

Board Minutes
September 28, 2026

The regular meeting of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Jasper High School Community Room on September 28, 2026, at 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-Not Present

Dr. Judy Englert-Secretary-Present

Steve Lukemeyer-Member- Present

Sara Schmidt-Member-Not Present

Tim DeMotte-School Attorney-Present

Dr. Tracy Lorey-Superintendent-Present

Ryan Erny-Assistant Superintendent Support Services and Transportation-Present

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

Christine Kendall-Corporation Treasurer-Present

Live Stream Link

<https://youtu.be/1LGuloaFX8Y>

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.

There were no questions

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, 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
 - Kyla Beuchlein - FMLA - JES
 - Sabrina Peters - FMLA - JES
 - Lydia Hedinger - FMLA - JES
 - Beth Grammer - FMLA - JMS
 - Michelle Johnson - FMLA - JMS
 - Kristin Gutsell - FMLA - JHS
 - Shelby Garcia - FMLA - JHS
 - Geri Buchta - FMLA - GJCS

Resignations/Retirements

- Gillian Blessinger - Marketing and Communications Director - GJCS
- Mya Tisdale - 28-hour Instructional Assistant - IRE
- Tammy Pfaff - Cafeteria - termination effective 9/16/26 - IRE
- Brandi Stiles - ½ Bus Supervision ECA Stipend - IRE
- Kiera Hewitt - 28-hour Instructional Assistant - JES
- Rick Wilz - Assistant Wrestling Coach - JMS
- Jamie Ruxer - Guidance Secretary - JHS
- Miranda Adkins - Little Wildcats - termination effective 8/24/26 - JHS
- Trey Matheis - Assistant Swim and Diving Coach - JHS

Staff Recommendations

- Stacy Hulsman - 28-hour Instructional Assistant - IRE
- Pam Egbert - Secretary - IRE
- Melissa Fox - ½ Bus Supervision Stipend - IRE
- Baileigh Baker - 28-hour Instructional Assistant - JES
- Courtney Messmer - Instructional Assistant - JMS
- Julie Ruhe - Middle School Intramural Stipend - JMS
- Eric Schuetter - Head Wrestling Coach - JMS
- Ashton Schuetter - Assistant Wrestling Coach - JMS
- Santiago Hernandez - Seasonal Mower - JMS
- Emma Mundy - BPA Sponsor Stipend - JHS
- Shalyn Grow - High School Musical Assistant - JHS
- Luke Hoffman - High School and Middle School Diving Coach - JMS/JHS
- Bella Roberts - High School Assistant Swim Coach - JHS
- Alleisha Miller - Little Wildcats - Move to Associate Degree Scale - JHS
- Cassandra Dekemper - Little Wildcats - Move to Associate Degree Scale - JHS

Field Trip Requests

- JHS FFA to State Livestock Skillathon - Trafalgar, Indiana - October 2-3, 2026
- JHS FFA SOAR Camp - Trafalgar, Indiana - October 9-11, 2026
- JHS FFA State Soils Judging Contest - Clay County, Indiana - October 16-17, 2026
- JHS FFA to the National FFA Convention - Indianapolis, IN - October 21-24, 2026
- JHS Girls Basketball Team Season Kickoff Sleepover - JHS Community Room - October 21-22, 2026
- JHS Psychology Students - Museum of Illusions - St. Louis, MO - November 5, 2026
- JHS Marching Band - Lucas Oil Stadium - November 6-7, 2026
- JHS FFA to FIRE Camp - Trafalgar, Indiana - November 6-8, 2026
- JHS FFA to North American International Livestock Expo - Louisville, KY - November 13, 2026
- JHS Girls Basketball Austin Tournament - December 28-29, 2026

Other

Wildcat Spotlight

Jasper High School College & Career Development (CCD) Course

- Jasper High School restructured its daily 30-minute homeroom period into the College and Career Development (CCD) course to align with the new Indiana diploma framework and state accountability metrics without sacrificing core instructional time.
- Lessons take 5–15 minutes and focus on SAT/PSAT preparation, iLearn readiness (biology and government), FAFSA/IVY Tech setups, resume building, and attendance tracking.
- Seniors are required to complete all CCD assignments (including creating a LinkedIn profile) to participate in graduation/commencement.
- Grading Structure: Set as *Pass/No Pass* so it does not affect student GPAs or require broad teacher re-credentialing.

