

JAMESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES – Board Meeting August 8, 2024

The Jamestown Area School Board met on August 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM with President Ben McElhaney presiding.

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

Members Absent: Kelli Mayer

Others Present: Tracy Reiser, Superintendent; Gary Kinnear, 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 Mr. Volosin, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 11, 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

BOARD

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

POLICY 218 – Student Discipline
POLICY 218.1 – Weapons
POLICY 218.2 – Terroristic Threats
POLICY 222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products
POLICY 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
POLICY 323 – Tobacco and Vaping Products
POLICY 351 – Controlled Substance Abuse
POLICY 707 – Use of School Facilities
POLICY 801 – Public Records
POLICY 803 – School Calendar
POLICY 805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response
POLICY 805.1 – Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies
POLICY 805.2 – School Security Personnel
POLICY 806 – Child Abuse
POLICY 815.1 – Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education
POLICY 904 – Public Attendance at School Events
POLICY 909 – Municipal Government Relations

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the Title IX Notice of Nondiscrimination policy as revised in accordance with the August 1, 2024, Federal Mandate. Motion passed by a 6-2 voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the following board policies as revised in accordance with the August 1, 2024, Federal Mandate:

POLICY 103 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
POLICY 104 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff

Motion passed by a 6-2 voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Jered McElhaney, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the attached job description for the medical support services position. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. Jered McElhaney, to approve the revised athletic manual for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Volosin, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the 2024-2025 JHS and JES student handbooks. Motion passed by a 7-1 voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the following volunteer:

Bob Hutchinson

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the following Jamestown Police Department officers to provide SRO services for the district during the 2024-2025 school year:

Steve Ray
Edward Carter
Michael Greenaway
Paul Rocco
Danielle Downing

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve hiring Taylor Pearce as the middle school ELA teacher at a Step 1, Bachelor's level \$48,025, effective for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve granting tenure to the following teachers:

Danielle Cerroni
Ashley Stubbs

Katy Kauffman
Justin Walter

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the following mentor teachers to Alexandra Puleo and Taylor Pearce for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years in accordance with the new 2-year regulations.

Alexandra Puleo/David Frew
Taylor Pearce/Kristy Zarecky

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve hiring Thomas Kauffman to fill the long-term substitute position for Danielle Cerroni's leave at a pro-rated Step 1 rate. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve hiring Kinsey Lowers as a paraprofessional to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Sally McGlone at a rate of \$15.07 per hour. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve hiring Tom Pipp, Rhonda Pipp, Alycn Willey, Heather McEwan, and Amanda Cameron to provide medical support services for the 2024-2025 home athletic events. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the financial statements for July 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve payment of bills for July and August 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the Base Bid submitted in the amount of \$219,000.00 by Penn-Ohio Electrical Contractors for a replacement elementary generator. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve Alternate Bid E-1 in the amount of \$9,700.00 by Penn-Ohio Electrical Contractors for fencing to be placed around the replacement generator. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve Alternate Bid E-2 in the amount of \$3,000.00 by Penn-Ohio Electrical Contractors for a concrete pad walkway around the replacement generator pad. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve Alternate Bid E-3 in the amount of \$4,700.00 by Penn-Ohio Electrical Contractors for Panel 'BR' replacement. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve Alternate Bid E-4 in the amount of \$19,000.00 by Penn-Ohio Electrical Contractors for an air conditioning split system in the IT Network room at Jamestown Elementary School. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve setting the rate of pay for the medical support services personnel at \$120 per home event. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

James Majcher	7771 Midway Drive, Jamestown, PA 16134
Joseph Kikel	8130 Martin Drive, Jamestown, PA 16134

An Executive Session was held from 6:50 pm until 8:40 pm to discuss Personnel.



Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary