

JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Regular Meeting
Official Minutes

New School Board Member Orientation at 4:30 pm in the District Office Conference room, 207 2 AVE SE, Jamestown, ND.

School board meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Thompson Community room at the Middle School, 203 2 Ave SE, Jamestown, ND.

Present: Heidi Larson, President, Dan Tweten, Vice President, Jamie Bear, Melissa Gleason, Owen McKenna, Jacob Meier, Aaron Roberts, Jason Rohr, Steve Veldkamp, Superintendent, Robert Lech and Kristi Grounds, Business Manager.

Guests: Hattie McDonald

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

Mr. Veldkamp moved, seconded by Mr. Tweten to approve the consent agenda which consisted of October 21, 2024 regular board meeting minutes, payment of bills and October 29, 2024 Community Facilities Committee meeting minutes. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Hattie McDonald, President of student council, reported the homecoming went well and the dance afterwards. The council is making plans for the Student Council Conference in Bismarck and planning the snow week activities.

Mr. Gehlhar, Director of Career and Technology Center, and Mrs. Eckert, Assistant Director of Career and Technology Center reported on updates happening on the Career and Technology Center projects. A thank you was given to Dr. Lech, Mrs. Grounds and Mr. Wegner for their assistance on the projects. The CTC projects are part of the Capital Projects Plan. The funding for these upgrades is in partnership with RWIP Grant, ND Capital Projects Grant, JSDC, JVCTC and Jamestown Public Schools. The childcare remodel is on track. Installation of security and safety is happening along with equipment procurement. Spring will begin work on the playground area. The building trades expansion and shop addition is in the bidding stage with construction to begin in the spring. June 2025 completion of the building shell with building trades constructing the interior during the 2025-2026 school year. The culinary arts facility is a partnership with Jamestown Fine Arts Center. The design is being finalized, equipment will be installed with completion by August 2025. Dr. Lech thanked Mr. Gehlhar, Mrs. Eckart and Ms. Teresa Olson for all their work on the childcare program and learning what is required for this program.

School board members who attended the NDSBA Conference reported that the new board member seminar was a refresh of what our district does for new board member onboarding. They attended the legislative panel and discussion on how measure 4, if passed, how it would affect education.

Mr. Gehlhar, Continuous Improvement Director, reported on the Strategic Focus 4: Growth in Learning Goal 5 and how the EDUcal Dashboard assists students and parents. Jamestown Public Schools' goal is annually meeting or exceeding 90% of students meeting Choice Ready standards. The frame work for ND Choice Ready has been evolving for the last five years to include four main components. Choice Ready is for high school students and the ESSA accountability. There are four main components:

Essential Skills, Post Secondary Readiness, Career Readiness and Military Readiness. Mr. Gehlhar reported on our students' progress and how we can obtain the 90% goal. EDUcal Dashboard is a program to help students and parents make good choices over the four years of high school to reach Choice Ready Components and qualify for the ND scholarship.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Tweten to approve Strategic Focus 4: Growth in Learning Goal 5. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Dr. Lech reported on the change orders for the Career and Technology Center projects.

Dr. Lech thanked the board for his professional learning opportunities by attending NDCEL and NDSBA conferences.

Dr. Lech met with the Legislative members in our district to engage in discussion on changes the legislation session has passed that affect education and staffing.

Dr. Lech and the Community Facilities Committee members toured Lincoln and Washington Elementary schools. The committee was given many resources on how the school board has come to this point.

Dr. Lech reported on the impact measure 4 would have towards reliance on the state for funding.

Dr. Lech reported that the school board has previously had a board retreat on the first Monday of January. He inquired whether to plan for January 6th retreat.

Dr. Lech congratulated Mr. Jason Rohr on being appointed by Gov. Burgum to serve on the state Board of Public School Education.

Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. Veldkamp to approve change order #4 - Safety film and transfer grilles in the amount of \$1,231.00 and change order #5 – Floor leveling in the amount of \$8,673.50. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

President Larson reminded the board members to make a motion of satisfactory or unsatisfactory per section of the superintendent's evaluation. President Larson reviewed her evaluation meeting with Dr. Lech in which they discussed the agenda timing and will get minutes out sooner in the drive, positive work with HR management, adding a counselor and having the Village come in to assist is great. Dr. Lech would like to get more involved in the community but has limited time. He mentors across the state also.

Mr. Roberts moved, a satisfactory rating for Section 1 Goals and Vision setting score 3.56, seconded by Mr. Rohr. Roll call vote: Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Meier, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes; Veldkamp, yes; Gleason, yes; McKenna. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Rohr moved, a satisfactory rating for section 2 Board Relations score 3.67, seconded by Mr. Tweten. Roll call vote: Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Meier, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes; Veldkamp, yes; Gleason, yes; McKenna, yes; Bear, yes. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bear moved, a satisfactory rating for section 3 Human Resource Management score 3.44, seconded by Mr. McKenna. Roll call vote: Rohr, yes; Meier, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes; Veldkamp, yes; Gleason, yes; McKenna, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Rohr moved, a satisfactory rating for section 4 Curriculum and Student Support Services score 3.33, seconded by Mr. Tweten. Roll call vote: Meier, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes; Veldkamp, yes; Gleason, yes; McKenna, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roberts moved a satisfactory rating for section 5 Community Relations score 3.40, seconded by Mr. Rohr. Roll call vote: Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes; Veldkamp, yes; Gleason, yes; McKenna, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Meier, yes. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, a satisfactory rating for section 6 Operations and Resource Management score 3.73, seconded by Mr. Veldkamp. Roll call vote: Veldkamp, yes; Gleason, yes; McKenna, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Meier, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mrs. Bear to approve amendment to ACF (Whistleblower Protections Policy: Prohibition Against Retaliation), BA-BR1 (School Board Ethics Regulation) and BA-BR2 (Board Member Internet and Social Media Use). The change to ACF is a Cognia policy and want it updated for our Cognia review. The changes for BA-BR1 and BR2 were due to being sure there are no open meeting violations happening on social media. Roll call vote: Gleason, yes; McKenna, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Meier, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, no; Veldkamp, yes. Passed 8-1. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Rohr to approve the tuition agreement for a 6th grader to attend Medina Public School for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

No further business, President Larson adjourned the meeting.