

JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Regular Meeting
Official Minutes

5:15 pm on Monday, April 1, 2024, in the Thompson Community room in the Middle School, 203 2nd Ave SE, Jamestown, ND.

Present: Heidi Larson, President, Dan Tweten, Vice President, Jamie Bear, Gayle Nelson, Aaron Roberts, Jason Rohr, Robert Lech, Superintendent and Krisit Grounds, Business Manager. Melissa Gleason by phone. Diane Hanson was absent.

Guests: Brandi Gunnon, Sutton Van Gilde, Brian Carlson, Bonnie Carlson, Casey Lees, Alicia Lees, Carson Muggli, Amy Golding, Roman Golding, Jordan Golding, Debrorah Lansbury, Kaydance Golding, Missy Soulis, Tom Soulis, Hannah Soulis, Tom Dilocker, Sue Dilocker, and Darby Heinert.

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

Mr. Veldkamp moved, seconded by Mr. Tweten to approve the consent agenda which consisted of March 18, 2024 regular board meeting minutes, payment of bills, review of open enrollment applications for 2023-2024 for a 2nd grader to attend Montpelier Public Schools and 2024-2025 applications for 3rd, 5th, 8th, and 9th grade students to attend Montpelier Public School and Kindergarten and 1st grade students to attend Medina Public School, communications committee update, March 20, 2024 Finance Committee meeting minutes. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

The Board recognized DECA, All State Academic and winter sports achievements. Congratulations to all students for their success.

Dr. Lech reported on Strategic Focus area 1: Culture of Learning. A survey was completed, and Dr. Lech shared in his Superintendent's report. Dr. Lech reviewed the 4 goals for the Culture Learning section. Goal 1 – An annual survey of stakeholders completed; looking to improve participation in the survey for better analysis of information. Goal 2 – An annual survey of staff to improve staff retention; as improvements are being made next year, the committee will learn more to continue improvement. Goal 3 – Annual inventory of cultural and family engagement activities per quarter; Good amount of activities, but need to work on more engagement in these activities. Goal 4 – Analyze existing wellness strategies for stakeholders and provide 2 improvements annually. Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mrs. Nelson to approve the progress monitoring report on Strategic Focus area 1. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Grounds reported on the North Dakota Century Code and the responsibilities of the board when purchasing real property for school use.

Dr. Lech reported his report included updates on personnel coming into the school.

Dr. Lech reported he will continue the progress monitoring goals reports and listed the areas he will be bringing forth in the future board meetings.

Dr. Lech reported the Vital Network review of the District survey is being reviewed per building level. The District is going to target special education department and by looking at feedback to help with hiring in this department.

Dr. Lech reported the Finance committee reviewed 8 different schedules and the study that was done. The committee has seen all the changes needed for this pay scale and focused on two areas: para professionals and maintenance. The committee has future changes but felt they could not be done all at once.

Dr. Lech reported student, Alyssa Hertz, a senior at Jamestown Public Schools, worked on earning a Gold Award in Girl Scouts with her project bringing awareness to robotics program at Jamestown Public Schools. Great work Alyssa.

Mr. Veldkamp declared a conflict of interest on the 2024-2025 support staff wage schedule due to his wife is an employee in this area.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve the 2024-2025 support staff wage schedule. Roll call vote with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Veldkamp moved, seconded by Mr. Tweten to approve the 2024-2025 Memorandum of understanding with Central Valley Health agreement in the amount of \$43,000. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mr. Rohr to approve the Arts Center agreement for 2024-2025 in the amount of \$30,000. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve the hire with a continuing contract for the 2024-2025 school year to Haliee Altringer. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Tweten to approve the hire for the 2024-2025 school year Matthew Woods, Medora Laber, and Kaitlyn Kost upon a successful background check and receipt of licensure. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mrs. Nelson to approve the amended ACEA Bullying policy. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded Mr. Roberts to approve 2023-2024 tuition agreements for 2nd grade student to attend Valley City Public School and 9th grade student to attend Montpelier Public School. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Grounds reported on the open school board seats that are up for the election and the deadlines for the election.

No further business, President Larson adjourned the meeting.