

# **JAMESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **BOARD MINUTES – Board Meeting November 14, 2024**

The Jamestown Area School Board met on November 14, 2024, at 6:00 PM with President Ben McElhaney presiding.

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

Members Absent: Becky Bercis

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

Guests Present: Chase Moretti, Wallace Pancher  
Bruce Lawrence, McGill, Power & Bell

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 10, 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **New Business**

### **BOARD**

Second 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 policy (no action required):

POLICY 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement

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

Cheyenne Diefenderfer  
Amy Floch  
Sarah Scobbie

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to adopt the Board Resolution regarding Act 1 for 2025-2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **ACADEMIC**

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Jered McElhaney, to approve an agreement between the Jamestown Area School District and West Middlesex School District for a staff member to provide synchronous instruction for physics for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$43 per course period. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the resignation of Rhonda Williams from the position of Drama Club Advisor effective immediately. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve Taylor Pearce as the Drama Club Advisor. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve John Westcott as the Assistant Drama Club Advisor, pending clearances. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to an hourly wage increase to \$15.07 per hour for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year for the 6 paraprofessionals listed.

Michelle Bish  
Douglas Davison  
Rebecca Ferguson

Kendra Horne  
Tennille McElhaney  
Kathleen Miller

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve Hunter Goodlin as a high school mathematics and physics teacher at a Step 4 level of \$48,925.00 effective November 20, 2024.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve Deb Glancy as a mentor for Hunter Goodlin for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve Katy Kauffman as a mentor for Alexandra Puleo for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to retroactively approve the advertising and hiring of a paraprofessional to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Kinsey Lowers. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to the resignation of Cindy McBroom from the position of scorekeeper. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to retroactively approve Mary Jane Fenton to serve as a long-term substitute from September 9, 2024, through November 19, 2024, at a prorated Step 1 level of the JEA contract. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve Malory Saulsbery as the elementary boys basketball coach. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **FINANCE**

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to retroactively approve the purchase of a dishwasher/disposal for the JHS kitchen in the amount of \$44,971.20. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the advertising for base bids and alternate bids for Jamestown Elementary School site improvements to include parking lots, sidewalks, bollards/fencing, and tree removal. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve authorizing the payment of food service and general fund bills that are due prior to the January board meeting. Lists will be presented to the board for final approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the attached Audit report for the year ending June 30, 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certificate for:

Roger Bates                      2868 Bates Road, Jamestown, PA 16134

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.



Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary