

JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL  
Regular Meeting  
Official Minutes

5:15 pm on Monday, May 20, 2024, in the Thompson Community room in the Middle School, 203 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE, Jamestown, ND.

Present: Heidi Larson, President, Dan Tweten, Vice President, Jamie Bear, Melissa Gleason, Diane Hanson, Gayle Nelson, Jason Rohr, Steve Veldkamp, Robert Lech, Superintendent and Kristi Grounds, Business Manager.

Guests: Gabby Tweten, Hattie McDonald and Jacob Meier.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mrs. Nelson to approve the consent agenda which consisted of May 6, 2024 regular school board meeting minutes, payment of bills, pledged securities, May 14, 2024 finance committee meeting minutes, open enrollment applications for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Barnes County North students to attend Jamestown Public Schools for the 2023-2024 school year, submission of schoolwide Title I application for Louis L'Amour Elementary, approval of Jamestown Middle School and Title I Handbooks with review of Title I District Family Involvement policy, and submission of year end reports to Department of Instruction. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Gabby Tweten, Student Council Co-President, reported during Teacher's appreciation week the council members wrote letters of appreciation to all the teachers and served breakfast to them. Ms. Hatti McDonald introduced herself as the 2024-2025 Student Council President.

Office Geiszler was not able to attend due to other commitments but provided a School Resource Officer Report for the board members.

Dr. Lech reported on the Strategic Focus 4: Growth in Learning. Dr. Lech reviewed the 5 goals and metrics in Leadership for Learning as it relates to growth in learning. Each goal had recommendations which will be used as target steps for the remaining part of 2023-2024 school year. This is a good baseline to have established to monitoring for the future.

Mr. Veldkamp arrived at 5:23 pm.

Mrs. Stacy Jamtgaard, Human Resources, reported on the exit interview results. The exit interview process was started in 2022-2023. There has been an improvement in participation this year due to Mrs. Jamtgaard working on increased communication with the employees that are leaving. Positives were new teachers feel welcomed, great support from other staff members, professional development is interesting, wages feedback has improved. Areas of improvement is district communication, follow-up from administrators on student discipline, and special education work load is too demanding.

Dr. Lech reported on new hires and release of contract recommendations.

Dr. Lech reported the Title Schoolwide for Louis L'Amour Elementary is to finalize the process with the Department of Instruction.

Dr. Lech reported the Threat Assessment policy needed protocols and processes to this policy. The protocols will analyze and determine if it is a viable threat and how to proceed.

Dr. Lech reported on the transition of Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) on January 1, 2025 from defined benefit to defined contribution. PERS is a

retirement program for non-certified employees only. The teachers have a different retirement program.

Dr. Lech spotlighted North Dakota School Lunch program was ranked in the top 5 in the United States for Healthiest school meals. Our food service staff provide the highest quality meals at the lowest possible cost. JPS DECA attended the DECA International Career Development Conference in California. Students who participated: Carson Muggli, Nevaeh Romfo, Regan Keller and Cammie Veldkamp. Ms. Veldkamp was one of the top 10 finalists in entrepreneurship. Shane Ede is the team advisor.

Board members were given the general fund balance sheet and monthly financials to review.

Mr. Veldkamp moved, seconded by Mr. Rohr to approve the hire for the 2024-2025 school year upon a successful background check and appropriate licensure for Natalie Schrader, Julie Williams, Michelle Herr with MOU, Summer Robertson with MOU and Jenny Korynta with MOU. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Rohr to approve the release of contract for Tom Maus for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. Veldkamp to amend the motion to include upon continuance to filling the position. Roll call vote on amendment: Bear, Yes; Larson, No; Rohr, No; Nelson, No; Tweten, No; Roberts, Yes; Veldkamp, No; Gleason, No; Hanson, No. 2-7, Motion failed. Roll call vote on original motion: Hanson, Yes; Bear, Yes; Larson, Yes; Rohr, Yes; Nelson, Yes; Tweten, Yes; Roberts, No; Veldkamp, Yes; Gleason, Yes. Passed 8-1, Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, to approve the release of contract for Dareien Lund. Roll call vote: Larson, Yes; Rohr, Yes; Nelson, Yes; Tweten, Yes; Roberts, No; Veldkamp, Yes; Gleason, Yes; Hanson, Yes; Bear, Yes. Passed 8-1, motion carried.

Mr. Rohr moved, seconded by Mrs. Gleason to approve rescinding ABCC, ABCC-AR1, ABCC-AR2, ABCC-E, ABDA-BR, first reading of ABEA (Wellness Policy), ABEA-AR1 (Building-Level Wellness Policy Coordinators), ABEA-AR2 (Physical Activity and Recess Regulations), ABEA-AR3 (Smart Snacks in Schools Regulations), amended ABDA-BR1 (Website Accessibility), ABDA-E1 (Website Accessibility Complaint and Grievance Form), ABDA-E2 (Website Accessibility Statement), amended FF (Student Conduct and Discipline), FF-E (Examples of Student Conduct Violations), amended FFA (Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use/Abuse), review of ACE-E1 (Threat Assessment), ACE-E2 (Threat Assessment Protocols) and amended ACDA (Technology Acceptable Use Policy for Staff and Students). Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mrs. Bear to approve the tuition agreements for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 2 pre-k students to attend Medina Public School for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mrs. Hanson to approve the 2024-2025 technology plan. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mrs. Nelson to approve the revised 2024-2025 school calendar. September 16 and 17, 2024 changed to professional development days. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

No further business, President Larson adjourned the meeting.