

JAMESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES – Board Meeting August 13, 2026

The Jamestown Area School Board met on August 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM with President Ben McElhaney presiding.

Members Present: Bob Hutchinson, Kelli Mayer, Patrick Thomas, and Nathan Whitehouse

Members Absent: Becky Bercis, Adam Miller, Cole Ternent, David Volosin

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

MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the minutes of the meetings held June 18, 2026, and July 9, 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

BOARD

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve an Agreement for Services with the William Penn Academy for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to authorize a Resolution to retain the law firms of Frazer PLC and Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall & Sennett, P.C. as legal counsel for the purpose of investigating, pursuing, and participating in multidistrict litigation and any related state or federal proceedings involving claims against Social Media Defendants arising for alleged harms to students and the district. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve an Agreement for Services with the Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Julie DeMarco – Athletics

Bob Hutchinson – Athletics (pending receipt of application)

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ACADEMIC

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to amend a change to the high school student handbook regarding energy drinks. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to amend the elementary and high school student handbooks regarding dress code. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the elementary and high school student handbooks for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the resignation of Jadie Taft from her position as a paraprofessional. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve advertising and hiring of a paraprofessional (replacing Jadie Taft). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve hiring Carolyn Ruffing as a paraprofessional. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve Kathy King and Jill Jones as half stipend mentors for Marley Chapman for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the following ESS substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year:

Patrick Barco	Marisa Mead
Mary Jane Fenton	Kendra Mowry
Chelsea Kennedy	Margaret Beall
Christina Pander	Jemaira Lynch
Jan Schildkamp	

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the following Jamestown Police Department officers to provide SRO services for the 2026-2027 school year:

Edward Carter
Steve Ray
Michael Greenaway
Paul Rocco
Anthony Rubin
Danielle Downing Meier

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve hiring Tom Pipp, Rhonda Pipp, Alycn Willey, Heather McEwan, and Amanda Cameron to provide medical support services for the 2026-2027 home athletic events. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve a Family Medical Leave for Allison Upperman from approximately August 17, 2026, through November 2, 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve hiring Paul Graban as the Athletic Director effective August 17, 2026, through June 30, 2027, with a \$6,110.00 stipend. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the interim Athletic Director stipend of \$680.00. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the resignation of Victoria Godwin from her position in the Food Services department. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the advertising and hiring of two (2) Food Services employees (replacing Shawna Yesko and Victoria Godwin). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the hiring of Nichole Giddings as a 4-hour employee in the Food Services department. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. McElhaney, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the hiring of Angel Slingluff as a 3-hour employee in the Food Services department. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the hiring of Linda Giddings as a substitute Food Services employee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE

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

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve payment of bills for July and August 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the following adult meal prices for the 2026-2027 school year:

Adult Breakfast: \$3.05

Adult Lunch: \$5.05

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

It was noted that the September meeting date needed to be re-scheduled.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to reschedule the September 10, 2026 meeting to September 17, 2026. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

An Executive Session was held from 7:10 pm until 8:46 pm to discuss Personnel.



Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary