

Board Minutes
December 23, 2024

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on December 23, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. President Greg Eckerle called the meeting to order.

Board Members and School Corporation personnel in attendance:

Greg Eckerle-Board President-Present

Arlet Jackle-Vice President-Present

Dr. Judy Englert-Secretary-Present

Steve Lukemeyer-Member-Present

Sara Schmidt-Member-Present

Tim DeMotte-School Attorney-Present

Dr. Tracy Lorey-Superintendent-Present

Glenn Buechlein-Assistant Superintendent Support Services and Transportation-Absent

Tina Fawks-Assistant Superintendent Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment-Present

Monica Young-Corporation Treasurer-Present

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 Sara Schmidt, 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
 - Susan Ahlbrand-English Language Arts-JMS-Retirement effective end of the 24-25 school year
 - Iglaidis Lorente-Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Joe Shelton-Varsity Assistant Football-JHS
 - Tege Lewis-Varsity Assistant Football-JHS
 - Gavin Lichlyter-Assistant Football Coach-JHS
- Staff Recommendations
 - None
- Approve Master's Incentive Program Completion Base Salary Increases
 - None
- Field Trip Requests
 - None

- Other
 - Approve Independent Contract with Caitlyn Klem for Speech

Wildcat Spotlight—
None

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Arlet Jackle, to adjourn the regular meeting, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Open Project and Preliminary Determination Hearing

Mr. Eckerle stated if anyone in the public wanted to speak there is a sign in sheet by the door. He also stated the comments should be limited to three minutes.

No public comment.

Dale Wagner from Gibraltar gave a slide presentation on the primary objectives of the projects. The primary objectives are function, value, efficiency, aesthetics, and school for the future. He discussed the following for each project:

- Jasper Elementary School
 - Provide a two-classroom addition on the north end for the Pre-K program
 - Modify the north parking lot to accommodate building expansion
 - Modifying storm water management
 - No impact on the existing playground
- Jasper Middle School
 - Refresh finishes in existing classrooms, art and science
 - Replace existing chillers and cooling towers
- Jasper High School
 - Rework north access drive for new addition
 - Provide classroom addition for high school and early learning spaces
 - Provide safe drop-off zone for early learning
 - Expand cafeteria for additional seating
 - Additional parking at sports complex + 60 with access from Wellness Center
 - Existing administration area to receive a light refresh of finishes
 - HVAC and electrical support additions
 - Existing classrooms to receive light to medium renovations
 - New corridor terrazzo floor finish
 - Replace 8 rooftop air handlers
 - Flex space for large group instruction, conference room, and after school programs

He stated the preliminary total bond budget is \$41,615,000.

Luke Bruggeman discussed the debt service payments, current tax rates and a financial summary

Mr. Lukemeyer asked if the corporation would maintain the current tax rate.

Luke stated the tax rate may increase in later years.

Mr. Lukemeyer stated the corporation has been able to maintain the tax rate historically in the past.

Eric Long gave a timeline for the project.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to sign the following Resolutions

- Project Resolution
- Preliminary Determination Resolution
- Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the Project Resolution, was unanimously approved by the Board.

A motion by Sara Schmidt, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the Preliminary Determination Resolution, was unanimously approved by the Board.

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse, was unanimously approved by the Board.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Arlet Jackle, to close the Public Hearing was unanimously approved by the Board.

A copy of the Resolutions is enclosed.

Reopen Regular Meeting

Building & Maintenance Update—The Stenftenagel Group

Mr. Hopf asked for approval of the HVAC service agreement. He stated the RFP was sent to 4 contractors, but he only received one back. Alpha Mechanical had a bid of \$85,838 per year for the next three years.

Mrs. Schmidt asked about the life of the equipment being serviced if it is giving us longer life of the equipment verses installing new equipment.

Mr. Hopf stated the equipment is in good condition, so it is better to service it.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Englert, to approve the HVAC service agreement with Alpha Mechanical, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Hopf asked approval to replace 4 HVAC units in the 2004 Alumni Stadium locker room building. He sent out proposals to 4 companies; 2 returning with proposals. The low proposal was from Alpha Mechanical for \$49,772.

A motion by Sara Schmidt, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the 4 HVAC units for Alumni Stadium locker room, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Hopf asked approval of a request for proposals for JMS Unit F roof replacement to be sent out for bid.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the request for proposals for JMS Unit roof replacement, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Hopf asked for approval of the proposal for CCTV camera installation at Ruxer Field and the JHS Softball Complex from Alpha Mechanical in the amount of \$75,700.

