

Jamestown Public School
Special Board Meeting
Official Minutes

The special meeting of the Jamestown Public School board was held on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 4:30pm in the Thompson Community Room.

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

Guests: Amy Igl, Larry Igl, Lynn Kosel, Marchel Krieger, Debbie Krebs, Cody Mickelson, Anthony McInyre, Bradley Hohnadel, Mindy Skunberg, Jennifer Kross, David Dooley, Shane Ede, Jada Anderson, Chris Kramlich, Gayle Nelson, Kim Korstjens, Kathy Burkle.

President Larson called the meeting of the Jamestown Public School board to order and welcomed those in the audience, Masaki Ova, Jamestown Sun and Amy Neustel, Administrative Assistant.

President Larson reported at the Monday, May 18th school board meeting a discussion was started regarding the resignation of Superintendent Lech and to decide on a plan moving forward. The board requested financial information for the special meeting to review with the 3 options. President Larson asked for discussion on the 3 options. Discussion was an interim is needed right now and Mr. Gehlhar is a good fit for the interim, job responsibilities, and financial concerns for the budget.

Mrs. Gleason moved to offer Mr. Gehlhar an interim contract for 12 months at \$189,600. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Discussion on how the salary amount was figured.

Mrs. Gleason moved to amend her motion to offer Mr. Gehlhar an interim position at a salary of \$162,131 for 260 day contract. Seconded by Mr. Rohr.

Mr. Rohr called into question the amendment of Mrs. Gleason's motion.

Roll call vote on Mrs. Gleason amended motion to offer Mr. Gehlhar an interim position at \$162,131 for 260 day contract. Gleason, yes; McKenna, yes; Bear, no; Larson, no; Rohr, no; Meier, no; Tweten, no; Roberts, no; Veldkamp, no. Motion to amendment failed.

Mr. Tweten moved to amend offer to Mr. Gehlhar an interim contract for 12 months at \$184,000. Seconded by Mrs. Bear. Roll call vote: McKenna, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Meier, yes; Meier, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, no; Veldkamp, yes; Gleason, yes. Motion passed to approve the amendment.

Roll call vote to offer Mr. Gehlhar an interim contract for 12 months, July 1, 2026-June 30,2027 with a salary of \$184,000. Veldkamp, yes; Gleason, yes; McKenna, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Meier, no; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes. Passed 8-1. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved to open a Dean of Students position with \$20,000 addition to existing salary. Seconded by Mr. Tweten. Roll call vote: Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Meier, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes; Veldkamp, yes; Gleason, yes; McKenna, yes. Passed 9-0. Motion carried.

The board directed the district administrators to move forward with the extended contracts for elementary and secondary administrators and the shift for the Career and Technology Center Director. Business manager's salary will be reviewed by the finance committee.

No further business, President Larson adjourned the meeting.