Jamestown Public School Board
Regular Meeting
Unofficial Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jamestown Public School Board was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the Thompson Community room at the Middle School. New board orientation was held at 4:15 pm in the district office conference room.

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

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

Mr. Veldkamp moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of September 8, 2026 regular board meeting minutes, payment of bills, pledged securities, 3 week comparison enrollment report, June 8, 2026 health insurance committee meeting minutes, July 23, 2026 sick leave bank committee meeting minutes, and September 9, 2026 finance committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Bear. Roll call with unanimous “yes” vote. Motion carried.

Dr. Larson reported health insurance committee unanimously agreed to keep premium rates the same for 2026-2027. Future meetings will discuss change in deductible if there are cost savings.

Jodi Taylor, student council member, reported the student council has been working on activities for home coming week.

Mr. Gehlhar reported to the board on the budget hearing procedures.

Mr. Rohr presented on Career and Technology Community Engagement. The state CTC board is working on engaging stakeholders and frame work on financial funding. Their objective is to increase student participation in CTC courses and in the workforce after high school.

At 6:00 pm the meeting was opened for Public Hearing.

The Strategic Plan progress monitoring dashboard was available for board members information.

Mr. Gehlhar reported the coaches are working on the dashboard.

Mr. Gehlhar reported about a position on the agenda to consider for volunteer training and opportunities for volunteers to enrich students. It would be covered under the Title IV funding.

Mr. Gehlhar reported that for the technical skills grant project, Farmers Union committed to donate $40,000 towards our goal. There are several other community businesses interested in the CDL program and we will continue to seek additional partners.

Mr. Gehlhar reported the district is recognizing Lisa Hoffer with a professional development stipend for completing 387 hours of training to support the Infinite Campus implementation. We appreciate Lisa's dedication to developing the knowledge and skills necessary to support this significant districtwide transition.

Mr. Gehlhar reported the annual report of enrollment at 3 weeks of school and 5 year analysis. The decline in birth rate is showing trends which need strategies for the future.

Mr. Gehlhar reported the guiding coalition has several opportunities for staff, students, parents and board members to learn and help refine the secondary schedule. There will be site visits to Dickinson and Fergus Falls and presentations at the high school and middle school in September. An update will be given to the board at the October 5th meeting.

Mr. Gehlhar reported the district has continued to promote the upcoming internet safety presentations for families. The presentation will be hosted by NDBCI at the high school theatre on October 7th at 5:30 pm.

Mrs. Grounds provide general fund balance sheet and monthly financial reports for the board members to review.

Mrs. Grounds provided the 2026-2027 preliminary budget executive summary and draft budget for board members to review.

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the school compliance reports and submission of LEA compliance reports. Seconded by Mr. Veldkamp. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Dr. Larson moved to approve to post the student enrichment and partnership coordinator position. Seconded by Mr. Roberts. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bear moved to approve the amended policy ICCB (Disposal of Assets). Seconded by Mr. Roberts. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Veldkamp moved to approve 2026-2027 tuition agreements for students to attend Montpelier and Valley City Public Schools. Roll call with unanimous “yes” vote. Motion carried.
No further business, President Rohr adjourned the meeting.