

JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL  
Regular Meeting  
Unofficial Minutes

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Public School Board was held Monday, February 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Thompson Community Room at the Middle School, 203 2nd Ave SE, Jamestown, ND.

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

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

Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. Veldkamp, to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the February 2, 2026 regular board meeting minutes, payment of the bills, open enrollment applications: to Pingree Buchanan School: 1 eighth grader and 1 ninth grader; to Medina School: 1 pre-k, 3 kindergartners, 2 first graders, 2 fourth graders, 1 fifth grader, 5 sixth graders, 1 eighth grader, and 1 eleventh grader; to Montpelier School: 4 pre-k, 2 kindergartners, 3 third graders, 1 fifth grader, 1 seventh grader, 1 eighth grader, 1 ninth grader and 1 tenth grader; to Kensal School: 2 pre-k, 1 second grader and 1 fourth grader; to Barnes County North School: 1 pre-k, 1 fourth grader and 1 ninth grader for the 2026-2027 school year; open enrollment applications for student to attend Jamestown School for the 2026-2027 school year: from Barnes County North School: 1 pre-k, 1 first grader and 1 tenth grader; from Edgeley School: 1 kindergartner: from Montpelier School: 1 fourth grader and 1 fifth grader; from Pingree Buchanan School: 1 fifth grader and 1 seventh grader; from Valley City School: 1 kindergartner and 1 fifth grader; Day Treatment program funding, and January 12, 2026 health insurance committee meeting minutes. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Student Council written report is attached to the agenda.

Dr. Robert Lech presented the Board Education and Progress Monitoring Report, which included an update on the Strategic Plan Dashboard and the Goal 5.3

Communication Plan. Dr. Lech reviewed the plan's goals, action steps, and initial baseline metrics. Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. McKenna, to approve the Goal 5.3 Communication Plan as presented, including initial plans for metrics. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Dr. Lech reported on updates included the Guiding Coalition's analysis of scheduling models, the recommendation to hire Rachel Kastet as the Louis L'Amour principal, ongoing Finance Committee discussions, a recent presentation at an NDSBA event, upcoming AI training opportunities for district leadership and students, and staff wellness trainings. Dr. Lech also recognized Janette Grabinger for her many years of service managing contracted transportation services.

Mrs. Ground provided the board members with general fund balance sheet and the monthly financial reports to review.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mr. Veldkamp, approved the notice of recognition for the Jamestown Education Association for posting. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. McKenna, to approve the hire of Rachel Kastet as a principal for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Veldkamp moved, seconded by Mr. Tweten to approve the resignation of Brenda Jensen at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

President Larson asked the board members to complete the superintendent evaluation by noon on Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.