

JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD  
Regular Meeting

Minutes of the regular Jamestown School Board meeting held on Monday, May 4, 2020, 5:15 pm through [remote access video](#);- Password: 035341, Phone: (312) 626-6799, ID: 934 0590 4762.

Present by video: Jennifer Schmidt, President, Heidi Larson, Vice President, Greg Allen, Melissa Gleason, Diane Hanson, Roger Haut, Jason Rohr, Robert Toso, Steve Veldkmap, Superintendent, Robert Lech, and Sally Ost, Business Manager.

Guests by zoom: Brenda Jensen, Jamie Bear, Jason Linz, Paula Grueneich, Eddy Delzer, Boden Skunberg, Mark Sherfy, Mike Soulis, Joan Kramlich, Danielle Geisler, Emma Mickelson, Heather Aune, Katrina Christiansen, Lynn Fossen, MK, Brandi Ulland, Cody Mickelson, Kaitlyn Goter, Aaron Roberts, Pam, Lana Meissner, Cassie Dubray, Elizabeth, Johnathan, wahydnwayhgdayygd, LG Xventue, 701-269-8254 and Amy Neustel, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Toso moved, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the consent agenda which included April 20, 2020 Regular School Board meeting minutes, payment of bills, A tuition agreement for a 9<sup>th</sup> grade Jamestown student to attend Beach Public School for the 2019-2020 school year and an open enrollment waiver for a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Jamestown student to attend Pingree Buchanan Public School for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call with unanimous “yes” vote. Motion carried.

Winter Athletics Recognitions were announced:

Basketball: **NDHSAA Team Scholar Award (Team GPA 3.2+):**

Boys Basketball	3.513
Girls Basketball	3.675

Girls team finished the WDA regular season in 7<sup>th</sup> place, but lost to Dickinson in region tournament play-in game to end their year. Had a late season loss to WDA regular season champion Legacy by 6 points which I believe showed their capability and how competitive the girls WDA basketball conference is as a whole. Finished with a 9-13 overall record. Will graduate 4 seniors, but do have quite a few regulars returning that saw extensive playing time this past season.

All Conference: Kameron Selvig, Grace Hegerle  
All-State: Grace Hegerle (2<sup>nd</sup> Team)

Boys team finished the WDA regular season as conference champions (17-3), and ended up being defeated by Bismarck in Championship game of region tournament. Carried the West Region #2 seed going into state tournament and defeated Devils Lake in opening round (EDC #3) prior to tournament being suspended due to COVID-19 concerns. The Jays were scheduled to face West Fargo Sheyenne in the semi-finals. At current there is not a plan to re-convene the tournament.

All Conference: Boden Skunberg, Carson Lamp  
All State: Boden Skunberg (1<sup>st</sup> Team)

Other: Boden Skunberg – West Region Outstanding Senior, North Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year & Runner up in voting for North Dakota Sportswriter’s “Mr. Basketball”.

**Gymnastics: NDHSAA Team Scholar Award (Team GPA 3.2+):**

Gymnastics 3.764

Gymnastics WDA & State Runner Up to Dickinson. Posted an all-time team high at state meet with a 145.10 team score.

Conference Championships: Rachel Schiele – Bars Champion, Haley Nelson – 3<sup>rd</sup> in All-Around  
State Championships: Haley Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> in All-Around & State Champion in uneven bars, Rachel Schiele, Champion – Balance Beam.

All-Conference: Rachel Schiele, Haley Nelson, Emma Hillerud, Julia Skari  
All – State: Rachel Schiele (1<sup>st</sup> Team), Haley Nelson (1<sup>st</sup> Team), Julia Skari (2<sup>nd</sup> Team)

**Hockey: NDHSAA Team Scholar Award (Team GPA 3.2+):**

Boys Hockey 3.216

Girls Hockey 3.734

Girls Hockey team finished the season with a 7-15 record (9<sup>th</sup> in state standings) and did not qualify for state tournament. We lose 4 seniors to graduation and return our largest class of students in our juniors (8) for next season. The program continues to make strides and is becoming more competitive. The girls suffered a season ending injury to their goal-tender about half way through the season just prior to a game that had they won, would have put them in the running for a state tournament berth.

