

# JAMESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD MINUTES – Board Meeting January 9, 2025

The Jamestown Area School Board met on January 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM with President Ben McElhaney presiding.

Members Present: Becky Bercis, Eric Dell, Bob Hutchinson, Kelli Mayer, Ben McElhaney, Jered McElhaney Adam Miller, and Patrick Thomas

Members Absent: David Volosin

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

### MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 14, 2024, and December 5, 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### New Business

### BOARD

Appointment of Board Committees (no action required)

**Athletics** – B. Bercis-chairperson, Dell, J. McElhaney, Hutchinson

**Buildings & Grounds** – B. Hutchinson-chairperson, Full Board

**Budget & Finance** – A. Miller-chairperson, Hutchinson, Bercis, Volosin

**Personnel/Negotiations** – K. Mayer-chairperson, J. McElhaney, Miller,  
B. McElhaney

**Superintendent Evaluation** – B. McElhaney-chairperson, Full Board

**Technology** – P. Thomas-chairperson, B. McElhaney, Volosin, Dell

**Transportation** – K. Mayer-chairperson, J. McElhaney, Miller, B. McElhaney

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the following board policy:

POLICY 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Final reading of the following board policies (no action required):

POLICY 103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students With Disabilities  
POLICY 113.1 – Discipline of Students With Disabilities  
POLICY 113.2 – Behavior Support  
POLICY 200 – Enrollment of Students  
POLICY 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students  
POLICY 217 – Graduation  
POLICY 234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students  
POLICY 236.1 – Threat Assessment  
POLICY 247 – Hazing  
POLICY 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying  
POLICY 252 – Dating Violence  
POLICY 254 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children  
POLICY 317.1 – Educator Misconduct  
POLICY 336 – Personal Necessity Leave  
POLICY 339 – Uncompensated Leave  
POLICY 607 – Tuition Income  
POLICY 805.2 – School Security Personnel  
POLICY 807 – Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Display  
POLICY 810 – Transportation  
POLICY 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries  
POLICY 903 – Public Comment in Board Meetings

First reading of the following board policies (no action required):

POLICY 005 – Organization  
POLICY 308 – Employment Contract/Board Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve an addendum to the existing wrestling cooperative agreement with Greenville Area School District for girls wrestling. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Jered McElhaney, to approve participation in the Girls On The Run program for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed by a 7 – 1 voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Buhl Regional Health Foundation to administer the Youth Health Survey to students in grades 6-12. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the following volunteers:

Edward Carter, Jr.                      Brad Solderich                      Renda Sum  
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **ACADEMIC**

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the registration fee of \$70.00 and 2 meals (\$40 total) for a selected JHS student to participate in the Susquehanna University 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Honors Band Festival in Selinsgrove, PA, February 14 through February 16, 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve Joshua Rausch and Sarah Peters to serve as the Girls On The Run coaches, with Kristen McClure serving as substitute coach, for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve Anthony Rubin as a substitute SRO for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve an unpaid day for Kathy King on February 13, 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **FINANCE**

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve the financial statements for November and December 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve payment of bills for November and December 2024 and January 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certificate for:

Gary Rhin                      437 North Summit Road, Jamestown, PA 16134  
Paul Mussi                      440 North Summit Road, Jamestown, PA 16134

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

An Executive Session to discuss Personnel was held from 6:35 until 7:20 pm.



Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary