

JAMESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES –Board Meeting March 21, 2022

The Jamestown Area School Board conducted a Board Meeting on March 21, 2022, at 6:45 PM with President David Volosin presiding.

Members Present: Eric Dell, Robert Hutchinson, Kelli Mayer, Ben McElhaney, Jered McElhaney, Jerry Routh, Tracie Runyon, and David Volosin

Members Absent: Bev Riley

Others Present: Tracy Reiser, Superintendent; Gary Kinnear, School Psychologist and Director of Special Education, Brian Keyser, High School Principal, Kristin Hope, Elementary Principal, Beth Boylan, Business Manager, Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary

Visitors: Josh Rausch, Kate Evans-Haines, Heidi Grinnell - School Counseling/Chapter 339 Programs

An Executive Session occurred on March 17, 2022, from 6:00 – 6:30 pm to discuss Negotiations. An Executive Session occurred on March 21, 2022, from 6:00 – 6:40 pm to discuss Negotiations.

MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Runyon, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve the minutes of the meetings held on February 10, 2022. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

BOARD

Motion by Mrs. Runyon, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Jamestown Education Association and the District increasing the early retirement incentive to \$40,000 from \$30,000 effective January 1, 2022, for eligible employees retiring before June 30, 2022, provided they deliver an irrevocable letter of retirement to the Superintendent's office no later than 3:00 p.m. on or before April 1, 2022. Motion failed by roll call vote.

Dell – yes, Hutchinson – no, Mayer – yes, B. McElhaney – no, J. McElhaney – no, Routh – no, Runyon – yes, Volosin – yes

ACADEMIC

Motion by Mrs. Runyon, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve to approve the following conference and/or workshop request:

Josh Rausch, County Counselors Meeting, February 25, 2022

Josh Rausch, SAP Maintenance and Refresher, March 8, 2022

Kate Evans-Haines, Mercer County Counselors Association Meeting, April 8, 2022

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Runyon, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve the resignation of Ashley Lohr from the Food Service Department effective February 23, 2022. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Routh, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the following food service positions:

Melanie Franz – 3 hour per day position

Sarah Kilgore – 4 hour per day position pending receipt of all clearances

Amber Carter – substitute pending receipt of all clearances

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Runyon, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve the following unpaid days:

Kristen McClure, teacher: one (1) unpaid 1/2 day

Rebecca Ferguson, paraprofessional: one (1) unpaid day

Jennifer Arnett, paraprofessional: five (5) unpaid days

Melanie Fosco, paraprofessional: one (1) unpaid day

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Routh, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve Tennille McElhaney as a Paraprofessional at a rate of \$12.40 per hour (replacing Brittany Bruce). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, with Mr. Jered McElhaney abstaining.

Motion by Mrs. Runyon, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve Alyssa Nichols as the Assistant Junior High Girls Volleyball Coach. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Runyon, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve the resignation of Scott McElhinny as Boys Basketball Assistant Coach. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Routh, seconded by Mrs. Runyon, to table the motion to approve a letter of intent to retire for Doug Hunter, effective June 3, 2022. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Routh, seconded by Mrs. Runyon, to table the motion to approve a letter of intent to retire for Scott Taylor, effective June 3, 2022. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE

Motion by Mr. Routh, seconded by Mrs. Runyon, to approve the financial statements for February 2022. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Runyon, seconded by Mr. Routh, to approve payment of bills for February and March 2022. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Routh, seconded by Mrs. Runyon, to approve the 2022-23 Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV General Operating Budget. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Dell – yes, Hutchinson – yes, Mayer – yes, B. McElhaney – yes,
J. McElhaney – yes, Routh – yes, Runyon – yes, Volosin – yes

Motion by Mr. Routh, seconded by Mrs. Runyon, to approve the Mercer County Career Center budget for 2022-2023. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Runyon, seconded by Mr. Routh, to approve the purchase of video surveillance equipment in the amount of \$98,987.50 to be paid for by ARP-ESSER III funds. Motion passed by a 6 – 2 roll call vote.

Dell – yes, Hutchinson – yes, Mayer – no, B. McElhaney – no,
J. McElhaney – yes, Routh – yes, Runyon – yes, Volosin – yes

Motion by Mr. Routh, seconded by Mrs. Runyon, to approve the purchase of Read 180/System 44 Reading Intervention program with a two (2) year license agreement to be paid for by ARP-ESSER III funds with the following breakdown:

Grades 3 to 6 - \$397.14 Grades 7 to 8 - \$12,443.358

Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Dell – yes, Hutchinson – yes, Mayer – yes, B. McElhaney – yes,
J. McElhaney – yes, Routh – yes, Runyon – yes, Volosin – yes

Motion by Mr. Routh, seconded by Mrs. Runyon, to approve client support hours from Reeves Information Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000 to be paid for by ARP-ESSER III funds. Motion failed by roll call vote.

Dell – no, Hutchinson – yes, Mayer – no, B. McElhaney – yes,
J. McElhaney – no, Routh – no, Runyon – yes, Volosin – yes

Motion by Mr. Routh, seconded by Mrs. Runyon, to approve a disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certificate for:

Norman P. Schohn, Jr., 6000 Smith Drive, Jamestown, PA

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Routh, seconded by Mrs. Runyon, to approve a resolution to appoint the Business Manager as the authorized representative to make requests upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer, relative to the collection of taxes for Jamestown Area School District, as desired and deemed necessary by Jamestown Area School District. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Runyon, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve participation in the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Federal Programs Consortium at a cost of 4.4% of the total allocation of federal Title funds. (i.e. 2020-2021 allocation \$227,094.00) Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Dell – yes, Hutchinson – yes, Mayer – yes, B. McElhaney – yes,
J. McElhaney – yes, Routh – yes, Runyon – yes, Volosin – yes

TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr.Dell, to approve the following substitute drivers for AC Services/Anderson's:

Emily Kovach

Catherine Moore

Melodi Peabody

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Ben McElhaney, seconded by Mrs. Runyon, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.



Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary