Board Minutes
August 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on August 18, 7:00 p.m. President Greg Eckerle called the meeting to order.

Board Members and School Corporation personnel in attendance:
Greg Eckerle-Present
Arlet Jackle-Vice President
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

Live Stream Link
https://youtube.com/live/Qfyxbr1tciI?feature=share

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
  - Susan Gibson-1/2 Department Chair Stipend-JMS
  - Kristina Vaughn-Assistant Swim and Dive Coach-JHS and JMS
- Staff Recommendations
  - Andrea Ackerman-Music Teacher (146 Days)-IRE
  - Lidea Balsmeyer-28-Hour SpEd Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Kiera Hewitt-28-Hour SpEd Instructional Assistant-JES
  - Holly Nowotarski-1/2 Certified Bus Supervision-Intensive Need Stipend-JES
  - Rahman Smiley-1/2 Certified Bus Supervision-Intensive Need Stipend-JES
  - Samantha Clifton-Criminal Justice Teacher (part-time)-Patoka Valley CTE Co-op

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT – PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER
Form for Class I Libraries
State Form 31873 (R5 / 5-17)

INSTRUCTIONS: (See IC 36-12-2-19; IC 5-4-1-1.2; IC 5-4-1-4)
1. *Appointing Authority completes the "Appointment" section then delivers this Certificate of Appointment to the board appointee in person or by mail.*
2. *Within 10 days of receiving the Certificate of Appointment, the library board appointee must take the oath of office and ensure the "Oath of Office" section is completed. The oath may be administered by the circuit court clerk, a notary public, or anyone else authorized under IC 33-42-4-1 or IC 33-42-9-7 to administer oaths.*
3. *The library board appointee must file the completed Certificate of Appointment with the library and with the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the library is located.* ***The form must be filed with the clerk of the circuit court not later than 30 days after the board term begins.***

APPOINTMENT

I/We Greg Eckerle,
Name(s) of Official(s)

School Board President, of
Title(s)

Board of Trustees of Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, Indiana
Name of Appointing Authority(ies) *Municipal Corporation(s)*

hereby certify that I/we have duly appointed Anna Grant to the

_____ Public Library Board,

said term beginning on the 1 day of January, 2026 and ending on the 31 day of December, 2029.

☑ **This is a full 4-year term. - OR –**
☐ **This is a partial term to complete the unexpired term of** _____.
Name of Appointee Being Replaced

WITNESS, MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL, THIS 16 DAY OF August, 2025.

Greg Eckerle
Signature of appointing official or attesting officer

_____
(Additional line for signatures if joint appointment occurs)

OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS
Dubois COUNTY)

I, the undersigned, do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana and to the best of my ability will faithfully, impartially, and diligently discharge the duties and accept the responsibilities of a member of the Library Board of the Jasper Public Library, and that I will observe and obey all the laws relating to said office now in force or which may hereafter be enacted during my term of service.

Anna Grant
Name of Appointee

Anna V. Grant
Signature of Appointee

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO ME THIS 25 DAY OF August, 2025.

Monica A Young
Signature

Monica A Young
Printed Name

Treasurer
Title

NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL STATE OF INDIANA

MONICA A. YOUNG
Notary Public. State of Indiana
Dubois County
Commission #NP0682784
My Commission Expires
May 30, 2032

If the person administering the oath is a notary public, add the county of residence and date of commission expiration.

County of Residence Dubois Date Commission Expires 05 / 30 / 2032

RESOLUTION FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the 2025 annual budget:

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of School Trustees of the Greater Jasper Consolidated School Corporation, Dubois County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the law governing the same:

Fund Name	**Amount Requested**	**Amount Appropriated**
Education Fund Appropriation Fund 3101	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Total for Education Fund	**$2,000,000**	**$2,000,000**

Adopted this 18th day of August, 2025.

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ATTEST:

Secretary Board of School Trustees

8-18-25
Date

  - Adam Kroll-25-Hour Instructional Assistant-JMS
  - Audrey Werner-Department Chair Stipend-JMS
- Approve Master's Incentive Program Completion Base Salary Increases
  - None
- Field Trip Requests
  - Boys Tennis team to Jeffersonville Invitational-August 22-23, 2025
  - Boys Tennis team to Center Grove Invitational-September 26-27, 2025
  - FFA SOAR Camp-Trafalgar-October 3-5, 2025
  - FFA National Junior Horticulture Association Competition-Towson, Maryland-October 9-13, 2025
  - FFA State Livestock Skillathon-West Lafayette-October 10-11, 2025
  - FFA State Soils Judging Contest-Site TBD-October 12-28, 2024
  - JHS Marching Band to Lucas Oil Stadium for BOA Super Regionals-October 23-24, 2025
  - National FFA Convention-Indianapolis-October 29-November 1, 2025
  - JES Kindergarten Field Trip to Reid's Orchard in Owensboro, KY-October 30, 2025
- Other
  - Re-appointing Anna Grant to the Jasper Public Library Board
- Points of Pride
  - None

Wildcat Spotlight-
Mr. Kendall gave his athletic report for the 2024-2025 school year. He reported the income and expenses for the year and stated where they are financially.
Mr. Kendall informed the Board of the outstanding accomplishments, IHSAA Mental Attitude Winners, All Conference Athletics, and the SIAC Conference Championships.
Mr. Kendall stated all sports pass revenue is up and also the advertising jumped a lot this last year.
Mr. Kendall stated he will be asking coaches if they have any needs because he has money he can spend in that area.
Mrs. Jackle asked if the middle school could benefit from the income.
Dr. Lorey stated the funds would stay at the high school.
Mr. Eckerle asked about student transfers.
Mr. Kendall said bigger schools are having more of that.
Mr. Lukemeyer asked if you must sit out a year if you transfer.
Mr. Kendall said no.
Dr. Englert stated with the surplus maybe there could be less fund raisers for a while.

Bernie Vogler and Bob Waddell were present and informed the Board of the Cabby O'Neil Gym being a National Historic Site. The gym was built in 1938 and 1939 and is only the third gym in Indiana to receive this distinction. The initial meetings with the Indiana Department of National Resources were discouraging, with officials stating gyms in Indiana are a dime a dozen and he was wasting his time. A 65-page narrative written by Greg Eckerle, photography by Jay Hamlin, surveying work by Ken Brosmer, and administrative support from Julia Hearst. In spring 2025, they received notification that the gym had achieved state historic designation. The national designation was granted on May 27, 2025.
Mr. Lukemeyer asked if there are any renovations they can not do to the building.
Mr. Vogler stated he would have to look into the details on renovations.
Mr. Lukemeyer stated if repairs must be done do they need to notify someone.
Mr. Vogler would have to check on that.

A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Sara Schmidt, to close the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Public Hearing was opened.
Dr. Lorey addresses the FY 26 Budget and the Additional Appropriation.

No Public Comment

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Englert, to close the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m., was unanimously approved by the Board.

Re-open Public Meeting

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve Resolution for Additional Appropriations for the Education Fund for $2,000,000.
A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve the $2,000,000 Additional Appropriation, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Building & Maintenance Update
None

Curriculum Update—Mrs. Fawks
Mrs. Fawks stated every student in grades 3-8, except those with most severe cognitive disabilities, participates in ILEARN. Those with severe cognitive disabilities participate in the alternate assessment, which is called IAM. She stated students with limited English proficiency must still participate. Also, students with cognitive and/or physical disabilities must still participate.

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein
Mr. Buechlein stated the annual review of bus routes has been completed. All routes and policies have been reviewed for safety.
Mr. Buechein stated he appreciates all the years Mrs. Jackle drove the bus.
Mrs. Jackle stated it was a pleasure to drive the bus. She stated the first day of school was bittersweet.
Mr. Buechlein stated they are training new bus drivers and at this time there are 12 subs.
Mr. Buechlein stated that school bus safety has been taught to grades K-5 by the SRO officers.
Steve asked if there are a lot of stop arm violations.
Mr. Buechlein stated there were 3 for that day.

Other Business:
Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the NEOLA policy updates.
A motion by Sara Schmidt, second by Dr. Englert, to approve the NEOLA updates, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Announcements:

- A Board work session is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- IAPSS/ISBA Fall Conference-September 15-16, 2025
- The regular September Board Meeting will be held on September 22, 2025, at the Jasper High School Community Room, at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to conduct and upon a motion by Dr. Englert, second by Steve Lukemeyer, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

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

I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(6) (B) Personnel-New Employee Reception

_____ President

_____ Vice-President

_____ Secretary

_____ Member

_____ Member