoffman stated they did, and 49 grandparents attended.

Dr. Englert asked if there is a max for each room.

Mrs. Hoffman stated yes and listed the numbers allowed.

Mr. Lukemeyer stated if there are more children for the one room what happens.

Dr. Lorey stated the child cannot attend unless of an opening. She stated the state dictates the ratio of teachers to students.

Dr. Lorey stated they offer high-quality care. She also stated the program is affordable.

Mrs. Hoffman stated they follow the school calendar for days the kids can attend.

Dr. Lorey asked approval of the 2025 Budget per the budget timeline adopted by the Board earlier this year. All advertising requirements have been met and the public hearing was conducted on August 26<sup>th</sup> with no questions or remonstrators. There are no changes to the originally proposed budget. She asked approval of the Budget Form 4 and Bus Replacement, CPF, Expenditure Goals, Budget Hearing, Education to Operations Transfer, Rainy Day Transfer, and Budget Transfer Resolutions. Also, she stated that the Education Fund transfer to the Operations Fund does not exceed the statutory 15% threshold. A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the 2025 Budget, was unanimously approved by the Board.

#### Building & Maintenance Update—Mr. Stenftenagel

Mr. Stenftenagel informed the Board of the food service equipment replacement projects for Jasper Middle School and Jasper High School. He gave a list of items they will address for the project. At both project sites, there will be some mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work required to the existing construction to provide the proper connections for the new equipment.

The total estimate for hard and soft cost for the projects are as follows:

- Jasper High School Food Service Improvements--\$847,000
- Jasper Middle School Food Service Improvements--\$672,000

Vorndran Associates and Gibraltar Design has submitted their respective proposals to perform design services and develop bid documents as follows:

- Vorndran Design (Food Service Consultant and Design) --\$23,200
- Gibraltar Design (Architectural, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Design)--\$12,500

# ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

State Form 55865 (7-15)  
 Approved by the State Board of Accounts, 2015  
 Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance

Budget Form No. 4  
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Ordinance / Resolution Number:

Be it ordained/resolved by the **Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools** that for the expenses of **GREATER JASPER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION** for the year ending December 31, **2025** the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of **GREATER JASPER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION**, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the **Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools**.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools	School Board	09/30/2024

### Funds

Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
0061	RAINY DAY	\$1,750,000	\$0	0.0000
0180	DEBT SERVICE	\$9,344,000	\$12,053,209	1.0044
3101	EDUCATION	\$23,028,500	\$0	0.0000
3300	OPERATIONS	\$10,710,499	\$8,500,000	0.7083
		<b>\$44,832,999</b>	<b>\$20,553,209</b>	<b>1.7127</b>

Name		Signature
Greg Eckerle	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Greg Eckerle</i>
Arlene Jackle	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Arlene Jackle</i>
Judy Englert	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Judy Englert</i>
Steve Lukemeyer	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Steve Lukemeyer</i>
Sara Schmidt	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Sara Schmidt</i>

### TEST

Name	Title	Signature
Judy Englert	Board Secretary	<i>Judy Englert</i>

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to issue debt after December 1 and before January 1

Yes  No

RESOLUTION FOR 2025 FALL BUDGET HEARING

WHEREAS, the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, Board of School Trustees acknowledges the proposed 2025 budget as advertised and:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees also acknowledges that some changes may need to be made at the Fall Budget Hearing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Tracy Lorey, Superintendent of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools is hereby authorized to make any changes, adjustments or reductions that she deems necessary to any of the 18 lines on Form 4B, including line 5 and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Lorey is directed to report any changes made at the Budget Hearing to the Board of School Trustees following the Hearing.

Adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

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John E. Lee  
Arlet Jackson  
Tracy Lorey  
Stacy L. ...  
Sara Schmidt

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RESOLUTION FOR 2025 BUDGET TRANSFERS

The Treasurer of Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools is hereby authorized to make transfers within funds and also between funds and within minor categories and to transfer among major categories, appropriations and revenue necessary to allow for expenditures in the 2025 budgets, when necessary.

Adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

AYES

NAYES

Jack Ellen  
Art Jackle  
Tracy Siskala  
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John Schmidt

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**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND PLAN**  
**Budget Year 2025**

This resolution is adopted by the Board of Trustees of the School Corporation below:

School Corporation Name:	Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools
County:	Dubois

WHEREAS, A Capital Project Plan has been established; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is required under IC 20-40-18-6 to adopt a plan for the Capital Project Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees held a public hearing on the plan date and place below:

Meeting Date:	August 26, 2024
Meeting Location:	Jasper High School Community Room; 1600 St. Charles; Jasper, IN 47546

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees that the plan entitled "2020 Capital Project Plan" this resolution, and is adopted as the Board of Trustees' Plan with respect to the Capital Project Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Department of Local Government Finance as required by IC 20-40-18-6.

Adoption Date:	September 30, 2024
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Attest: Joe Egan

Secretary of Board of School Trustees

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to accept the design fee proposals from Gibraltar Design & Vorndarn Associates.

Mr. Lukemeyer asked if the improvements would be paid for by the Operations Fund.

Dr. Lorey stated no. She stated currently the cafeteria is on a spend down plan. The cafeteria should not have a high balance.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve the design fee proposals, was unanimously approved by the Board.

The timeline for the projects is as follows:

- October 28, 2024-School Board approves plans and specifications and authorizes advertising to receive bids
- November 13, 2024-Pre-bid meeting at 2 p.m.
- November 21, 2024-Receive Bids
- December 22, 2024-Present bids to the School Board for consideration to award.

Mrs. Jackle asked about the skylights at Jasper Middle School.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated they will be installed over Christmas break.

Mrs. Jackle stated the tennis courts at Jasper Middle School look nice. She also stated that the project came in under budget which is always good.

Curriculum Update—Mrs. Fawks

None

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein

Mr. Buechlein asked the Board to approve an addendum for Bus 17 owned by Joanie Wening for the length of the 2024-2025 school year. The addendum may be extended for additional years within the length of the original contract. There was some overcrowding, so Joanie Wening agreed to increase the area of the route to alleviate the overcrowding. The additional rate of pay is \$13.75 per day.

A motion by Sara Schmidt, second by Dr. Englert to approve the addendum for Bus 17, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Other Business:

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the School Improvement Plans. The Board received each School's Improvement Plan for the 2024-2025 school year. All plans were 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 with an attendance goal added to Jasper Middle school.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve the School Improvement Plans, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Announcements:

- The regular September Board Meeting will be held on October 28, 2024, at 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 Dr. Englert, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

An Executive Session was held before and after the regular meeting to discuss the following:  
IC. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(A) Collective Bargaining

Greg Eklund President

Arlet Jackle Vice-President

Joe Egan Secretary

[Signature] Member

Sara Schmidt Member