A motion by Sara Schmidt, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the CCTV camera installation at Ruxer Field and the JHS Softball Complex, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Curriculum Update—Mrs. Fawks

Mrs. Fawks asked the Board to approve the JHS Course Description Book and Program Guide. She informed the following are changes:

- JHS will be operating on 2 different diploma requirements (current and new) for the next three years until the transition to the new diploma
- Add AP Seminar; English 10
- Add Agribusiness Capstone Class
- Add intro to Computer Science course for all freshman-1 semester course (new diploma requirement)
- Discontinue Summer PE (PE requirements go from 2 credits to 1)

Dr. Englert asked if a personal finance class is going to be offered.

Dr. Lorey stated yes, in the student's junior year.

Dr. Englert asked if the class would be a requirement.

Mrs. Fawks stated yes.

Mr. Lukemeyer stated with offering this class will there be less participation in the upper-level science courses.

Mrs. Fawks stated she does see that happening.

Dr. Englert stated with adding another class will there be a need to hire another teacher.

Dr. Lorey said they will be hiring another teacher.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Englert, to approve the JHS Course Description Book and Program Guide, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein

None

Other Business:

Dr. Lorey shared NEOLA policy updates with the Board for them to review and approve at next month's meeting.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the Financial Institution Resolution that authorizes the corporation to designate German American Bancorp and Springs Valley Bank & Trust as approved depositories where the Fiscal Officer may deposit interim funds of the School Corporation. Furthermore, the Board and School Corporation do now name My School Bucks as the digital payment application that the Corporation utilizes to accept funds for payment of school fees and services.

A motion by Sara Schmidt, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the Financial Institution Resolution, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Announcements:

- The January reorganization meeting will be held Monday, January 6, 2025, at 7:45 a.m. in the GJCS Central Office Conference Room. The meeting was changed to Wednesday, January 8, 2025 because of weather conditions.
- Kindergarten online registration will begin January 6, 2025. The assessment and paperwork collection will be on the evening of January 29, 2025.
- Pre-Kindergarten Registration will take place January 8, 2025, via telephone enrollment beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- The regular January Board Meeting will be held on January 27, 2025, at Jasper High School Community Room at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Eckerle informed the Board We the People students for JHS won 6th in State competition. He stated 16 teams competed. A lot of the teams had 18 students on a team and Jasper had 11. He stated Unit One from Jasper was number one in their competition. A professor from IU stated the students did a great job and they are shining of public education

Dr. Lorey stated the student's preparation is impressive. Their understanding of the Constitution, federal laws etc. is impressive and sitting in front of judges and answering questions is impressive. Jarred Land is the teacher, and he does a great job.

There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Sara Schmidt, the Board voted to adjourn at 1:54 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

Greg Eckerle President

Keith Jackle Vice-President

Greg Eckerle Secretary

Steve Lukemeyer Member

Sara Schmidt Member

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board of Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, of Dubois County, Indiana ("Board" and "Corporation", respectively) has authorized the Corporation to designate German American Bancorp and Springs Valley Bank & Trust as approved depositories where the Fiscal Officer may deposit interim funds of the School Corporation. Furthermore, the Board and Corporation do now name MySchoolBucks as the digital payment application that the Corporation may utilize to accept funds for payment of school fees or services and do hereby authorize the Fiscal Officer to enter into agreements with those bank(s) and the digital payment application on behalf of the Board. The Board may make interim changes if it is in the Board's best interest to designate an additional depository or digital payment application if one (1) or more of the designated depositories or digital payment applications are found to be insolvent or operating in an unsound manner, as reflected in the Board's minutes dated December 23, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the aforementioned designations should remain in effect for a period of five (5) years, unless updated prior to the five (5) year period for the exceptions stated above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, as follows:

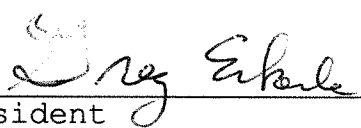
1. That German American Bancorp and Springs Valley Bank and Trust shall be designated as the Corporation's official depositories where the Fiscal Officer may deposit interim funds of the School Corporation.

2. That MySchoolBucks shall be designated as the digital payment application that the Corporation may utilize to accept funds for payment of school fees or services

3. That the Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with those designated bank(s) and the digital payment application on behalf of the Board.

4. The Board may make interim changes if it is in the Board's best interest to designate an additional depository or digital payment application if one (1) or more of the designated depositories or digital payment applications are found to be insolvent or operating in an unsound manner.

Adopted, on motion duly made and seconded, this 23rd day of December, 2024.



President



Vice-President



Secretary



Board Member



Board Member