

JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Regular Meeting
Unofficial Minutes

School board meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 5:15 pm in the Thompson Community room at the Middle School, 203 2nd Ave, SE, Jamestown, ND.

Present: Mrs. Larson, President, Dan Tweten, Vice President, Melissa Gleason, Diane Hanson, Gayle Nelson, Aaron Roberts, Steve Veldkamp, Robert Lech, Superintendent, and Kristi Grounds, Business Manager. Jason Rohr absent.

Guests: Eddy Delzer and Luke Anderson

President Larson called the meeting to order and welcomed the audience, Jason Linz, Bluejay Channel and Amy Neustel, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve the consent agenda which consisted of February 20, 2023 regular school board meeting minutes, February 27, 2023 special school board meeting minutes, payment of bills, review of open enrollments for 2 Pre-K Jamestown students to attend Pingree Buchanan for the 2023-2024 school year and 8th grade Jamestown student to attend Gackle-Streeter Public School for the 2022-2023 school year, February 21, 2023 Health Insurance Committee minutes, February 20, 2023 Co-Curricular Committee minutes, foreign exchanges students from Poland and France to attend in 2023-2024 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Superintendent Lech reported on personnel change in the district office from the restructure from the office audit and open position.

Superintendent Lech reported on the change order for Lincoln Elementary project from this last fall. A bench had to be moved and additional fill. Superintendent Lech addressed the concern of why the change order came so late after the work had been done with Interstate Engineering.

Superintendent Lech reported he appreciated the comments and feedback from his evaluation.

Superintendent Lech reported on the virtual learning guidelines. Dr. Lech met with many different staff members to get feedback on the best way to move forward with a virtual plan. The virtual learning day is an option for storm days. Dr. Lech's general rule will be 1st storm event is a grace day, 2nd-3rd storm events are face to face storm days (use storm days reserved on the calendar) and future events to consider virtual learning. Virtual learning days we will try to notify families and staff by 9 pm the evening prior to allow for time to prepare.

Superintendent Lech reported on legislative bills 1491 and 1494 which address food service meal balances.

Mr. Eddy Delzer, Louis L'Amour Elementary Principal and Mr. Luke Anderson, Gussner Elementary Principal reported on the emergency building protocols. Mr. Delzer reported on the camera system and scanner ID system in the buildings. There are multiple drills for fire, tornado, chemical spills, etc. The drills are recorded and sent to the district office. Mr. Anderson reported on the community alert and access to our buildings during lockdown. The October event helped us know what worked and what needed further steps. Our school resource officer has helped to work on the areas we need to strengthen. JPS will work with

local law enforcement to get a quick response message out to the community within approximately 10 minutes.

Mr. Veldkamp moved, seconded by Mrs. Nelson to approve the change order #1 for the Lincoln Project in the amount of \$5,998.00 for additional fill and relocation of bench. Roll call vote with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mrs. Nelson to approve the 2023 summer school course offering. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mrs. Hanson to approve the submission of the James Valley Career and Technology Center State STEM Integration and Innovation Grant. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve the hire of Brandon Gange as 5th grade teacher at a salary of \$47,193.00* at Washington Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year upon a successful background check. *Salary to be adjusted upon completion of negotiations. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mrs. Nelson to approve the hire of Miah Sahr as Payroll/Accounting Supervisor at a base salary of \$47,500.00 prorated through June 30, 2023. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

President Larson reminded board members the superintendent's evaluation needs to have a rating of satisfactory or unsatisfactory per each of the 6 sections.

Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mrs. Nelson to give a satisfactory rating on Section 1: Goal and Vision Setting with a score of 3.16. Roll call vote with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mrs. Nelson to give a satisfactory rating on Section 2: Board Relations with a score of 3.49. Roll call vote with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. Veldkamp to give a satisfactory rating on Section 3: Superintendent Staff Management Practices with a score of 3.48. Roll call vote with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Tweten to give a satisfactory rating on Section 4: Superintendent Support of Students' Academic Success with a score of 3.38. Roll call vote with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts to give a satisfactory rating on Section 5: Community Relations with a score of 3.54. Roll call vote with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Veldkamp to give a satisfactory rating on Section 6: Operations and Resource Management with a score of 3.65. Roll call vote with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

President Larson informed board members that she had discussion with the Superintendent on comments mentioned in the evaluation. Strategic plan to get back on track, professional development is part of the strategic plan, committee evaluated each year and budget reviews were focused discussion.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Tweten to approve the review of GACE-E GED for Credit Administrative Rules. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

President Larsson reported we had 2 applications for the board vacancy. Miss Lexus Haut pulled her application prior to meeting. Jamie Bear is the only application to consider.

President Larson informed board members of their options: 1- moved forward with a special meeting and interview the applicant, 2- appoint a person. Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Tweten to appoint Mrs. Jamie Bear to the school board for the remainder of Mr. Haut's term which expires on June 30, 2024. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes; Veldkamp, yes; Gleason, yes; Hanson, yes; Larson, yes. Passed 7-0. Motion carried.

No further business, President Larson adjourned the meeting.