

JAMESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES – Board Meeting March 20, 2025

The Jamestown Area School Board met on February 20, 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, Patrick Thomas and 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; Cheri Baldesberger, Assistant Business Manager; Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary

MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 20, 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

An Executive Session was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 5:00 pm to discuss Personnel.
An Executive Session was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 5:30 pm to discuss a Legal Matter.

New Business

BOARD

Final 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 the following volunteers:

Megan Mayer

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the Special Education Plan in effect for the 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 school years. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the Smile Pennsylvania mobile dentist program to provide free dental work to students with parental permission. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve Shawna Yesko and her family to attend the Title I PDE State Parent Conference at Seven Springs Resort in Champion, PA on June 30-July 2, 2025, in the amount of \$1,019.00. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the proposed Mercer County Career Center budget for the 2025-2026. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the Mercer County Food Bank School Pantry program agreement beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Motion passed by a 7 – 1 voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the agreement between the county/lead agency and local recipient agency responsible for the distribution of USDA foods through TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the 2025-2026 Federal Program Consortium Agreement with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Kendra Horne

Kami Pashakarnis

Aidan Woyt

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ACADEMIC

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the following student teachers from Grove City College from March 10, 2025, to April 30, 2025:

Emily Ivory with Melissa Potase
Victoria Henry with Sylvia Webb
Ashley Ewing with Leann McClimans

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve a field experience through Western Governor's University for Alexis Schmidhamer with Ashley Lentz from March to May 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to implement district assessments in Alegria, Biology, and English as a graduation requirement, beginning with the Class of 2027. Students who are proficient on one, two, or all three of the Keystone Exams will be exempt from the

requirement in the subject area they showed proficiency in. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell to approve hiring Jennifer Miller as a full-time paraprofessional at a rate of \$15.07 per hour (replacing Kendra Horne). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve Belinda Boozer to assist in the Technology Department for up to 225 hours. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve the resignation of Heather Stanley from the food service department effective March 27, 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the advertising and hiring of a part-time food service employee (replacing Heather Stanley). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the resignation of Malissa Rhoades from the positions of Camp Fitch Advisor and Environmental Club Advisor effective June 6, 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve Tracy Laidlaw to serve as Environmental Club Advisor beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve Crystal Nicols as the Camp Fitch Advisor beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the financial statements for February 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve payment of bills for February and March 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve a two-year agreement with PSEA Health & Welfare fund for district vision benefits and a separate agreement for a Voluntary buy-up plan, both agreements effective 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2027 (no increase from last agreement). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to award to approve a quote from Renaissance in the amount of \$11,811.00 (replaces Zern, Reading Eggs, Study Island, and Math Seeds with approximate savings of \$448.00). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.



Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary