JAMESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES – Board Meeting October 8, 2026

The Jamestown Area School Board met at the Mercer County Career Center on October 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM with President Ben McElhaney presiding.

Members Present: Becky Bercis, Bob Hutchinson, Kelli Mayer, Adam Miller, Cole Ternent (via phone), Patrick Thomas (via phone), Nathan Whitehouse

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

MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 17, 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

BOARD

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

POLICY 006 – Meetings
POLICY 204.1 – Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks
POLICY 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
POLICY 325 – Dress and Grooming
POLICY 803 – School Calendar
POLICY 810 – Transportation
POLICY 822 – AED/CPR
POLCY 904 – Public Attendance at School Events

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

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Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the following JHS Marching Band field trips:

October 31, 2026, to Meadville Halloween Parade, Meadville, PA
November 21, 2026, to Hermitage Light Up Parade, Hermitage, PA

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the following conference requests:

Kevin Boariu – Safety Care Recertification at MIU4, Grove City, PA,
October 15, 2026, cost $100 (paid by ACCESS funds)

Marley Chapman – Safety Care Certification at MIU4, Grove City, PA,
November 19 & 20, 2026, cost $185 (paid by ACCESS funds)

Carolyn Ruffing – Safety Care Certification at MIU4, Grove City, PA
November 19 & 20, 2026, cost $185 (paid by ACCESS funds)

Malissa Rhoades – Federal Programs PLC at MIU4, Grove City, PA
October 8, 2026, December 10, 2026, and March 9, 2027, cost to the district for mileage only

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve an agreement between the Jamestown Area School District and West Middlesex School District for a staff member to provide synchronous instruction for physics for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of $43 per course period per student for a total of $17,943.00. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. (Original motion was amended to include “per student for a total of $17,943.00” on a motion from Mrs. Mayer, a second by Mr. Thomas, and a unanimous voice vote.)

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to interview and appoint a new member to the Jamestown Area School District Board of Directors to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of David Volosin whose term expires December 2, 2027. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the appointment of Rodney Gelvin to the Jamestown Area School Board to replace David Volosin’s term of service with expires December 2, 2027. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Thomas Kauffman – high school

Amber Pago – elementary
Kaleena Richards – elementary
Ryan Renwick – elementary (pending receipt of application)

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. (Original motion was amended to include Ryan Renwick on a motion from Mrs. Mayer, a second by Mr. Thomas, and a unanimous voice vote.)

ACADEMIC

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve Christopher Barker as a Guidance intern for the 2026-2027 Spring semester. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Kathleen Miller beginning November 4, 2026, through November 24, 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the resignation of Heather Stanley from her position in the Maintenance Department effective September 30, 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve a letter of intent to retire for Kathy Brown from her position in the Maintenance Department effective December 31, 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the hiring of Kacy McLaughlin as a full-time employee in the Maintenance Department. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the hiring of Jayden Luckock as a full-time employee in the Maintenance Department. Motion defeated by voice vote. (Original motion was amended to change part-time to full-time on a motion from Mrs. Mayer, a second by Mrs. Bercis, and a unanimous voice vote.)

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the hiring of Christina Brocklebank as a paraprofessional. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve resignation of Taylor Pearce as Drama Club advisor. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve hiring Beth Boariu as a scoreboard operator for the 2026-2027 volleyball season. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the financial statements for September 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve payment of bills for September and October 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

 Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary