

JAMESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES – Board Meeting September 12, 2024

The Jamestown Area School Board met on September 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM with President Ben McElhaney presiding.

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

Members Absent: Eric Dell

Guests Present: Jeremy McClain – Harvest Baptist Church

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

MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 8, 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

BOARD

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

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 passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the list of volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to retroactively approve a 9th grade field trip on September 11, 2024, to the Westinghouse facility in Sharon, PA, to view the hydroponics program. All expenses are grant funded through the Buhl Regional Health Foundation.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the list of field trips for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the Friends of Muskie Music Boosters officers and proposed fundraisers for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Jamestown Elementary PTO officers and proposed fundraisers for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the distribution of a flyer from Harvest Baptist Church to high school students. Motion failed by a 6 – 2 roll call vote.

Bercis – No, Hutchinson – Yes, Mayer – No, Ben McElhaney – No,
Jered McElhaney – No, Miller – No, Thomas – Yes, Volosin - No

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Jered McElhaney, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the resignation of Luke Widger effective August 9, 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve hiring Megan Kosar to fill the librarian vacancy created by the transfer of Allison Aderson (replacing L. Widger) at a Step 1 level of \$48,025.00. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve Jill Taylor to mentor Megan Kosar for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the resignation of Jill Taylor from the position of junior class advisor. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve hiring Kaitlyn Kauffman as the junior class advisor. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the resignation of Brittany Bruce from the position of paraprofessional. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the advertising and hiring of a paraprofessional to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Brittany Bruce. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve hiring Latisha Baca as a paraprofessional at a rate of \$15.07/hour to replace Brittany Bruce. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the resignation of Katie Britton from the position of FISH advisor. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the resignation of Katie Kauffman as Drama Assistant effective August 15, 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve hiring Amanda Cameron as the elementary girls basketball coach. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve hiring Joanna Frew to provide medical support services for athletic contests. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve hiring Denise Devine as needed as ticket taker or concessions manager for the 2024-2025 school year, pending clearances. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the following Kelly Services substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year:

Patrick Barco
Christina Crocker
Mary Jane Fenton
Janet Schildkamp

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Jered McElhaney, to approve the following substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year:

Esther Merush – Food Services
Steven Merush – Food Services
Kathy Colquhoun – LPN/Paraprofessional

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the financial statements for August 2024. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve a change order in the amount of \$13,024.27 for additional curbing for the high school parking lot project payable to WallacePancher Group. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve a transfer of \$500,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Sharon Majcher

7771 Midway Drive, Jamestown, PA 16134

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve a shared transportation services agreement between Jamestown Area School District (Provider) and Greenville Area School District (Recipient) for the transportation of Amish students for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the driver and equipment list for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.



Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary