

JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Meeting
Official Minutes

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

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

Guests: Toni McIntyre, Candace Sedler, Molly Fritz and Jennifer Gall.

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

Mr. Veldkamp moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve the consent agenda which consisted of August 14, 2025 strategic planning committee meeting minutes, August 18, 2025 regular school board meeting minutes, August 25, 2025 strategic planning committee meeting minutes, payment of bills, submission of MISO1, 02 and 03 with PERS 02, submission of financial reports, and 2024-2025 senior survey report. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Board education on Priority Standards was reported by Jennifer Gall, Middle School Librarian, Kaitlynn McKinnes, 7th Grade English Teacher, Candace Sedlar, Middle School Instructional Coach, Molly Fritz, Lincoln 2nd Grade Teacher and Tony McIntyre, High School English Teacher. Teachers have been working with standards previously, but changing to focus more on working as a group on guaranteed and viable curriculum. The goal is to give all students access to the same essential learning no matter what the teacher or school. Our proficiency scale is 3 from the state. The goal is to have all courses and grade levels reporting 100% proficiency by 2027. Standards give clarity to teachers, students and other stakeholders. Standards push educators to move forward or do something different for students and students to reach above the basics. Elementary, middle school and high school all have different standard levels. The state gives multiple priority standards, and each group must choose a number to focus on those priorities for lesson plans, feedback and tracking progress. Grading depends on how the student completes and understands the work to the standard they are focusing on. Students can see their progress and growth.

Dr. Lech reported on elementary enrollment and the transition to 4 buildings. Kindergarten numbers are lower than expected.

Dr. Lech reported of suggestions for school board retreat dates and reminded members to send any topics for the retreat to him or President Larson.

Dr. Lech reported Meredith Vukelic, attorney for Pearce Durick, provided training on policy ACC (Nondiscrimination and Anti-harassment) and investigations for all staff at back to school opening. Administrators received training from Ms. Vukelic separately on board policies AAC, ACEA, KACA, and KACB.

Dr. Lech reported on updated strategic plan which consolidated goals to focus on high impact strategies. Strategic plan progress monitoring report will be done at the second meeting of each month. A dashboard has been developed to show goal and pertinent historical information. Pprimary and secondary metrics have been embedded

to assess progress towards achievements. There are three focus areas: metric outcomes, outcome details and next steps.

Dr. Lech reported that the annual plan for board education is aligned with the strategic plan goals and progress monitoring.

Dr. Lech reported the Allied picnic is on September 6, Noon to 2 pm at McElroy Park to celebrate and build networks of individuals striving for inclusivity in the Jamestown Community.

Dr. Lech reported on the angel fund that supports our students and families in the greatest need.

Dr. Lech spotlighted our J-1 visa teachers, Marian Parungao and Huzzana Juatco who joined us from the Philippines. Thank you to our staff who are mentoring and giving additional support as they transition to the United States. Special thanks to Mr. Gehlhar for leading the process and to various community entities that have supported our new staff.

Mr. Veldkamp moved, seconded by Mr. McKenna to approve the 2025-2026 Strategic Plan, dashboard and strategic plan progress monitoring and board education annual plan. Mr. Roberts reported the plan was reviewed for consolidating goals that overlapped, the metric to be relevant to gauging the goals, and reviewing the data from the surveys. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. Veldkamp to approve the first reading of policy ABAA School District Organization Plan, first reading of policy ACCB Protection for Student Victims of Sexual Offenses, seconded reading of policy ACG Child Safety Liaison Work Group and Mandatory Training, amended policy BCBA Public Participation at Board Meetings and amended BCBA-E Public Participation Form. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rohr to approve the 2025-2026 tuition agreements: to Montpelier- 3-PreK, 9th, 8th and 3rd grade students; to Yellowstone -6th grade student; to Medina- 15 students: PreK, kindergarten, 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th and 11th grades; to Jamestown – Kindergarten and 5th grade students. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

No further business, President Larson adjourned the meeting.