

JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Regular Meeting
Unofficial Minutes

School board meeting on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Thompson Community room at the Middle School, 203 2 Ave SE, Jamestown, ND.

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

Guests: Ben Smith, Lucas Schlepuetz, Diane Hanson, Zach Hanson, Jeff Fabian, Jessica Fabian, Kaen Fabian, Brandon Stoddart, Mackenzie Stoddart, Jackson Maddock, Corby Maddock, Marlena Maddock, Skari Family, Ellie Krueger, Ryan Krueger, Amanda Krueger, Grace Bercier, Hannah Attleson, Steve Attleson, Dusty Attleson, Hope Miller and Adrian Miller.

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

Mr. Tweten reminded the board members that Mr. Roberts and Mr. Meier have declared conflicts of interest for negotiations with an executive session for negotiations tonight.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. McKenna to approve the consent agenda which consisted of April 7, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes, April 3, 2025 District Improvement Committee minutes, April 15, 2025 Co-Curricular Committee meeting minutes, April 15, 2025 Negotiations Finance Retreat minutes, payment of bills, pledged securities, accepting foreign exchange student, Anna Hronova, from Czech Republic. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

The school board recognized winter sports. Congratulations to a good season and a job well done.

Mr. Tweten reported the Health Insurance Committee is working with the consulting group on renewal costs for next year. The budget has a healthy minimum balance. They did see some decrease in membership which they are researching for why the decrease. The next meeting they will be planning the budget for next year.

Dr. Lech reported on open records requirements for public entities. ND Law states is open records applies to emails, public business contracts, and personal devices. There are some exemptions which discretion is used. Records that are confidential would be employee medical records, Social Security number, computer passwords. The release of confidential records is a Class C Felony.

Mr. Gehlhar reported Strategic Focus 4: Growth in Learning Goal 2 is focused on student growth. Teacher teams work together to set priority standards and how to identify students who have reached the standard or need intervention or enrichment. Teachers need to work more on enrichment section of this process. The teachers feel there is not enough time to follow through with all the steps and changes that are happening with moving to standards-based learning. Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mrs. Gleason to approve the Strategic Focus 4: Growth in Learning Goal 2. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Dr. Lech reported a standards- based work session panel is set for board members to ask questions on May 5, 2025 at 4:30 in the district office conference room.

Dr. Lech reported the finance retreat was the kickoff for negotiations. Each group attended and was given two different budgets to compare numbers. The budgets show how the legislative bills make an impact on the budget.

Dr. Lech reported the co-curriculum recommendations will be taken to negotiations for changes.

Dr. Lech reported the board education plan for the next several meetings will change due to a change in assessment to NDA+. The results will be presented to board when they are received in the fall.

Dr. Lech reported that everyone is welcome to attend the Washington Elementary events that are scheduled. Open house on Tuesday, May 6th, 5-7 pm, Farewell Fair on Tuesday, May 13th, 5-7 pm and the final program on May 21st, 11-12:50 pm.

Dr. Lech did a legislative bill review.

Dr. Lech spotlighted the 8th Grade Band under the direction of Mrs. Jennifer Redfearn which received Superior rating. Other honors were Elizabeth Hassebrock for Outstanding Trumpet Section and French Section and Sophie Snow for Outstanding Low Brass/Low Woodwind Section and Outstanding Soloist. Congratulations on all your hard work.

Mr. McKenna moved, seconded by Mrs. Bear to approve a gymnastics cooperative agreement with Valley City Public Schools. Roll call with unanimous “yes” vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Meier to approve the Budget revisions:
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JVCTC-INDUSTRY MATCH 0.00 75,000.00 \$ 75,000.00 \$ 237,693.42 EXPENSES SUI Budget Revised Budget Budget Revision JVCTC WELDING PROGRAM EXPENSES 0.00 5,275.00 \$ 5,275.00 JVCTC SANDS GRANT WELDING EXPENSES 0.00 2,495.42 \$ 2,495.42 JVCTC-EQUIP-CDL 0.00 235,064.90 \$ 235,064.90 \$ 242,835.32. Roll call with unanimous “yes” vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. McKenna to approve the 2025-2026 fee schedule. Increased gate ticket admission to \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, student activities pass \$40, adult activities pass \$75 and family activities pass \$200. Also eliminating the \$1 surcharge to tickets at Charlotte and Gordon Hansen Stadium. Roll call with unanimous “yes” vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Grounds provided the general fund balance sheet and monthly financial reports for the board to review.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. McKenna to approve the revised 2025-2026 school year calendar. Roll call with unanimous “yes” vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Meier to approve Medina Public School District for non-member status to James Valley Career and Technology Center. Roll call with unanimous “yes” vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. McKenna to approve the resignation of Briana Adachi, Nate Purcell, Amber Ramlo and Nick Stoterau at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call with unanimous “yes” vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mrs. Gleason to approve the second reading of DFAA Policy (Teacher Evaluation). Roll call with unanimous “yes” vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Meier to approve tuition agreements for a 6th grade Montpelier student and 11th grade Barnes County North student to attend Jamestown Public Schools for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call with unanimous “yes” vote. Motion carried.

Mr. McKenna moved, seconded by Mrs. Gleason to move to executive session for discussion and potential action regarding Alyra Jones pending wage claim. Mr. Tweten read the motion: All, or portions of this item may be held in executive session for the purpose of attorney consultation and /or negotiating strategy pursuant to NDCC 44-14-19.1(2), (5), (9) and NDCC44-04-19.2. Roll call vote: McKenna, yes; Bear, yes; Meier, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes; Gleason, yes. Passed 6-0. Mr. Tweten adjourned meeting to executive session. The minutes will show that the executive session began at 6:54 pm and in attendance was school board members: Jamie Bear, Melissa Gleason, Jacob Meier, Owen McKenna, Dan Tweten, Aaron Roberts by phone; Superintendent, Robert Lech, Business Manager, Kristi Grounds, Adam Gehlhar and Attorney Rachel Bruner, via telephone. Reconvened at 7:36 pm.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by McKenna to move to executive session for discussion of negotiations strategies. Roll call vote: Bear, yes; Tweten, yes; Gleason, yes; McKenna, yes. Passed 4-0. Mr. Tweten adjourned meeting to executive session at 7:40 pm. Reconvened at 8:35 pm.

No further business, Vice President Tweten adjourned the meeting.