

# **JAMESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **BOARD MINUTES – Board Meeting August 14, 2025**

The Jamestown Area School Board met on July 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM with President Ben McElhaney presiding.

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

Members Absent: Eric Dell

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

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the minutes of the meetings held July 10, 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **New Business**

### **BOARD**

Motion by Mr. Ben McElhaney, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson to approve the following board policies:

POLICY 317 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures  
POLICY 317.1 – Educator Misconduct  
POLICY 320 – Freedom of Speech by Employees  
POLICY 718 – Service Animals in School

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the administration of the Pennsylvania Youth Survey to students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 (with parental notification). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Jered McElhaney, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the Heart & Soul (a Girls on the Run International) program for girls in grades 6-8. Motion passed by a 6-1 voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve an Agreement for Services with the Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Robert Hutchinson

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **ACADEMIC**

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the administrative manual for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the elementary and high school student handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve sending the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to the Canfield Trades Expo on September 16, 2025. Transportation costs will be reimbursed to the district by the Homegrown Initiative. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve the following Thiel mentoring students for Fall 2025:

Anthony Barry, Aaleeah Brennan, Noah Glunk, Ellie Moore-Swogger with Brad Trezona  
Zachary Smith, Archie Teconchuk, Isaiah Torres, Hewitt Wilt with Mark Wyant  
Stephen Bishop, Cadin Rex, Alec Yasnowski with Deb Glancy  
Ashlei Brown, Kayley Risser, Hannah Small with Rhonda Williams  
Emmett Gill, Summer Stitt with Taylor Pearce  
Giovanna Franz with Katie Britton  
Kylie McAdoo, Ezra Oesterling with Alexandra Puleo

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve Kristy Zarecky to mentor Olivia Mott for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the resignation of Sally McGlone from the maintenance department effective September 2, 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the advertising and hiring of a maintenance department employee (replacing Sally McGlone). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the resignation of Linsey Dunham from the position of elementary emotional support teacher effective August 1, 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the advertising and hiring of an elementary teacher (replacing Linsey Dunham). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve hiring Taylor Lutz as an elementary emotional support teacher at a Bachelor's Step 4 level of \$49,525. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miler, to Jill Jones as a mentor for Taylor Lutz for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the following Kelly Services substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year:

Patrick Barco	Christina Crocker
Mary Jane Fenton	Christine Pander
Jan Schildkamp	

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the following Jamestown Police Department officers to provide SRO services for the district during the 2025-2026 school year:

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

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve hiring Tom Pipp, Rhonda Pipp, Alycn Willey, Heather McEwan, and Amanda Cameron to provide medical support services for the 2025-2026 home athletic events.. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **FINANCE**

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Volosin, to approve the financial statements for July 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve payment of bills for July and August 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mrs. Bercis, to approve the disposal of broken desks, tables, miscellaneous equipment, and outdated textbooks via 2 rental dumpsters from Jeff Reddick Roll-Offs & Hauling at a cost of \$700.00 each. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

An Executive Session was held from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm to discuss Personnel.

A second Executive Session was held from 6:35 pm until 7:06 pm to discuss Personnel.



Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary