JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Regular Meeting
Official 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 nineth 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 nineth 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 nineth 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.

GENERAL FUND; ALDINGER, KATIE,270.00; ALI, SHUMAILA,90.00; AMAZON.COM,3,811.51; ANDERSON, JADA,30.00; ANNE CARLSEN CENTER,67,608.37; ARMITAGE, MICHAEL,78.25; BATA, BRANDON,30.00; BCHEX,154.00; CASHWISE,10.18; CENTRAL SALES INC,910.40; CHAT GPT,80.00; CITY OF JAMESTOWN,5,299.82; COLE PAPERS INC,7,564.97; COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC,465.12; CONNELL, JUSTIN,30.00; COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATORS OF,2,085.00; COUNTRY GARDENS,59.28; DACOTAH PAPER CO,2,253.78; DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH,14,890.20; DAKOTA CENTRAL,4,612.81; DECKER EQUIPMENT/SCHOOL FIX,194.25; DELTA AIRLINES,INC,2,240.85; DELZER, EDDY,30.00; DOLLAR GENERAL #9433,105.50; ECKROTH MUSIC COMPANY,796.00; EDUCATORS' LAB,1,411.00; EDUTECH,60.00; EMERALD GROUP, THE,600.00; ET SYSTEMS,1,212.54; FARMERS UNION COOP OIL CO,54.46; FARSTAD OIL,11,422.61; FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS,3,301.43; FORTE,1,703.80; GEHLHAR, ADAM,30.00; GOOGLE,41.48; GROUNDS, KRISTI,30.00; HAAKENSON, ANGELA,38.76; HARLOW'S SCHOOL BUS SERVICE INC,102,662.74; HAWKINS INC,2,124.80; HEINERT, DARBY,30.00; HEMMER, TANYA,551.88; HIGH PLAINS WATER TREATMENT,30.50; HUGO'S FAMILY MARKETPLACE,396.76; IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY USA,3,767.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT,882.00; INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS,323.46; JAMES RIVER SPECIAL EDUCATION,87,467.22; JAMES RIVER TRANSIT,130.00; JAMESTOWN PARKS & RECREATION,150.00; JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL,120.00; JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL,301.73; JAMTGAARD, CODY,72.65; JAMTGAARD, STACY,30.00; JONES, TERRY,30.00; KAPP, DANIEL,30.00; KNOX, ROBERT,30.00; LEAF,2,745.00; LEARNWELL,1,287.50; LECH, ROBERT,30.00; LORIG, JANE,1.53; MAC'S INC,164.97; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES,7,667.95; MEISSNER, JEFF,30.00; MENARDS OF JAMESTOWN,251.19; MINDFULMAZING SHOP,27.00; MINNESOTA VALLEY TESTING LABS,85.00; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES,17,926.90; NAPA AUTO PARTS OF JAMESTOWN INC,1,398.10; ND ATTORNEY GENERAL,125.00; ND BOARD OF NURSING,70.00; ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION,37,889.00; ND COUNCIL EDUC LEADERS,500.00; NELSON, TAMMY,3.21; NEUSTEL, AMY,146.00; NEWMAN SIGNS INC,1,000.00; NORTH DAKOTA'S GATEWAY TO,680.00; NORTH STAR CONTRACTING,570.00; NORTHWEST IRON FIREMAN INC,756.80; OPTIMIZED STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS,5,000.00; ORIENTAL TRADING CO