Adjournment of Regular Meeting for Public Hearing

- Adjourn regular session to convene public hearings on the FY 2027 budget and FY 2026 additional appropriations.

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Englert, to approve adjournment of regular meeting, was unanimously approved by the Board.

FY27 Budget

- FY 2027 Advertised Budget: \$50,628,930 (advertised tax rate: 1.9501; expected to be reduced by DLGF).
- FY 2026 Additional Appropriations Requested:
 - Education Fund: \$2,575,000
 - Debt Service Fund: \$192,000

Closure of Public Hearing and Reopening of Regular Meeting

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Englert to close the public hearing and reopen the regular board meeting, was unanimously approved by the Board.

A motion by Dr. Englert, second by Steve Lukemeyer to approve the resolution authorizing additional expenditure authority through FY 26, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Building & Maintenance Update – Mr. Hopf with The Stenftenagel Group

- Proposal from Moisture Management to perform due diligence, core testing, infrared scanning, and develop bid specifications for the 25-year-old JHS natatorium roof.
- Base Bid Estimate: ~\$475,000 (standard ballast replacement).
- Alternate Bid Estimate: ~\$556,000 (TPO/PVC specialty membrane for extended life).
- Timeline: Out to bid in December 2026, return bids in January 2027, work to commence Summer 2027.

- A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Englert to approve Moisture Management proposal to prepare bid documents, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Judy - is the new pool complete and are we saving water. We need to check with Sten Group to get more clarification.

Curriculum Update—Tina Fawks

- GJCS overall outperformed state averages, placing in the 85th percentile statewide across ELA and Math for Grades 3–8 (53% ELA pass rate, 56.7% Math pass rate, 42.8% both).
- Grade 5 Social Studies scored right at the state average; curriculum teams will do a deeper dive into the test blueprint and scope/sequence to address performance.
- Teachers will utilize the new through-year checkpoint assessments (starting October/Fall Break) for real-time instructional feedback.

Student Support Services and Transportation Update—Ryan Erny

- Transportation update
 - Bus inspections have all passed. Every bus in our fleet will be inspected on Jan 11-14. Fuel escalation has gone up by \$1.37 and bus drivers have been updated.
- Parent Square update
 - 99.5% (17 students/families) that are not signed up. They can still get the messages, but we are working to get them set up.

Other Business:

- Approve NEOLA Policy update

A motion by Steve Lukemeyer, second by Dr. Englert to approve the updated NEOLA Policy, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Announcements

- IAPSS/ISBA Fall Conference – October 5-6, 2026
- The October Board meeting is Monday, October 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the JHS Community Room.
- ISBA Region 9 Meeting - November 17, 2026

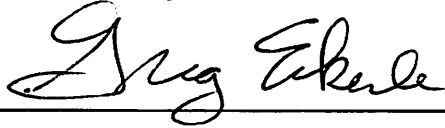
Adjourn

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

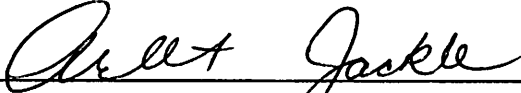
An Executive Session was held before the regular meeting to discuss the following:

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

I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(3) Discussed Assessment, Design, Implementation of
School Safety Measures, Plans, and Systems - Dr. Ann Kelly



President



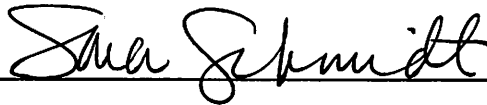
Vice-President



Secretary



Member



Member

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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Ordinance / Resolution Number:

Be it ordained/resolved by the **GREATER JASPER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION** that for the expenses of **GREATER JASPER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION , Dubois County** for the year ending December 31, **2027** 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 , Dubois County**, 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 SCHOOL CORPORATION**.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body

Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body

Date of Adoption

Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools
Board of Trustees

School Board

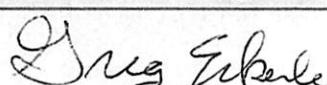
10/26/2026

Estimated Maximum Property Tax Levy

The data below represents the current estimate of the maximum amount of property taxes that can be raised for funds that are subject to a maximum property tax levy.

Property Tax Max Levy Type	Estimated Maximum Property Tax Levy	Total Property Tax Levies	Status
School Operating	\$9,061,980	\$9,243,220	Over Max By: \$181,240

Funds					
Property Tax Max Levy Type	Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
Not Eligible	0061	RAINY DAY	\$1,750,000	\$0	\$0.0000
Debt	0180	DEBT SERVICE	\$11,198,875	\$16,108,494	\$1.2391
Not Eligible	3101	EDUCATION	\$26,469,107	\$0	\$0.0000
School Operating	3300	OPERATIONS	\$11,210,948	\$9,243,220	\$0.7110
			\$50,628,930	\$25,351,714	1.9501

Name		Signature
Greg Eckerle	Aye ☒ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	

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Arlet Jackle	Aye ☒ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	<i>Arlet Jackle</i>
Steve Lukemeyer	Aye ☒ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	<i>Steve Lukemeyer</i>
Judy Englert	Aye ☒ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	<i>Judy Englert</i>
Sara Schmidt	Aye ☒ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	<i>Sara Schmidt</i>

ATTEST		
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 ☒

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to file a shortfall appeal after December 1 and before December 31

Yes ☐ No ☒

RESOLUTION FOR GOALS FOR EXPENDITURES FOR 2027 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 26th day of October, 2026.

AYE

Judy Ebert
Cheryl Jackle
Larry Ebert
St. L...
Jana Schmitt

NAY

Attest

Judy Ebert, Secretary of Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION FOR 2027 FALL BUDGET HEARING

WHEREAS, the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, Board of School Trustees acknowledges the proposed 2027 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 26th day of October, 2026.

AYE

Greg Engert
Ally Jackle
Greg Engert
Stacy
Juan Schmidt

NAY

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND PLAN
Budget Year 2027**

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:	September 28, 2026
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:	October 26, 2026
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AYE

NAY

Attest: _____

Secretary of Board of School Trustees

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN
Budget Year 2027

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:	September 28, 2026
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:	October 26, 2026
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AYE

NAY

Jeff Elert

Robert Jackson

Doug Eberle

Steve L...

Sarah Schmidt

Attest:

Jeff Elert

Secretary of Board of School Trustees

RESOLUTION FOR 2027 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 2027 budgets, when necessary.

Adopted this 26th day of October, 2026.

AYES

Jed Engler
Robert Jackle
Doug Eubank
St. Leroy
John Schmidt

NAYES

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 2025.

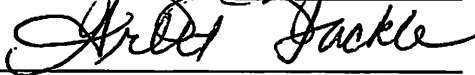
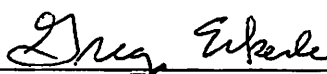
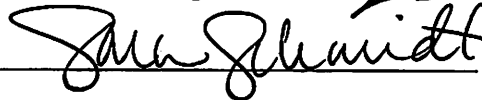
Operations Fund	\$1,000,000
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TOTAL Transfer to the Rainy Day Fund	\$1,000,000
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Adopted this 26th day of October, 2026.

AYES

NAY

**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

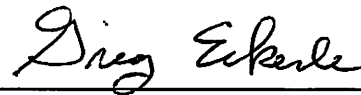
WHEREAS, HB 1009 required the governing body of each school corporation to establish an Education Fund for the payment of expenses allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5, and

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 \$2,725,000 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 2027 Budget Year.

This resolution was duly made, seconded and adopted this 26th day of October, 2026.



President, Board of School Trustees
Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools