

JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Meeting
Unofficial Minutes

School Board meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 5:15pm in the Thompson Community room in the Middle School. Board members in attendance were Heidi Larson, Vice President, Melissa Gleason, Diane Hanson, Gayle Nelson, Aaron Roberts, Jason Rohr, Robert Toso, Superintendent, Robert Lech and Business Manager, Sally Ost. Greg Allen by phone. Roger Haut was absent.

Guests: Ken Aune.

Vice President Larson called the meeting to order and welcomed the audience and Amy Neustel, Administrative Assistant.

Melissa Gleason called a conflict of interest in the two agreements with University of Jamestown. She is employed by University of Jamestown.

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Mr. Rohr moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts to allow Mrs. Gleason and Mrs. Larson to vote on the University Agreements. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Toso to approve the consent agenda which consisted of December 7, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes, December 10, 2020 District Technology Committee meeting minutes, payment of bills, and pledged securities. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Larson shared a Christmas card received from the ND School Board Association.

Linda Mohn, Schauer and Associates Auditor, reported by zoom on the school audit. Mr. Toso moved, seconded by Mrs. Gleason to approve the audit. Roll call: Hanson, yes; Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Nelson, yes; Toso, yes; Roberts, yes; Allen, yes; Gleason, yes. Passed 8-0. Motion carried.

Superintendent Lech reported on Instructional Plan Team meeting. The team recommends to continue on the current instructional plan 2. The team was encouraged that the local district numbers along with county numbers have been low. The team will meet first week of January to assess the trends after the holiday season.

Superintendent Lech reported the Covid-19 tables he has been sending out to staff and board has not shown a spike from Thanksgiving holiday. Dr. Lech is also working with State of North Dakota to have optional testing for staff. The plan would be to do in one building a week at no cost to the staff member.

Superintendent Lech reported information on construction happening at University of Jamestown and the High School athletic fields. December weather has been favorable to move forward on both projects which is unusual. University of Jamestown contacted Dr. Lech on some additions to the agreements regarding the terms of the agreement to tie with the length of the bond and recognition that updates costs, such as wear and tear, agreed upon renovations, field upkeep, etc. Shared costs would be required to have board approval.

Superintendent Lech reported on several extended contracts due to not hiring a replacement for a fulltime position that was open from this fall.

Superintendent Lech reported there was another federal CARES package passed. The guidelines are more like the ESSER funds.

Superintendent Lech reported the Governor's address has the education budget planned at 0 % increase.

Superintendent Lech reported Vaccine for COVID-19 could come by May. Dr. Lech reported we would probably get a limited number of vaccines. Dr. Lech would work Health Department on details on how to disperse them to staff that would like to receive the vaccine according to risk level.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Toso to approve the revisions to the Jamestown Public School/University of Jamestown Shared Athletic Fields agreement and Jamestown Public School/University of Jamestown Shared Use agreement. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

General Balance Sheet was provided by Mrs. Ost for the board to review.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mrs. Hanson to approve to begin work with engineer for Gussner Boiler Project for summer 2021. Roll call vote: Larson, yes; Rohr, yes; Nelson, yes; Toso, yes; Roberts, no; Allen, yes; Gleason, yes; Hanson, yes. Passed 7-1. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mrs. Gleason to approve the 2nd Semester additional class contracts for Paul Hanson for US History/ND Studies at a salary of \$ 5,799.65, Larry Eslick for World History/ AP Psych at a salary of \$6,157.46 and Marcel Krieger for Econ/Gov./ND Studies at a salary of \$6,687.02. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Toso moved, seconded by Mrs. Nelson to approve the second reading of Tobacco-Free Policy Violations ABBA-BR. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mrs. Nelson to approve the committee's recommendation of remaining in Instructional Plan Phase 2. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

No further business, Vice President Larson adjourned the meeting.