

Board Minutes
January 27, 2025

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on January 27, 2025, 7:00 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-Present
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

Mr. Eckerle stated he has never met a better leader than Dr. Lorey. The support staff, teachers, and the community had a great leader for the past 12 years. She was always prepared; never had an issue she could not handle and never had a loss of words on tough questions. He stated she was a joy to work with and she had a way that she could talk to anyone. He remembered one time Mr. Vogler a bus driver, said a young girl was having a hard time and no one could calm her down until Dr. Lorey showed up with her kind heart. She even rode the bus home with the student.

The Board and the athletic department gave Dr. Lorey two lifetime passes to school athletic events. He stated the corporation will miss her.

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 Arlet Jackle, second by Dr. Englert, 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
 - Dr. Tracy Lorey-Superintendent-Retirement effective 2/3/2025
 - Austin Simmers-Physical Education Teacher-JMS-effective end of the 2024-25 school year
 - Deb Schum-Secretary-Retirement effective 8/4/25

- Kena Robling-Secretary-JMS-effective 3/3/25
- Cassandra DeKemper-Instructional Assistant-JES
- Kara Henke-35-Hour Title I Assistant-1/2 Cafeteria Stipend-JES
- Lori Humbert-Instructional Assistant-JHS
- KariAnn Jarboe-Lead Teacher Little Wildcats-JHS-effective 2/14/25
- Terry Henke-Boys Soccer Coach-JHS
- Staff Recommendations
 - Derek Hart-Strength and Performance Coordinator/Varsity Football Coach-JHS-Start 2/17/25
 - Lori Wigand-Temporary/Part-time Special Education Teacher-JMS
 - Spencer Lechner=28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Ashley Katter-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Ashton Rohleder-35-Hour Instructional Assistant/ ½ Cafeteria Stipend-JES
- Approve Master's Incentive Program Completion Base Salary Increases
 - None
- Field Trip Requests
 - JHS FFA to National Farm Machinery Show on February 12, 2025
 - JHS FFA to Purdue for the State Dairy Foods Contest on February 14-15, 2025
 - Educators Rising to Indianapolis for State Competition February 19-20, 2025
 - JES Fifth Grade to Louisville Science Center-May 21, 2025
- Other
 - Approve creation and salary for a classified position of Strength and Performance Coordinator. The Salary is \$54,500.00
 - Seek approval of Interim Superintendent contract for Mary Roberson Beginning 1/28/25

Mary Roberson the interim superintendent thanked the Board for placing trust in her. She stated it is an honor to join the corporation and continue the dedication to students. She also stated that strong community support is so important.

She thanked Dr. Lorey for her leadership, genuine caring spirit and stated she would have a legacy in Jasper. The work she has done has inspired so many in the field of education. She will make a difference in her new role in the state.

Mary Roberson wished Dr. Lorey the best.

Dr. Lorey stated when you take on a new role people will forget what you said and forget what you did but people will never forget how you made them feel. With strong leadership the community will feel confident, students will be valued, teachers will feel empowered, students will thrive, and educators will grow.

Mr. Eckerle stated they are working with Indiana University on finding a full-time superintendent. He stated there is an online application for the position. On March 7th the applications will be closed. He is hopeful that a new superintendent will be hired by May or early June.

Mr. Derek Hart addressed the public and thanked the Board for hiring him as the new football coach. He stated it will be a pleasure to work with the Board. He plans on taking the football program to the next level, work hard and raise young boys into men. He stated he is excited to get to work.



UNIFORM CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

State Form 54266 (R2 / 6-15) / Form 236
STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4

A public servant who knowingly or intentionally has a pecuniary interest in or derives a profit from a contract or purchase connected with an action by the governmental entity served by the public servant commits conflict of interest, a Class D Felony. A public servant has a pecuniary interest in a contract or purchase if the contract or purchase will result or is intended to result in an ascertainable increase in the income or net worth of the public servant or a dependent of the public servant. "Dependent" means any of the following: the spouse of a public servant; a child, stepchild, or adoptee (as defined in IC 31-9-2-2) of a public servant who is unemancipated and less than eighteen (18) years of age; and any individual more than one-half (1/2) of whose support is provided during a year by the public servant.

The foregoing consists only of excerpts from IC 35-44.1-1-4. Care should be taken to review IC 35-44.1-1-4 in its entirety.

1. **Name and Address of Public Servant Submitting Statement:** Brady Gunselman G-Crew LLC

2061 W Skyview Drive, Jasper, IN 47546

2. **Title or Position With Governmental Entity:** Grounds Maintenance

3. a. **Governmental Entity:** Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools

b. **County:** Dubois

4. **This statement is submitted (check one):**

a. ☐ as a "single transaction" disclosure statement, as to my financial interest in a specific contract or purchase connected with the governmental entity which I serve, proposed to be made by the governmental entity with or from a particular contractor or vendor; or

b. ☒ as an "annual" disclosure statement, as to my financial interest connected with any contracts or purchases of the governmental entity which I serve, which are made on an ongoing basis with or from particular contractors or vendors.

5. **Name(s) of Contractor(s) or Vendor(s):** Brady Gunselman G-Crew LLC

6. **Description(s) of Contract(s) or Purchase(s)** *(Describe the kind of contract involved, and the effective date and term of the contract or purchase if reasonably determinable. Dates required if 4(a) is selected above. If "dependent" is involved, provide dependent's name and relationship.):*

G-Crew LLC will be cleaning up at Alumni Stadium after football games.

7. **Description of My Financial Interest** *(Describe in what manner the public servant or "dependent" expects to derive a profit or financial benefit from, or otherwise has a pecuniary interest in, the above contract(s) or purchase(s); if reasonably determinable, state the approximate dollar value of such profit or benefit.):*

Brady is a corporation employee and receives pay for the outdoor maintenance director.


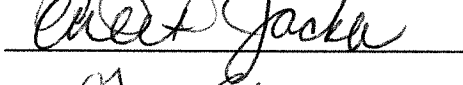

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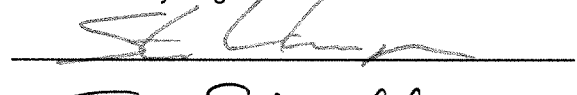
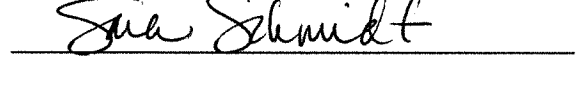
8. **Approval of Appointing Officer or Body** *(To be completed if the public servant was appointed by an elected public servant or the board of trustees of a state-supported college or university.):*

I (We) being the _____ Board of School Trustees _____ of
(Title of Officer or Name of Governing Body)

Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools _____ and having the power to appoint
(Name of Governmental Entity)

the above named public servant to the public position to which he or she holds, hereby approve the participation to the appointed disclosing public servant in the above described contract(s) or purchase(s) in which said public servant has a conflict of interest as defined in Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4; however, this approval does not waive any objection to any conflict prohibited by statute, rule, or regulation and is not to be construed as a consent to any illegal act.




Elected Official



Office

9. **Effective Dates** *(Conflict of interest statements must be submitted to the governmental entity prior to final action on the contract or purchase.):*

January 27, 2025
Date Submitted (month, day, year)

Various 2025
Date of Action on Contract or Purchase (month, day, year)



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1. **Name and Address of Public Servant Submitting Statement:** Arlet Jackle

7587 W Portersville Road, Otwell, IN 47564

2. **Title or Position With Governmental Entity:** School Board Member

3. a. **Governmental Entity:** Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools

b. **County:** Dubois

4. **This statement is submitted (check one):**

a. ☐ as a "single transaction" disclosure statement, as to my financial interest in a specific contract or purchase connected with the governmental entity which I serve, proposed to be made by the governmental entity with or from a particular contractor or vendor; or

b. ☒ as an "annual" disclosure statement, as to my financial interest connected with any contracts or purchases of the governmental entity which I serve, which are made on an ongoing basis with or from particular contractors or vendors.