All Conference: Ella Roaldson  
West Region Coach of the Year: Andy Fitzgerald.

Boys Hockey team finished the regular season as the WDA/West Region's #5 team. After losing opening round in region tournament, beat Bottineau/Rugby & Dickinson to advance to state tournament. After losing opening round game in state tournament to East Region #1 Red River, the Blue Jays defeated Bismarck 4-3 & Minot 4-3 to bring home the consolation championship (5<sup>th</sup> Place). This was the highest finish for the JHS Boys Hockey team since a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place finish in 1992. (*\*Mr. Hockey that year – Matt Stockert*)

All Conference: Nolan Nenow, Jace Thompson (VC), Riley Gerhardt (VC)  
All State: None – despite having 3 of the top 10 point getters in the state in Nolan Nenow (5<sup>th</sup>), Jace Thompson (8<sup>th</sup>), and Hunter Nelson (9<sup>th</sup>)

**Boys Swimming and Diving: NDHSAA Team Scholar Award (Team GPA 3.2+):**

Boys Swim/Dive 3.559

Boys Swimming and Diving finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the WDA Conference Championships hosted by JHS on February 29<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> overall at state meet held in West Fargo on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. The squad was a mix of a few upper classmen with some extensive experience with many younger, less experienced athletes. Numbers in the program continue to hold strong and I look for some of our younger swimmers to make steady improvement and allow us to be more competitive in the future. Coach Smith and his staff are doing a good job and are doing the right things within the program to promote a sense of team.

All Conference: Noah Haglund (VC)  
All State: Noah Haglund (VC) (1<sup>st</sup> Team)

**Wrestling: NDHSAA Team Scholar Award (Team GPA 3.2+):**

Wrestling 3.465

Wrestling had quite a memorable season! The team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the WDA Dual Standings qualifying them for team duals tournament for the first time since joining the WDA. Finished region tournament in 4<sup>th</sup> place as a team with three individuals as West Region Tournament runner ups: Aden Braun (113), Joel Bowman (126), & Damien Krebs (285).

The team went on to capture 3<sup>rd</sup> place honors in the state dual team format by defeating Valley City in their opening round (47-27) before losing to Minot (26-40) but rebounding to beat Bismarck Century (36-27). During the individual tournament in which they finished fourth as a team, the Jays had nine individuals finish in the top 8 with one individual champion, Noah Braun (152) & one state runner-up, Aden Braun (113). Numbers in this program are gradually growing & future looks very bright as many of our place winners will be returning next season.

West Region Coach of the Year: Larry Eslick

Class A Wrestling State Coach of the Year: Larry Eslick

Superintendent Lech reported on Elementary Principal plan and recommendation for Washington Elementary due to the retirement of the Principal. Superintendent Lech reported a fulltime principal would be preferable but not always feasible. Superintendent Lech's recommendation is to have Mr. Eddy Delzer as Principal for Louis L'Amour and Washington Elementary. To assist Mr. Delzer when he is at the opposite elementary would be to have one administrative intern position per building to address minor issues when Mr. Delzer is unavailable. Budgetary impact would be about a \$134, 376 total savings. Superintendent Lech recommended to consider the savings to continue instructional coaching beyond the life of the grant. Several Board members had concerns of a shared principal, time in each building and how it would affect the teachers and students, who would be an administrator intern, principal job responsibilities overload, state funding concerns and if the position could be a shared position with a District Office position.

Mr. Toso moved, seconded by Mr. Haut to go with Dr. Lech's recommendation of a shared position between Louis L'Amour and Washington Elementary. Mrs. Larson and other members thought there should be a re-evaluation of this in the spring. Mr. Allen stated he didn't feel the board was ready to vote at this time. Dr. Lech stated he doesn't hear through the discussion that the everyone is on the same page and could table until the next meeting. Mr. Toso moved, seconded by Mr. Allen to table the original motion. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Superintendent Lech reported later in the agenda the need for approval of rescinding Tracy Gustafson's leave of absence. Ms. Gustafson was offered another position within the District.

Superintendent Lech reported on the new hires, Dariene Lund and Sara Haufschild and their background in education.

Superintendent Lech reported the grading for the pandemic virtual learning has been a challenge. Quarter 4 grading will be different than quarters one- three. The district is looking at grade levels and grace in grading. Other districts are solely focusing on engagement during the pandemic. The administrative team believes to maintain a reasonable academic rigor, younger and most vulnerable students will be primarily assessed on engagement, while the engagement factor should be less of a focus for our older students. Recording of permanent grades will be slightly different. Non-credit bearing classes will be recognized at satisfactory and unsatisfactory. Students in credit-bearing classes will have traditional grading system with accommodations for the pandemic and levels of engagement.

Superintendent Lech reported the Food Service staff has done an outstanding job through the pandemic. They are serving 650-750 meals daily and almost 70,000 meals total at present. We do have an opportunity to have a waiver to serve meals through June 30, 2020. The district is continuing to

review to see if it would be financial responsible. The food service department lost several avenues to make money for the department with school not in session. Superintendent Lech reported that a lot of CARE dollars will be going to the food service to assist in breaking even for the end of the year. Presently the food service department will have approximately \$110,000 shortfall.

Mr. Haut moved, seconded by Mr. Veldkamp to approve a Coop Agreement with Carrington Public Schools for Soccer. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Superintendent Lech reported all North Dakota schools are struggling with graduation ceremonies. We recognize the importance of this milestone for all students and are committed to honor the achievements of the Class of 2020 graduates. JPS will work on the original scheduled date of May 24, 2020 with the guidelines of restrictions provided by CDC, ND Department of Health and the Governor at present. A survey to determine the type of ceremony was sent to the graduates and family, in the event the original graduation date would need to be postponed. The survey results showed majority would like a more traditional ceremony on a later date. In the event of postponement, tentative plans to host a physical graduation on the morning of Saturday, July 25, 2020. This would be subject to the guidelines in place on July 25. The Board would like a memo sent out with alternative date so people can plan accordingly with their work.

Mr. Rohr moved, seconded by Mrs. Larson to approve the bid of asbestos abatement/air monitoring at Lincoln Elementary in the amount of \$22,425.00 to Horsley Specialties. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Larson moved, seconded by Mr. Haut to approve the request to rescind a leave of absence for Tracy Gustafson. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Haut moved, seconded by Mr. Rohr to approve the hire of Dareien Lund as Band Instructor at the High School at a salary of \$45,889.50 for the 2020-2021 school year, upon a successful background check. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the hire of Sara Haufschild as Pre-K Special Education Teacher at Gussner Elementary at a salary of \$53,804.50 for the 2020-2021 school year upon release of contract and a successful background check. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Haut moved, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the amended technology acceptable use policy for staff and students ACDA. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Rohr moved, seconded by Mr. Haut to approve the amended bullying policy ACEA. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Haut to approve the first reading of Staff- Student Relations (non-Fraternization Policy) DEBD policy. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Toso moved, seconded by Mr. Haut to approve the first reading of Extracurricular Transportation IEAF policy. Mrs. Larson recommended defining that students are not allowed to drive without prior approval. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mrs. Hanson to approve the tuition agreement for a Jamestown kindergarten student to attend Pingree/Buchanan Public School for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Haut to approve the 2020-2021 Middle School Handbook. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

The School Board said a thank you to all the teacher in this week of teacher's appreciation week. No further business, President Schmidt adjourned the meeting.