Jamestown Public School Board
Regular Meeting
Official Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jamestown Public School Board was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the Thompson Community room at the Middle School. New board orientation was held at 4:15 pm in Mr. Gehlhar's office.

Present: Jason Rohr, President, Aaron Roberts, Vice President, Melissa Gleason, Owen McKenna, Jacob Meier, Mindy Skunberg, Steve Veldkamp, Interim Superintendent, Adam Gehlhar, and Kristi Grounds, Business Manager. Jamie Bear was absent.

President Rohr called the Jamestown Public School Board to order and welcome the audience, Jason Linz, Jamestown Video and Amy Neustel, Administrative Assistant.

Mrs. Gleason moved to approve the consent agenda which consists of August 17, 2026, payment bills, submission of MIS01, 02 and 03 and PER02 reports and financial reports, open enrollment applications: 6th and 9th grade students to attend Medina Public Schools and a 10-grade student to attend Gackle Streeter Public Schools for the 2026-2027 school year. Seconded by Mr. Veldkamp. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Gehlhar gave a brief presentation of outline on the strategic plan scorecard and dashboard. He reported on how the metrics come in and how often are we measuring them. The improvement to the metrics does give us more real time feedback. The board will get the dashboard monthly with any updates. The strategic plan is organized by focus areas, goal level and priority areas which feed up to the goal level. The priority areas will show the metrics which feed the scorecard.

Mr. Gehlhar reported how to read the dashboard. The scorecard gives the ability to click and see the metrics underneath the priority area.

Mr. Gehlhar reported on the community survey to guide the board on a decision for NDHSAA Region change. He recommends the focus be on student and family travel impacts and travel impacts on coach.

Mr. Gehlhar reported we are recipient of a zero-hour fitness program grant in the amount of $70,000 which will help us with equipment and staffing. Plans to roll out the program by October.

Mr. Gehlhar reported on additional extended contracts for high school staff shortage.

Mr. Gehlhar reported on a recent conversation with Bureau of Criminal Investigation for North Dakota. There's some particularly concerning trends going on with programs like

Roblox and Snapchat. BCI has a great program and the district will have training available on October 7th for the community and parents' education on this concern. October 8th short presentations will be given to students in grades 4-8 grade.

Mr. Gehlhar reported to clarify the North Dakota teacher of the year recognition for Teresa Olson, who is a finalist for this award. There is a celebration for her tomorrow @ JVCTC. Mr. Rohr congratulated Miss Olson on that honor.

Mr. Gehlhar reported there has been progress on the technical skills grant. We have $40,000 of our $80,000 matching funds to support the commercial bus driver training. The district will also utilize the same bus for activities. Mrs. Grounds has done some research on naming rights agreements.

Mr. Gehlhar reported on the guiding coalition. We have site visits planned at Dickinson and Fergus Falls. Fergus Falls uses a 3x5 trimester. Dickinson uses a block at their high school and are moving to a hybrid block at their middle school. We've had some successful collaborations with them. Sturgis High School offered to host a virtual site visit. In October, we plan to have some community, parent and student engagement opportunities with staff.

Dr. Larson moved to give administration direction to pursue applying for a move to the East region based on the survey results. Seconded by Mrs. Skunberg. Community discussion of concerns about volleying back and forth between regions and some activities not having good competition for their activity. Roll call vote: Gleason, yes; McKenna, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Meyer, yes; Skunberg, yes; Roberts, yes; Veldkamp, yes. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Skunberg moved to approve the Wilson Arena facility agreement with Jamestown Park and Recreation for 2026-2027 school year. Seconded by Mr. Veldkamp. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. McKenna moved to approve extended contracts for Denise Walton and Angela Wanzek for semester 1 of 2026-2027 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Gleason. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the hire of Mr. Kevin Kubat for one section of auto collision for a 2026 27 school year upon a successful background check and appropriate licensure. Seconded by Mrs. Gleason. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved to post the position for grant funded ND Counts facilitator position. Seconded by Mr. Roberts. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Veldkamp moved to approve the second reading of BBD (Board Compensation) and review of BDD-E (Board Compensation Waiver). Seconded by Mr. Roberts. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried. Board members will need to complete form and turn into Mrs. Neustel tonight after the meeting.

Mrs. Gleason moved to approve the Kindergartner and 3rd grader from Barnes County North School to attend Jamestown Schools for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

No further business, President Rohr adjourned the meeting.