

Board Minutes
September 22, 2025

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on September 22, 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-Absent
 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 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
 - Pam Scherle-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-IRE
 - Atalie Schroering-HOSA Teacher-JHS
 - Paul Nichter-Assistant Softball Coach-JHS
 - Caleb Lowery-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JHS
- Staff Recommendations
 - Madison Niederfberger-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JES
 - Mya Tisdale-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-IRE
 - Cassidy Fromme-HOSA Teacher-JHS
 - Kelsi Kossey-28-Hour Instructional Assistant-JHS

**RAINY DAY TRANSFER
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools has established a rainy day fund to be used for such situations as determined by board policy, and

WHEREAS, a school corporation may transfer not more than 15 percent (15%) of the total budget of each tax bearing fund to the rainy day fund each year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the treasurer to make the following transfer for the budget year ending 2024.

Operations Fund	\$1,000,000
TOTAL Transfer to the Rainy Day Fund	\$1,000,000

Adopted this 22nd day of September, 2025.

AYES

NAY

Jeff Egan
Arlene Jackle
Dr. Eugene
St. Lukasz
John Schmidt

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS FROM EDUCATION FUND
TO THE OPERATIONS FUND RESOLUTION**

RECURRING BASIS: MONTHLY

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees is the governing body of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, Dubois County, Indiana, and

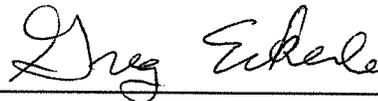
WHEREAS, HB 1009 required the governing body of each school corporation to establish an Education Fund for the payment of expenses allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5, and

WHEREAS, HB 1009 required the governing body of each school corporation to establish an Operations Fund for the payment of expenses that are not allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5, and

WHEREAS, HB 1009 requires that distributions of tuition support be received in the education fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Trustees authorizes the Treasurer of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools to transfer an amount not to exceed \$2,520,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund, to reimburse the Operations Fund for expenses that are not allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5 for the period of the 2026 Budget Year.

This resolution was duly made, seconded and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2025.



President, Board of School Trustees
Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools

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

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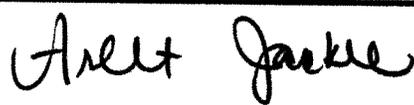
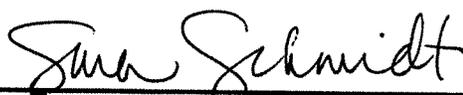
Be it ordained/resolved by the **Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools** that for the expenses of **GREATER JASPER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION** for the year ending December 31, **2026** the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and 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**.

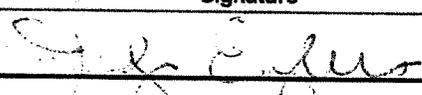
Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools	School Board	09/22/2025

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	\$11,244,875	\$15,296,708	1.1767
3101	EDUCATION	\$24,088,150	\$0	0.0000
3300	OPERATIONS	\$10,710,499	\$8,600,000	0.6615
		\$47,793,524	\$23,896,708	1.8382

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

ATTEST

Name	Title	Signature
Judy Englert	Secretary	

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 TO ADOPT BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN
Budget Year 2026

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 School Bus Replacement Plan has been established; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is required under IC 20-40-18-9 to adopt a plan for the School Bus Replacement Plan; and

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

Meeting Date:	August 18, 2025
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 "Bus Replacement Plan" this resolution, and is adopted as the Board of Trustees' Plan with respect to the School Bus Replacement 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 20-40-18-9.

Adoption Date:	September 22, 2025
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NAY

Jed Eller

Phil Jackle

Dug White

Phil Brown

Sara Schmitt

Attest: *Jed Eller*

Secretary of Board of School Trustees

RESOLUTION FOR GOALS FOR EXPENDITURES FOR 2026 FISCAL YEAR
P.L. 191-2006 (HEA 1006)

WHEREAS, according to P.L. 191-2006 (HEA 1006) at the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year each school corporation shall establish goals for each category of expenditures set forth in section 4 of this chapter that will increase the school corporation's allocation of taxpayer resources directly to student instruction and learning, in light of the unique circumstances present in the school corporation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of School Trustees shall strive to increase the percentage for student instructional expenditure categories as compared to the other expenditure categories as described in IC 21-10-3-4 for the next fiscal year by identifying efficiencies in all expenditure categories.

Goals will include but not be limited to the following expenditures:

- (1) Consolidation of purchases in non-instructional school service areas, i.e. transportation, food, via the use of our regional education center (Southern Indiana Education Center) and the e-procurement process
- (2) Reduce overhead and operational expenditures

Adopted this 22nd day of September, 2025.

AYE

NAY

Greg Ellis
April Jackson
Greg Eberle
Stacy
Jana Schmidt

Attest *Greg Ellis*, Secretary of Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION FOR 2026 FALL BUDGET HEARING

WHEREAS, the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, Board of School Trustees acknowledges the proposed 2026 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 22nd day of September, 2025.

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NAY

Jed Engler
Arlene Jacke
Doug Skene
Steve Lutz
Sara Schmidt

- Miranda Adkins-Little Wildcats Assistant-JHS
- Alleisha Miller-Change Hourly Rate to CDA Rate-JHS
- Ethan Varden-Pep and Jazz Band-JHS
- Jessica Mehringer-Octagon Club Sponsor-JHS
- Approve Master's Incentive Program Completion Base Salary Increases
 - None
- Field Trip Requests
 - Ireland Kindergarten to Reid's Orchard-Owensboro, Kentucky-October 7, 2025
 - JHS Robotics to Purdue October 17-18, 2025
 - JHS Dance Team to National Dance Competition-Orlando, Florida-February 14-16, 2026
- Other
 - Declare the following instruments surplus-3 vibraphones, 1 bell set and 2 xylophones

Wildcat Spotlight-Lisa Kincer, Anna Grant and Abby Kennedy—Library Board Appointees

They discussed the following:

- Summer 2025 Library Overview
- Jasper Public Library Summer Programs & Attendance
- Library Space Usage
- Community Outreach
- Technology & Access
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Mr. Lukemeyer asked if they see students coming every day to use the internet because they don't have access at home.

They stated they didn't know if there were issues with internet access at home.

They informed the Board a lot of people come to make copies.

Mr. Eckerle asked if they offer programs for kids struggling with homework.

They stated they have the summer reading program but no one on one opportunity.

The library offers a lot of activities that patrons like to participate in.

The Board thanked them for their report.

2026 Budget Adoption

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the 2026 Budget per the budget timeline adopted by the Board earlier in the year. All advertising requirements have been met, and the public hearing was conducted on August 18 with no questions or remonstrators. There were no changes to the originally proposed budget. Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve Budget Form 4 and the Bus Replacement, CPF, Expenditure Goals, Budget Hearing, Education to Operations Transfer, Rainy Day Transfer, and Budget Transfer Resolutions. 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 Dr. Englert, to approve the 2026 Budget, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Building & Maintenance Update

Mr. Stenftenagel gave a presentation of the classroom addition at Jasper High School. The project is to be bid in the fall of 2025 with construction starting on sitework next spring 2026 as soon as weather permits, and ground conditions allow.

Gibraltar Design and The Stenftenagel Group have completed the development of the drawings and specifications.

Mr. Stenftenagel asked permission to seek bids for the Jasper High School north classroom addition. A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Arlet Jackle, to approve The Stenftenagel Group to seek bids for the new addition at Jasper High School, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Curriculum Update—Mrs. Fawks
None

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Mr. Buechlein
Mr. Buechlein informed the Board on the progress of the new weight room at Jasper High School. He stated all the equipment is installed and the iPads are operational as well as the tv’s.
Mr. Buechlein stated he would like to have an open house so the public can tour the facility.

Other Business:
Dr. Lorey introduced JHS Athletic Code of Conduct policy revision and asked the Board to review the proposed policy changes for consideration for approval at the October Board Meeting.

Dr. Lorey asked the Board to approve the Edna Joseph Endowment Fund agreement with the Dubois County Community Foundation.
The JHS Band has been a recipient of the Edna Joseph Trust for many years. Historically, dividends from the trust were distributed annually to individual beneficiaries and three organizations. Over time, only the three organizations remain, and the trust will sunset, with the remaining assets divided among them. Dr. Lorey proposed using the corporation’s portion of the trust to establish the Edna Joseph Endowment through the Dubois Community Foundation. This endowment would create a perpetual source of funding for the JHS Band program.
A motion by Arlet Jackle, second by Sara Schmidt, to approve the above agreement, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Announcements:
• The regular Board Meeting will be held on October 27, 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 Sara Schmidt, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

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

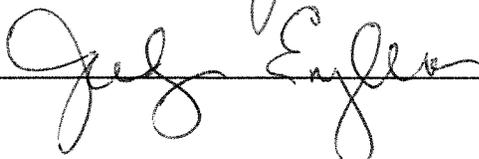
I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2) (A) Collective Bargaining



President



Vice-President



Secretary

St. Lange Member

Jan Schmidt Member