

JAMESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES – February 15, 2024

The Jamestown Area School Board met on February 15, 2024, at 6:00 PM with President Ben McElhaney presiding.

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

Members Present via Teams: Adam Miller

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

MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve with corrections the minutes of the meeting held January 11, 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

BOARD

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

POLICY 236.1 – Threat Assessment

POLICY 800.1 – Electronic Signatures/Records

POLICY 805.1 – Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies

POLICY 815 – Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources

POLICY 819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

POLICY 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

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

Megan Baldesberger

Jarrold Britton

Sam Enterline

Kelli Mayer

Sara McEntaggart

Malory Saulsbery

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve a modification to the 2023-2024 school calendar by switching the Act 80 day from March 27th to April 8th for the solar eclipse. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ACADEMIC

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve adding a 10th grade Home Economics course worth .5 credits along with the course description. The course will be offered during the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve a field trip to Reynolds School District for students in grades 4-6 to view the multi-district play that we are participating in. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to the following Thiel mentoring students during the Spring 2024:

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| Amy Batt | Jeffrey (Marc) Knox |
| Grace Carrizo | Donna Kocher |
| Rosalie Hanley | Madison Liggett |
| Mackenzie Hause | Andrea Meals |
| Alexa Horton | Brianna Miller |
| Nikolas Hunchuk | Matt Nale |
| Ava Kavulla | Taylor Susany |

Motion passed by a 6 – 3 roll call vote.

Bercis – yes, Dell – no, Hutchinson – yes, Mayer – no, B. McElhaney – yes, J. McElhaney – no, Miller – yes, Thomas – yes, Volosin - yes

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Ben McElhaney, to approve hiring Douglas Davison as a part-time paraprofessional at a starting rate of \$14.23/hr. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Ben McElhaney, to approve the following unpaid days:

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| Rebecca Ferguson | May 6-10, 2024 (5 days) |
| Erin Smith | December 8, 2023, January 24, 2024, February 22, 2024 |

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the resignation of Trista Vandevander from her position as a paraprofessional. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the advertising and hiring of a paraprofessional (replacing Trista Vandevander). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve hiring Brittany Bruce as a paraprofessional at a rate of \$14.23/hr. to fill the position created by the resignation of Trista Vandevander. Motion passed by an 8-1 voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve a Penn West Psychology Student Intern, Melanie Ball, with Mr. Gary Kinnear beginning August 26, 2024, for a total of 14 weeks or 450 hours. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve Amanda Brownlee as the Assistant Elementary Girls Basketball coach.

FINANCE

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Ben McElhaney, to approve the financial statements for January and February 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Ben McElhaney, to approve payment of bills for January and February 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Martha Jones

605 Liberty Street, Jamestown, PA 16134

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the substitute nursing rate at \$150 per day. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

An Executive Session was held from 6:40 pm until 7:37 pm to discuss Personnel.



Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary