

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting
Official Minutes

4:00 pm Teacher Leadership Academy presentation to school board members.

5:15 pm on Monday, November 6, 2023 in the Thompson Community room at the Middle School, 203 2nd Ave SE, Jamestown, ND.

Present, Heidi Larson, President, Dan Tweten, Vice President, Jamie Bear, Diane Hanson, Gayle Nelson, Aaron Roberts, Jason Rohr, Steve Veldkamp, and Robert Lech, Superintendent. Melissa Gleason and Kristi Grounds were absent.

Guests: Suzanna Walker

President Larson called the meeting to order.

Public Communication by Susanna Walker, Jamestown. Mrs. Walker recommended to help at risk students by doing GED testing to 16 year old students to help them with options for their future.

Mr. Veldkamp moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve the consent agenda which consisted of October 16, 2023 regular school board meeting minutes, payment of bills, October 12, 2023 Career and Technology Center Advisory Committee meeting minutes, and tuition agreement for a 10th grader with Beach Public Schools for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

The board recognized Quentin Pettys for being awarded.

Mrs. Bear reported on the session she attended at the ND School Board Association Conference. She was very interested in the speaker, Jamie Vollmer regarding understanding data information. Mrs. Bear believes our new school board member orientation is a good process and the conference reinforces it. Mrs. Grounds attended the business manager sessions for the first time. She included some highlights which were attached to the agenda for board members to review. Superintendent Lech added this conference is good for building relationships with others to connect with to resolve issues. Superintendent Lech reported he found the session on school construction information and included a digital copy in his report for board members to read. Mr. Rohr attended the session on social media use for board members and open meeting and records session.

Superintendent Lech reported the calendar committee has one person from each building. Dr. Lech will send out preliminary calendars and have the committee members share with staff in their buildings to get feedback. The committee members will share those recommendations at the calendar committee meeting to finalize and make a final recommendation to the school board.

Superintendent Lech reported that South East Education Cooperative is a regional education association for Jamestown Public Schools. They are a support agency for districts within the cooperative and react to meet needs for schools. They play an important role in the state and are a great partner. Superintendent Lech attached different reports from REA to see the specific benefits to Jamestown Schools.

Superintendent Lech reported the strategic plan committee had a meeting and have revised the document. The committee will meet again to finalize to bring to the board for final approval.

Superintendent Lech reported board functions on the agenda are cooperative agreements, joint power agreement, memo of understanding and proxy to assign a board member.

Superintendent Lech reported there is an AIA agreement from the Middle School project of a contingency fund credit.

Superintendent Lech reported two teachers and one from Gussner Elementary are attending the National Blue Ribbon award ceremony on November 16-17. The board will recognize Gussner Elementary staff at the November 20, 2023, school board meeting. Senator John Hoven will attend a brief ceremony on Monday, December 18 to congratulate staff and students on their wonderful achievement.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Veldkamp, to approve the cooperative agreements for boys and girls soccer with Barnes County North Public School. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to approve the final AIA agreement for the middle school project. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mrs. Bear, to approve the 2024-2024 and 2025-2026 school calendars. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mrs. Hanson, to approve the joint powers agreement for transportation bidding. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

President Larson reminded the board members to make a motion of satisfactory or unsatisfactory per section of the superintendent's evaluation. President Larson reviewed her evaluation meeting with Dr. Lech in which they discussed the strategic plan being worked on with another committee meeting next week. Dr. Lech is involved in the community and on the Central Valley Health Board. He has been able to get into the classrooms more this year. He is involved in state level education committees to review school issues happening.

Mrs. Nelson moved a satisfactory rating for Section 1 Goals and Vision setting score 2.90, seconded by Mr. Tweten. Roll call vote: Rohr, yes; Nelson, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes; Veldkamp, yes; Hanson, Bear, yes; Larson, yes. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved a satisfactory rating for section 2 Board Relations score 3.41, seconded by Mr. Roberts. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Tweten; Roberts, yes; Veldkamp, yes; Hanson, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved a satisfactory rating for section 3 Human Resource Management score 3.41, seconded by Mrs. Nelson. Roll call vote: Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes; Veldkamp, yes; Hanson, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Nelson, yes. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nelson moved a satisfactory rating for section 4 Curriculum and Student Support Services score 3.25, seconded by Mr. Tweten. Roll call vote: Veldkamp, yes; Hanson, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Nelson, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved a satisfactory rating for section 5 Community Relations score 3.35, seconded by Mr. Rohr. Roll call vote: Hanson, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Nelson, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes; Veldkamp, yes. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bear moved a satisfactory rating for section 6 Operations and Resource Management score 3.55, seconded by Mrs. Nelson. Roll call vote: Hanson, yes; Bear, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Nelson, yes; Tweten, yes; Roberts, yes; Veldkamp, yes. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Veldkamp to approve the tuition agreements for 7th grader to attend Barnes County North Public School and 2-Pre-k, 8th grade, and 10th grade

students to attend Montpelier Public School for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Tweten moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve the memorandum of understanding with the City of Jamestown. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

No further business, President Larson adjourned the meeting.