5. **Name(s) of Contractor(s) or Vendor(s):** Arlet Jackle

6. **Description(s) of Contract(s) or Purchase(s)** *(Describe the kind of contract involved, and the effective date and term of the contract or purchase if reasonably determinable. Dates required if 4(a) is selected above. If "dependent" is involved, provide dependent's name and relationship.):*

Arlet drives a bus for the school corporation and could possible drive for extra curricular activities for the school corporation.

7. **Description of My Financial Interest** *(Describe in what manner the public servant or "dependent" expects to derive a profit or financial benefit from, or otherwise has a pecuniary interest in, the above contract(s) or purchase(s); if reasonably determinable, state the approximate dollar value of such profit or benefit.):*

Arlet receives payment for driving a corporation school bus and could possible drive for ECA Activities.

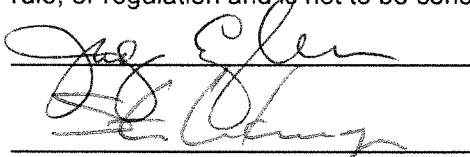
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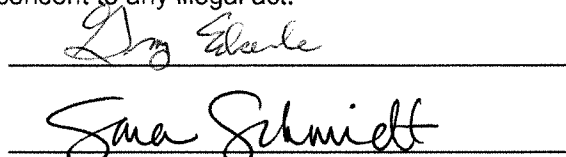
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_____ Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools _____ and having the power to appoint
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the above named public servant to the public position to which he or she holds, hereby approve the participation to the appointed disclosing public servant in the above described contract(s) or purchase(s) in which said public servant has a conflict of interest as defined in Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4; however, this approval does not waive any objection to any conflict prohibited by statute, rule, or regulation and is not to be construed as a consent to any illegal act.



Elected Official



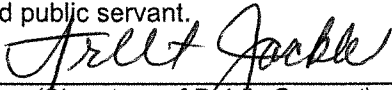
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9. **Effective Dates** *(Conflict of interest statements must be submitted to the governmental entity prior to final action on the contract or purchase.):*

_____ January 27, 2025 _____
Date Submitted *(month, day, year)*

_____ Various 2025 _____
Date of Action on Contract or Purchase *(month, day, year)*

10. **Affirmation of Public Servant:** This disclosure was submitted to the governmental entity and accepted by the governmental entity in a public meeting of the governmental entity prior to final action on the contract or purchase. I affirm, under penalty of perjury, the truth and completeness of the statements made above, and that I am the above named public servant.

Signed: 
(Signature of Public Servant)

Date: 01/27/2025
(month, day, year)

Printed Name: Arlet Jackle
(Please print legibly.)

Email Address: ajackle@gjcs.k12.in.us

Within fifteen (15) days after final action on the contract or purchase, copies of this statement must be filed with the State Board of Accounts by uploading it here https://gateway.ifionline.org/sboa_coi/ which is the preferred method of filing, or by mailing it to the State Board of Accounts, Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Room E418, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204-2765 and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county where the governmental entity took final action on the contract or purchase.

Wildcat Spotlight—Sean Jochum/Brian Uebelhor-Future Indiana Diploma—JHS Update-Geoff Mauck
Jasper High School counselors Sean Jochum and Brian Uebelhor gave a presentation on the future Indiana diploma. The new plan will offer diplomas with different seals, and an emphasis on experiential and work-based learning. The draft hasn't been finalized, so the counselors said there are some areas where advising parents is difficult since the classes aren't completely approved. Mr. Jochum stated there will be two sets of students on two different types of diplomas.

Mr. Uebelhor discussed the new diploma seals, explaining that the new Enrollment seal will function in much the same way that the honors diploma did. There will be three seals the student can achieve which are Enrollment+, Employment+, and Enlistment+. They explained what would be required for each seal.

Jasper High School Principal Geoff Mauck gave an update on Jasper High School, detailing the many clubs, organizations, and activities at the high school. The Student Council was voted the best in Indiana, and student athletes have continued to impress with three SIAC Championship teams and five sectional championship wins.

Building & Maintenance Update—The Stenftenagel Group

Mr. Stenftenagel asked approval for the proposal to replace JMS Unit F roof membrane at a cost of \$93,475.00 from South Central Roofing.

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

Wiffle Ball Field Project—Terry Gobert

Mr. Gobert presented plans for a new wiffle ball field and other improvements to the existing baseball complex. The wiffle ball project will be funded entirely by donations from Friends of Baseball. The project will include a turf wiffle ball field. There will be a four-foot outfield fence with safety capping that will surround the field, which will be accessible to the public when not in use for organized events. Additional improvements include new concrete walkways, bleachers, and a viewing deck. The project will also incorporate salvaged elements from the existing Ruxer Field, such as foul poles and a deck from behind the field house. He stated a family reached out to him with a generous donation for the project. Mrs. Jackle stated it sounds like it's going to be great for the community.

Dr. Lorey stated the renaming of the facility to include the Gobert family name was proposed by school officials in recognition of the family's dedication to the baseball program. Dr. Lorey stated the program that we have is successful because of the family passion that the Gobert's give to the program. It is her recommendation to rename the field to Alvin C. Ruxer Field at Gobert Family Park.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Sara Schmidt, to rename the complex to Alvin C. Ruxer Field at Gobert Family Park, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stenftenagel asked for approval of the repair/replacement of the soccer fence repair at JMS for \$24,323.52 with K & W's PV Fencing.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Steve Lukemeyer, to approve the soccer fence repairs and replacement at JMS with K & W's PV Fencing for \$24,323.52, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stenftenagel asked the Board to approve the SafeEVAC system and to develop bids and specifications for the project. Jasper High School has been identified as a potential site for the installation of the SafeEVAC system. This is a newly developed intelligent evacuation system. SafeEVAC's Technology utilizes next generation AI threat identification, first responder notification patented and patent-pending directional signage and intelligent evacuation software.

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A motion by Sara Schmidt, second by Dr. Englert, to approve the SafeEVAC system bids and specifications project, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Curriculum Update—Mrs. Fawks
None

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein
None

Other Business:

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the NEOLA policy updates. The Board was given the policies at the last Board meeting.

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve the NEOLA policy updates, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the 2025 Conflict of Interest statement for Mrs. Jackle. The conflict of interest is because Mrs. Jackle drives a bus for the school corporation and is on the School Board.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Englert, 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 2025 Conflict of Interest statement for Brady Gunselman. The conflict of interest is because Mr. Gunselman is our grounds supervisor for the school corporation and owns Brady Gunselman G-Crew LLC with cleans up after football games at Alumni Stadium.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve the Conflict of Interest for Brady Gunselman, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Announcements:

- The regular February Board Meeting will be held on February 24, 2025, at the Jasper High School Community Room at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Lorey addressed everyone in attendance with her parting comments. She stated it has been an honor and privilege to serve as an educator with the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools for the last 32 years. She is grateful for the opportunity to serve the students, staff, board and community. She said thank you for the confidence, trust and support shown through good and challenging times. Together great things have been accomplished. She stated she will hold this chapter of her life near and dear to her heart for the remainder of her years.

There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Dr. Englert, second by Sara Schmidt, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

No Executive Session was held.

Dry Eberle President

Altt Jackle Vice-President

Jeff Gp Secretary

St. L. L. L. Member

Gunn Schmidt Member