

JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Regular Meeting
Official Minutes

School board meeting on Monday, June 16, 2025 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, Dr. Robert Lech, Superintendent, and Kristi Grounds, Business Manager. Steve Veldkamp and Jason Rohr were absent.

Guests: Jennifer Michalenko, Colton Altringer, Amelia Newman, Haley Attleson, Steve Attleson, Dusty Attleson, Jace Dillman and Dillman family, Heath Heupel, Pagan Suko, Jonathan Suko, Micah Stoudt and Stoudt family, Noah Lynch and Lynch family, Zandra Hust, Tristan Williams, Tanya Hust, Casey Stoudt.

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

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. McKenna to approve the consent agenda which consisted of May 19, 2025 regular board meeting minutes, June 5, 2025 special board meeting minutes, May 16, 2025 school board negotiations committee meeting minutes, May 19, 2025 health insurance committee meeting minutes, May 20, 2025 teachers negotiations meeting minutes, May 22, 2025 strategic plan committee meeting minutes, May 28, 2025 teacher negotiations meeting minutes, June 4, 2025 teacher negotiations meeting minutes, payment of bills, pledged securities, 25-26 After School Parent Handbook, 25-26 Activity Guide & Code of Conduct for Parents and Students Handbook, 25-26 Home Education Handbook, submit pupil membership report, transportation report and consolidated application to Department of Public Instruction and day treatment agreement. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

The board recognized the spring sport athletes. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

The board received thank you notes from the Offner family and Mehlhoff family and note from Fran Silbernagel.

Ms. Jennifer Michalenko, Orchestra Teacher, reported on Florida Orchestra Trip with Devils Lake Public School. The schools had 29 students attend this fabulous experience at Disney Land. Great collaboration was done with Devils Lake to make this workshop a success.

Mrs. Stacy Jamtgaard, Human Resources Generalist, reported on the exit interview results for this past year. This is to review why people leave the district and feedback for us to make improvements. 48 departures and the reason for leaving were relocation, new employment, and retirement. Employees liked team support, student success, community environment, strong building level leadership. JPS areas to improve are communication from district leadership, reduce workload for work-life balance, decrease number of district initiatives, and timely follow-up on survey results.

Dr. Lech reported School Perception reviewed the 966 comments and list the top themes related to opposing the referendum. Breakdown was high property taxes, decline in enrollment, opposition to close Louis L'Amour Elementary, concerns of

financial management and facility maintenance, consider alternative funding methods, and alternative options.

Dr. Lech reported the board previously expressed potential revision of the superintendent evaluation. He recommends an ad hoc committee of board members to work with Central Office on updates for the evaluation over the summer.

Dr. Lech reported there was a time for the board to have board assessment of meetings for evaluating effectiveness. The survey has limited response and may be time for the board to rethink if this is necessary now.

Dr. Lech reported the committee list from last year is included in his report to have members review and visit with President Larson of any changes prior to our annual meeting in July.

Dr. Lech spotlighted the Bluejay Academy. Mr. Bata, Assistant Principal and supervisor of BJA reported there were 52 students who attended this year with a 90 % retention rate. 24 reached senior status and graduated. This achievement is indicative to the effectiveness of the program, hard work of students and staff dedication.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mrs. Bear to approve the curriculum budget. Mr. Gehlhar reported this is to articulate the curriculum to order for fall, with looking at duplications, curriculum renewal cycle and standard requirements per board direction. Roll call vote: Gleason, yes; McKenna, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Meier, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes. Passed 7-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mrs. Gleason to approve the 2025-2026 NDSBA membership renewal. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Kristi Grounds, Business Manager, presented the board with a general fund balance sheet and the monthly financials to review.

Mr. Meier moved, seconded by Mr. Tweten to approve the 2025-2026 technology plan. Mr. Armitage reported this is the last year of Erate. Elementary will get new laptops this year and will be pulling technology from Washington Elementary to redistribute. They are updating the projectors, and he stated the leasing of chrome books has gone well. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mrs. Gleason to approve the hire of Julie Kudrna for the 2025-2026 school year, upon a successful background check and appropriate licensure. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved to approve the amendment to policy GACB (Patriotic Exercises) and second reading of policy ABCB (Sportsmanship). Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve 6th and 8th grade Pingree Buchanan School students to attend Jamestown Public Schools for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mr. McKenna to allow Mr. Roberts and Mr. Meier to attend this executive session due to specific budget updates that would affect negotiations strategies. Roll call vote: Tweten, yes; Gleason, no; McKenna, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes. Motion failed.

