Jamestown Public School Board
Special Meeting
Official Minutes

School board special meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 5:30 pm 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, Melissa Gleason, Owen McKenna, Jacob Meier, Aaron Roberts, Jason Rohr and Steve Veldkamp, Superintendent, Robert Lech and Kristi Grounds, Business Manager.

No guests.

President Larson called the meeting to order.

Mr. Tweten reported on teacher's negotiations. The agreement is a 1-year contract with a salary increase of $1,625, this is an average of 2.5% increase. An additional $100,000 will be contributed to the health insurance fund in 2025-2026 by Jamestown Public Schools. Other items from negotiations discussion will be brought to the communication committee to work on. The teacher negotiations team is reviewing the master agreement and will bring to future board meeting.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mr. Veldkamp to approve the Non-Teaching Professionals contracts for the 2025-2026 school year with an increase of $1,625 per 184 days prorated based on the number of days worked. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mrs. Gleason to approve the ratification for the administration negotiations for the 2025-2026 school year. A one-year contract with a 2.5% increase and $2,000 additional for the elementary principals due to additional duties form the closure of Washington. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mr. Rohr to approve the central office administration contracts for the 2025-2026 school year. A one-year contract with a 2.5% increase. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

President Larson requests the district administration begin preparing a wage comparison report for administration and other groups to help the Board plan for future path of focus on wages.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rohr to approve the resignation of Caroline Blumeshine for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Veldkamp to approve the hire of Sid Mann for the 2025-2026 school year contingent upon a successful background check. Salary to be adjusted upon completion of negotiations. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mrs. Gleason to approve the first reading of policy FFI (Personal Electronic Communication Devices Prohibition During Instructional Time). Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

No further business, President Larson adjourned.