INC,54.98; OSLUND, ANDREW,75.39; PEARCE DURICK PLLC,498.75; PETTYS, QUENTIN,30.00; QUIZNOS SUB,154.00; RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK,454.00; RAINBOW GAS COMPANY,6,865.88; RECORD KEEPERS,52.88; RECSUPPLY,339.00; RECYCLING CENTER OF ND,656.00; RINGERUD PIANO SERVICE,340.00; RUNNINGS,10.40; SCHERBENSKE INC,7,750.00; SCHMIDT, SHERRY,30.00; SCHWINGLER, BRITTANY,32.85; SOUTH EAST EDUCATION COOPERATIVE,4,045.12; STEINS INC,736.68; SUN LIFE,47.98; T-MOBILE USA INC,224.45; TEACHER DIRECT,83.96; TEACHERSPAYTEACHERS.COM,6.00; VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER,5,417.00; WALCH, TIMOTHY,105.19; WALMART,1,496.22; WEX HEALTH INC,146.16; WIDMER ROEL PC,135.80; WORKFORCE SAFETY & INS,250.27; WW GRAINGER INC,2,966.60; Fund Total:,444,097.82; BUILDING FUND; # 1 TREE SERVICE,3,200.00; CULINEX,1,150.00; ELITE HEATING AND AIR,4,789.47; ET SYSTEMS,504.00; JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION,917.84; NORTH STAR CONTRACTING,18,685.00; SUMMIT COMPANIES,638.00; Fund Total:,29,884.31; STUDENT ACTIVITY; 701 PRINT & DESIGN CO,289.00; A & B PIZZA INC,358.10; AMAZON.COM,356.87; ANDERSON, SHEILA,145.75; BAKER, XAVIER,149.00; BECKER, NICHOLAS,110.00; BISMARCK PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST 1,1,075.00; BSN SPORTS,859.98; CASEY'S GENERAL STORE #3355,26.03; CELLEY, MORGAN,154.00; COLLEGE BOARD,475.20; COMFORT SUITES FARGO,1,548.00; COUNTRY INN & SUITES

BISMARCK,2,920.00; DAKOTA CENTRAL,184.90; DAKOTA INFLATABLE GAMES,67.50; DAKTRONICS INC,520.00; DEAVER, BRIAN,0.00; DOUBLETREE BY HILTON WEST FARGO,538.36; ECKART, CHRISTOPHER,325.00; ECKROTH MUSIC COMPANY,977.31; EDWARDSON, REED,270.00; ELI-REIDBURN, CASSANDRA,230.00; FABIAN, JESSICA,110.00; FARGO SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL,626.00; FLATLAND GUITAR AND LUTHERIE,349.00; FLUTTERBEE EDUCATION GROUP,2,811.24; FRITZ, BETH,125.00; GEE, CYNTHIA,275.00; GERRELLS SPORTS CENTER INC,1,427.00; GILLEN, ROBERT,600.00; GRENDLER, SYDNEY,95.00; HARLOW'S SCHOOL BUS SERVICE INC,32,356.79; HARTY, EVAN,100.00; HEMMER, KATHERINE,95.00; HOTEL DAKOTA, THE,666.00; JAMESTOWN HOCKEY BOOSTERS,141.00; JOSTENS INC,20,619.20; JULIAN, LAURIE,95.00; JUSTICE, STEVEN,650.00; JW PEPPER & SON INC,188.79; KINDRED HIGH SCHOOL,240.00; KIRKEBY, BENJAMIN,149.00; KNUDSON, MADISON,77.00; LAQUINTA INN & SUITES GRAND,2,200.00; LEAS, MITCHELL,491.50; LENTZ, JARED,838.75; LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC SCHOOLS,324.00; MANDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS,125.00; MEARS, NICHOLAS,426.50; MEIER, JONATHAN,362.25; MELANDER, JEREMY,334.25; MEYER, MARY,211.00; MYRICH, ERIC,195.00; NASSP,385.00; ND FARMERS UNION,1,179.00; ND STRING TEACHERS ASSOCIATION,210.00; NESET, MARK,334.25; NFCA,716.00; NITSCHKE, JARED,253.50; O'NEILL, SHAWN,235.00; OLSON, PAUL,130.00; ORRIGINALS,1,090.00; POPPLERS MUSIC INC,188.85; QUICHOCHO II, BOYA,455.00; RIEDESEL, TYLER,175.33; ROALDSON, JAMES,30.00; ROMSDAHL, VAUGHN,380.00; ROMSDAL, EASTON,220.00; RUSS DAVIS WHOLESALE INC,19.90; SCHIELE, JEREMEY,840.00; SCHIPFERLING, SPENCER,226.00; SHEARER, JESSE,490.00; SKUNBERG, ERIC,880.00; SLIM CHICKENS,0.17; SPARX HOCKEY .COM,337.94; SPIRITS BAR & GRILL,59.67; STILES, CHARLES,1,749.72; THIELGES, BRETT,525.00; THOMPSON, GAGE,482.25; UKESTAD, MARK,420.00; UNISON BANK,800.00; UNIVERSITY OF MARY,406.00; VALLEY BUS COACHES,2,255.00; VALLEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL,425.00; WALMART,1,094.98; WEIS, IAN,155.00; WEIS, LAURA,155.00; WENINGER, SARAH,267.25; WOODLEY, RACHEL,95.00; ZERR, TREV,735.00; ZIMMER, GABRIELA,155.00; ZIMMER, LUKE,75.00; Fund Total:,97,515.08; HEALTH INSURANCE; MEDALLUS JAMESTOWN URGENT CARE,28,703.08; Fund Total:,28,703.08; JAMESTOWN DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS; JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL,37.69; SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA INC,800.00; Fund Total:,837.69; SCHOOL LUNCH; AMAZON.COM, 98.01; BADLANDS DISTRICTION INC, 154.28; CINTAS CORPORATION NO 2, 1336.20; CITY OF JAMESTOWN, 2030.13; COCA COLA BOTTLING COMPANY HIGH, 3503.75; CULINEX, 87.10; DACOATAH PAPER CO, 3410.96; DAKOTA CENTRAL, 274.10; HUGO’S FAMILY MARKETPLACE, 5.58; JAMESTOWN PLUMBING AND HEATING AC, 147.54; JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 77.16; ND ATTORNEY GENERAL, 25.00; ND DEPT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, 768.24; PLUNKETT’S PEST CONTROL INC, 512.72;SALBAR, MELISS, 30.00; SCOTTS ELECTRIC LLC, 99.92; SODEXO INC & AFFILIATES, 70.98;SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA INC., 53,921.78; WALL, CINDY, 30.00; WALMART, 20.10; WORKPLACEPRO.COM, 1194.55; TOTAL FUND: 67,798.10. JAMES VALLEY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER; ACT INC,351.00; ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS, INC,219.55; ALWAYS FOOD SAFE,70.00; AMAZON.COM,140.11; CERTUS,664.30; CITY OF JAMESTOWN,718.10; COLE PAPERS INC,1,247.21; CULINEX,16.98; DAKOTA CENTRAL,217.34; DECA INC,48.00; DOMINO'S PIZZA,87.89; HUGO'S FAMILY MARKETPLACE,49.66; JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL,382.08; JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL,1,906.53; JETSTREAM CAR WASH INC,51.94; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC,170.95; MENARDS OF JAMESTOWN,686.85; MODERN OFFICE,956.00; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES,3,478.09; NAPA AUTO PARTS OF JAMESTOWN INC,43.22; ND COUNCIL EDUC LEADERS,75.00; ND DECA,1,000.00; OREILLY AUTO PARTS,377.69; OTTERTAIL POWER CO,2,874.72; ROCHELEAU-ECKART, HEIDI,30.00; SAFTEY KLEEN SYSTEMS INC,566.12; SAM'S CLUB,966.39;

STAMPS.COM,20.99; STEVE'S HEATING A/C AND SHEET,7,328.00; SUBWAY,112.38; ULINE INC,401.18; WALMART,1,644.47; WORKFORCE SAFETY & INS,312.96; WW GRAINGER INC,3,545.82; Fund Total:,30,761.52.