I, Mr. Owen McKenna believe that discussion with our negotiators and developing a strategy relative to the School Board's position in this matter in open session would have an adverse fiscal effect on the negotiations position of the Board. Therefore, I

move: That the Board enter into executive session, That the following members and negotiators be identified as being present:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Melissa Gleason, Heidi Larson, Dan Tweten, Jamie Bear, Owen McKenna, Superintendent Robert Lech and Business Manager, Kristi Grounds. On June 16, 2025 at 6:33 pm that only the following topic will be considered in executive session: NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES

That the legal authority for the executive session is: SECTION 44-04-19.1 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE. That the executive session be recorded. Seconded by Mr. Tweten. Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest is declared by Mr. Aaron Roberts, because his wife is a teacher and Mr. Jacob Meier, because his wife is a teacher.

Open meeting resumed at 7:11 pm.

There being no further business, President Larson adjourned the meeting.

GENERAL FUND:4 IMPRINT INC,964.88; ACCENT WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENTS,2730; ALL UNION PROMOS,938.53; AMAZON.COM,3669.47; ANDERSON, JADA ,30; ANDERSON, LUKE ,30; ANNE CARLSEN CENTER,66912.8; APPLE INC,39.99; ARMITAGE, MICHAEL ,57.3; BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BUR,120; BATA, BRANDON ,30; BURKLE, KATHRYN ,185.8; CASHWISE,28.32; CENTRAL REGIONAL EDUC ASSOC,3400; CERTIFICATION CENTRAL,8121.8; CHAT GPT,60; CITY OF JAMESTOWN,8247.17; CITY OF JAMESTOWN,11.78; COLE PAPERS INC,2633.49; COMFORT SUITES BISMARCK,0; CONNECT TETHERAPY LLC,35598.85; CONNELL, JUSTIN ,30; COUNTRY GARDENS,416.08; DACOTAH PAPER CO,955.68; DAKOTA CENTRAL,2940.31; DAKOTA DUST TEX INC,715.55; DAKOTA INFLATABLE GAMES,600; DAKOTA RAIN LAWN IRRIGATION,1294.9; DAKOTA RENTAL CENTER,288; DAKOTA ROSE FLORAL,47.84; DAN POLAND MACHINE INC,97.01; DECKER EQUIPMENT/SCHOOL FIX ,456.95; DELZER, EDDY ,30; DEMCO INC,677.49; DIFFIT INC,14.99; ECKROTH MUSIC COMPANY,615; ET SYSTEMS,1316.26; FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS,4269.77; FLASHFORGE,898; GEHLHAR, ADAM ,730; GETZ, JOSHUA ,206; GLOBAL INTERPRETING SERVICES,476.55; GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPANY,4483.7; GROUNDS, KRISTI ,475; HARLOW'S SCHOOL BUS SERVICE,22328.11; HAWKINS INC,4156.1; HEINERT, DARBY ,30; HEMMER, TANYA, 1323; HIGH PLAINS WATER TREATMENT ,30.05; HOLIDAY INN-JAMESTOWN,1988; HOME OF THE RANGE,24603.76; HUGO'S FAMILY MARKETPLACE,319; JAMES RIVER SENIOR CITIZENS,141.6; JAMES RIVER SPECIAL ED,327616.87; JAMES VALLEY MULTI DIST,67304.97; JAMES VALLEY ROBOTICS,5000; JAMESTOWN CIVIC CENTER,1500; JAMESTOWN PLUMBING HEATING,665.71; JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL,486356.27; JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL,11813.91; JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION,661.56; JOHNSON CONTROLS INC,789.6; JONNY B'S BRICKHOUSE,205.68; JUST RIGHT READER INC,5024.25; KENSAL PUBLIC SCHOOL,11826.91; KRUEGER, LISA ,5.6; LEAF,2745; LECH, ROBERT ,30; LEXILE + QUANTILE HUB ,198; LILL, JORDAN ,162.5; LYNCH, KRISTEN ,2615; MACK, JEANA ,35; MANDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS,6413.7; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC,48; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC,3607.47; MEISSNER, JEFF ,30; MENARDS OF JAMESTOWN,2352.74; MINNESOTA VALLEY TESTING LABS,170; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES,4317.09; MOSER, BRETT ,25; NAPA AUTO PARTS,19.94; ND ATTORNEY GENERAL,225; ND COUNCIL EDUC LEADERS,600; NDCTM,420; NDSBMCP,100; NELSON, TAMMY ,1.61; NORTHERN CASS PUBLIC SCHOOL,1740; OSLUND, ANDREW ,67.38; OTTERTAIL POWER CO,26623.49; PETTYS, QUENTIN ,58.98; PINGREE BUCHANAN SCHOOL,50181.99; PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL,210.3; PITNEY BOWES,1000; POSTMASTER,2400; RAINBOW GAS COMPANY,373.7; RECORD KEEPERS LLC,52.88; RECYCLING CENTER,700; RETROFIT COMPANIES,309.4; RM STOUTD INC.,107.13; ROHR, JASON ,234; RUBBERCYCLE LLC,5250; RUNNINGS,115.85; SALISBURY, KAIDEN ,48.2; SANFORD HEALTH EMS ED,798.5; SCHMIDT, SHERRY ,30; SCHOOL PERCEPTIONS LLC,3110; SHEYENNE VALLEY SPEC ED UNIT,22.97; SOUTH EAST EDUCATION COOP,8383.5; SPARKFUN ELECTRONICS INC,-26.25; SQUARESPACE,15; STEINS INC,467.72; STILWELL, MARK ,30; T-MOBILE USA INC,289.44; TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL,2200; TWINKL LTO,360; TWO RIVERS PRINTING,917; VALLEY CITY

STATE UNIVERSITY,200; VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE,5417; WALMART COMMUNITY,1483.01; WEGNER, JEROME ,30; WEX HEALTH INC,166.95; Fund Total:,1267020.4; BUILDING FUND;DAKOTA FIRE PROTECTION,1650; DECKER EQUIPMENT/SCHOOL FIX ,30006.65; JAMES VALLEY MULTI DIST,975.22; JAMESTOWN PLUMBING HEATING,13710.25; OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY,500; RUBBERCYCLE LLC,6960; SUMMIT COMPANIES,2484; TECTA AMERICA DAKOTAS,85748.76; Fund Total:,142034.88; STUDENT ACTIVITY; ADOBE,32.24; AMERICINN LODGE AND SUITES,1540; BAUER HOCKEY,606.27; BAYMONT INN & SUITES,220; BLOCK, CODY ,170.5; BSN SPORTS LLC,1316; BUFFALO WILD WINGS,420.12; CANAD INNS DESTINATION CENTER,2769.2; CASHWISE,209.85; CHANHASSEN DINNER THEATRES,4148.36; CITY OF JAMESTOWN,78; CURE STARTS NOW, THE,150; DAKOTA CENTRAL,104.95; DOCKTER, HANNAH ,300; DOMINO'S PIZZA,465.65; ECKROTH MUSIC COMPANY,61.65; FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES,192; GERRELLS SPORTS CENTER,173; HAMPTON INN & SUITES,3892; HARLOW'S SCHOOL BUS SERVICE, 6665.88; HIGHLAND SUITES,2262; HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS,2927.32; HUGO'S FAMILY MARKETPLACE,87.41; INTERNATIONAL MUSIC CAMP ,1050; JAMESTOWN COUNTRY CLUB,1675; JAMESTOWN POST OFFICE,54.73; JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL,945.79; JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL,9125.49; JOSEPH, SAMUELU ,94; MAC'S INC,15; MAINSTAY SUITES,-73.2; MICKELSON, CODY ,4100; NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOC,100; NEWMAN SIGNS INC,600; NFHS NETWORK,195; ORRIGINALS,1110; PLANET PIZZA,254.52; RAMADA BISMARCK HOTEL,672; RAMKOTA HOTEL BISMARCK,1100; RANUM, TIMOTHY ,94; ROALDSON, JAMES ,30; ROGUE FITNESS,2274.69; SKUNBERG, ANDREW ,1275.3; STORY NOOK, THE ,150; TIMBERLAKE HOTEL,924.78; UNISON BANK,500; US DRY NEEDLING DISTRIB,160; VALLEY BUS COACHES LLC,4850; VALLEYFAIR,1976.64; WALMART COMMUNITY,1274.62; WILLEY'S SEPTIC TANK SERVICE,740; WILSON, TREVOR ,94; Fund Total:,64154.76; HEALTH INSURANCE; HAYS COMPANIES,2772; MEDALLUS JAMESTOWN URGENT CARE,24687; Fund Total:,27459; JAMESTOWN DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS; ASSETMARK TRUST COMPANY,69652.61; DOLLYWOOD FOUNDATION, THE ,650.27; JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL,46.23; Fund Total:,70349.11; SCHOOL LUNCH; ACKERMAN, CRISTAL ,196.9; ADAMS, SHERRI ,28.25; ALLEN, TORY ,181.2; AMAZON.COM,123.11; ANDERSON, LINDA ,50.8; BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BUR,20; BAUMBACH, LAWRENCE ,51.25; BOSSINGHAM, MELISSA ,43.9; BROWN, SHANNON ,70.8; BRUGGER, BARBARA ,28.65; CARRIZALES, AMY ,88.9; CITY OF JAMESTOWN,2174.28; COCA COLA BOTTLING CO,277; CULINEX,272.48; CUSTOM INK,494.5; DACOTAH PAPER CO,888.57; DAKOTA CENTRAL,274.1; DILLMAN, TAMI ,15; ERICKSON, JENNIFER ,140; EVENTBRITE INC,550; FARMERS UNION COOP OIL,64.95; FISCHER, DEANNA ,16.7; FOSSE, TODD ,71.9; GUDMESTAD, JOSH ,13.65; GUTHMILLER, STACY ,82.2; HAGER, WENDY ,95.15; HALKO, PAUL ,7.75; HARSTAD, HOLLY ,45.2; HASTINGS, RICHARD ,26.1; HATLEWICK, WENDY ,50.85; HEGERLE, SARA ,70.8; HEIDT, ROBBYN ,140; HERZIG, TRICIA ,42.4; HIDALGO-GRAY, JERILYNN ,228.9; HUST, TANYA , 244.95; JAMESTOWN PLUMBING HEATING,835.1; JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL,10698.41; JONES, GINA ,12.7; KALLENBACH, LESLIE ,11.7; KASTET, MELISSA ,40.85; KIRKEBY, BRENDA, 41.75; KOBLE, DENISE ,28.68; KOSEL, LYNN ,35.05; KRAMLICH, TROY ,8.9; KREBS, DEBBIE ,48.85; KROEBER, CARLA ,39.5; KRUEGER, DANIEL ,96.25; LAMBRECHT, LYNN ,56.8; LECH, SADIE ,6.05; LYNCH, SARA ,8.8; LYTLE, CRYSTAL ,409.59; MENARDS OF JAMESTOWN,116.72; MOSER, SARA, 47.45; ND ATTORNEY GENERAL,25; OLAFSON, ADAM ,7.4; OLSON, REGINA ,14.9; PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL,761; RILEY, DAVID ,18.56; RIPPLINGER, LEANN ,88.9; RITTENBACH, JEREMY, 278.35; ROORDA, KATRINA ,88.4; RUSSELL, JACKIE ,60; SAUTER, HELEN ,14.25; SCHIELE, CHERYL ,92.35; SCHLEPUETZ, AMANDA ,5.2; SCHRADER, DENISE ,24.8; SECKERSON, KELLY, 269.05; SOLENSKY, MICHELLE ,98; STEELE, STACY ,106.55; STOCKERT, MATT ,286.4; SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA INC,27670.62; TORRES, JAMIE ,8.4; TRUAX, RONALD ,9.7; UNISON BANK,85; VELDKAMP, STEVE ,29.7; VESTIS SERVICES LLC,2513.51; VOGEL, CHRISTINE ,113.95; WALL, CINDY ,60; WALMART COMMUNITY,90.2; WHITE, DOROTHY ,94.95; WRIGHT, STEPHANIE ,93.65; Fund Total:,52723.12; JAMES VALLEY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER,; ACT INC,40.5; ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS,219.55; AMAZON.COM,495.04; AMERICAN AIRLINES,1912.11; BAYMONT INN & SUITES,198; CAREER & TECHNICAL ED,34116.33; CITY OF JAMESTOWN,690.52; CITY OF JAMESTOWN,63.5; COLE PAPERS INC,630.91; DACOTAH PAPER CO,372.32; DAKOTA CENTRAL,217.14; DAKOTA DUST TEX INC,59; GEHLHAR, ADAM ,280; HILLERUD CONSTRUCTION, 232816.12; HW LEASING LLC,63000; JAMES VALLEY MULTI DIST,515.87; JAMESTOWN PLUMBING HEATING,975.22; JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL,204241.61; JAMESTOWN TRAVEL INC,60;

JETSTREAM CAR WASH INC,118.16; KLINE, DAVID ,386.4; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT,301.93; MARINKOVITS, WALTER ,156; MENARDS OF JAMESTOWN,224.89; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES, 664.76; NAPA AUTO PARTS,189.41; NAUMANN, SHEILA ,19.12; NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF,40; OREILLY AUTO PARTS,696.62; OTTERTAIL POWER CO,2492.15; RECYCLING CENTER,43; RHET ARCHITECTURE,890; ROCHELEAU-ECKART, HEIDI ,30; SAFTEY KLEEN SYSTEMS INC, 407.86; STAMPS.COM,70.99; TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL,202.64; TRIMARK MARLINN LLC, 68359.5; TWIN CITY HARDWARE COMPANY,911.37; WAAGEN, JERRY ,231; WALMART COMMUNITY,981.6; Fund Total:,618321.14