

JAMESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES – Board Meeting May 14, 2026

The Jamestown Area School Board met on May 14, 2026, at 6:30 PM with President Ben McElhaney presiding.

Members Present: Becky Bercis, Bob Hutchinson, Kelli Mayer, Ben McElhaney, Adam Miller, Cole Ternent, David Volosin

Members Absent: Patrick Thomas, Nathan Whitehouse

Others Present: Kevin Boariu, Substitute Superintendent; Gary Kinnear, Director of Special Education; Brian Keyser, High School Principal; Kristin Hope, Elementary School Principal; Cheri Gregg, Business Manager; Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary

MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 9, 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

BOARD

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

POLICY 619 – District Audit
POLICY 810 – Transportation

Second reading of the following board policy (no action required):

POLICY 006.1 – Attendance At Meetings Via Electronic Communication

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

POLICY 006.1 – Attendance At Meetings Via Electronic Communication

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding and Transportation Plan with Mercer County CYS and Crawford County DHS. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve a resolution granting Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV permission to submit an application for the ELECT program consortium. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Nichole Giddings Destany Ladner Debra Waite (pending clearances)

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Volosin, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve a Cooperative Athletic Agreement with the Reynolds School District beginning during the 2026-2027 PIAA cycle: Boys Golf to be hosted by Jamestown and Girls Golf to be hosted by Reynolds. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Bercis – yes, Hutchinson – yes, Mayer – yes, McElhaney – yes,
Miller – yes, Ternent – yes, Volosin – yes

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve a Cooperative Athletic Agreement with the Reynolds School District beginning during the 2026-2027 PIAA cycle: Boys Baseball to be hosted by Reynolds. Motion defeated by a 4 – 3 roll call vote.

Bercis – yes, Hutchinson – yes, Mayer – no, McElhaney – no,
Miller – no, Ternent – no, Volosin – yes

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve a Cooperative Athletic Agreement with the Reynolds School District beginning during the 2026-2027 PIAA cycle: Girls Softball to be hosted by Jamestown. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Bercis – yes, Hutchinson – yes, Mayer – yes, McElhaney – yes,
Miller – yes, Ternent – yes, Volosin – yes

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve a Cooperative Athletic Agreement with the Reynolds School District beginning during the 2026-2027 PIAA cycle: Girls Basketball to be hosted by Reynolds. Motion passed by a 6 – 1 roll call vote.

Bercis – yes, Hutchinson – yes, Mayer – no, McElhaney – yes,
Miller – yes, Ternent – yes, Volosin – yes

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Jamestown Education Association dated July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Bercis – yes, Hutchinson – yes, Mayer – yes, McElhaney – yes,
Miller – yes, Ternent – yes, Volosin – yes

Action to call for nominations for the Jamestown Area School District Board Treasurer. Bob Hutchinson nominated by Ben McElhaney.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller to close nominations. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller to appoint Bob Hutchinson as Treasurer for the Jamestown Area School District Board for the 2026-2027 school year beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in accordance with Section 404 of the School Code of Pennsylvania that requires the school directors annually, during the month of May, appoint a treasurer to serve for a one-year term beginning the first day of July. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ACADEMIC

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the list of graduating seniors for the Class of 2026 pending completion of all requirements. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the following Grove City College student teachers for the 2026-2027 school year:

Marissa Knepper with Kelly Redick
Maren McIntire with Leann McClimans
Anna Wolcott with Kathy King
Broderick Schreyer with Melissa Potase
Elliott Infante with Tracy Laidlaw

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the resignation of Kristen McClure from the position of elementary school teacher, effective August 2, 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the advertising and hiring of a teacher to replace Kristen McClure. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve hiring Marley Chapman as a special education teacher beginning with the 2026-2027 school year on a Step 1 Bachelor level of \$50,325.00. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve two half days of unpaid leave for Taylor Lutz on April 9, 2026, and April 16, 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Latisha Baca – one and one half days
Michelle Bish – two days
Doug Davison – two days
Amber Carter – one day
Erin Smith - one day

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the resignation of Justin Pipp from the following positions:

Junior High Boys Basketball Coach
Sophomore Class Advisor

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the resignation of Crystal Nicols from the position of Environmental Club Advisor, effective June 5, 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve hiring Kayden Moroney to assist in the Technology Department for up to 175 hours at a rate of \$19.00 per hour. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve substitute teacher, substitute paraprofessional and substitute secretary payrates for ESS. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the financial statements for April 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve payment of bills for April and May 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to appoint First National Bank of PA as depository for the Jamestown Area School District for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Funds to be insured with FDIC per school code, Section 623. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller to grant permission to the following organizations to apply for gaming licenses for the 2026-2027 school year:

Jamestown All-Sports Boosters
Jamestown Parent Teacher Organization
Jamestown Band Booster Club

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to make the Proposed General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 available for public inspection. The budget contains total Revenues of \$11,344,901.73, total expenses of \$11,360,487.02 and the proposed tax levies for rebalancing:

71.58 mills on real estate in Mercer County
48.46 mills on real estate in Crawford County
\$5.00 per capita under Section 679
\$5.00 per capita under Act 511
One-half percent (.5%) earned income tax under Act 511 (wage tax)
One percent (1%) real estate transfer tax

Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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Miller – yes, Ternent – yes, Volosin – yes

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve membership dues (\$6,055.37), payable to PSBA, for the 2026-2027 school year (increase of \$73.56 from 2025-2026). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Computer Services Rates for the Financial Information System and Student Information System for 2026-2027 (an approximate increase of \$325.00 from 2025-2026).

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, to approve renewal rates for dental insurance coverage for the 2026-2027 school year with Core Source – Oasis Trust. (Class I & II coverage is provided by the district. Employees electing Class III and IV coverage are responsible for the difference in premium).

Class I & II Coverage Individual - \$23.03 (\$1.25 decrease) Family - \$48.73 (\$7.43 decrease)
Class III & IV Coverage Individual - \$51.24 (.50 increase) Family - \$110.44 (\$10.49 decrease)

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin to approve a letter of engagement with McGill, Power, Bell and Associates LLP to perform the local audit for the fiscal year 2025-2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Michael Gonzales 8516 Padan Drive, Jamestown, PA 16134

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to authorize the purchase of a new 2025 Chevrolet Brightdrop van from Diehl Chevrolet of Grove City, a COSTARS approved dealer using capital funds, exempt from bidding requirements. The vehicle will replace a current fleet vehicle utilized for transportation and food and equipment between the high school and elementary buildings. Cost not to exceed \$38,000.00. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

An Executive Session was held from 8:40-8:50pm to discuss Personnel and Legal matters.



Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary