

JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Meeting
Unofficial Minutes

School Board meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5:15 pm in the Thompson Community room at the Middle School.

Present: Roger Haut, President, Greg Allen, Melissa Gleason Diane Hanson, Gayle Nelson, Aaron Roberts, Jason Rohr, Superintendent, Robert Lech and Business Manager, Sally Ost. Heidi Larson was by Phone. Robert Toso absent.

Guests: Heidi Eckart, Ryan Hardy and Ken Aune

President Haut called the meeting to order and welcomed the audience, Jason Linz with Bluejay Channel, and Amy Neustel, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mrs. Nelson to approve the consent agenda which consisted of February 15, 2021 regular board meeting minutes, payment of bills, Open enrollments: 2 Pre-K, 12 Kindergarten, 3 First graders, 1 Eighth grader, and 1 Ninth grader Jamestown students to attend Pingree Buchanan public school, and 1 First grader, 1 Seventh grader, 1 Eighth grader, 2 Ninth graders and 1 Eleventh grade Jamestown students to attend Montpelier Public School, a kindergartener and 10th grade Barnes County North students to attend Jamestown Public Schools, a kindergartner and 8th grade Montpelier students to attend Jamestown Public Schools, and a 7th grader and 12th grade Gackle Streeter students to attend Jamestown Public Schools for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

President Haut recognized Mr. Ryan Harty, Middle School Principal, for being awarded Regional Principal of the Year. This qualifies Mr. Harty to apply for Principal of the Year at the state level. Congratulations to Mr. Ryan Harty!

President Haut moved Board Education up on the agenda. Mrs. Heidi Eckart and students, Kassidy Lynch and Rylee Joseph, presented on Introduction to Education. This course is a dual credit course through University of Jamestown. The course meets the State and college standards. The students explained the weekly setup of the course and what they benefited through the course. A survey to see what improvements are needed in the course, it showed the course is a lot of work. For the future, Mrs. Eckart would like to work on having a transition from the course to a teacher's aid.

Superintendent Lech reported on the update of the UJ shared facility.

Superintendent Lech reported on the planning process of the capital projects planning. Principals are working on their building lists and Consolidated Construction is preparing an updated capital projects plan. Consolidated Construction will be coming to our next meeting to present an over view of the update and inform the board the role and purpose of a Construction Manager at Risk.

Superintendent Lech reported his vision on ESSER funding dollars to following three framework areas: New or continuation of needs resulting from the pandemic, investments that benefit the district long-term and opportunities to support educational innovations. ESSER dollars can be used to improve air quality in buildings.

Superintendent Lech reported the Jamestown Public School employees had the opportunity to receive the COVID 19 vaccination. The COVID bank was used for the time to vaccinate. A reaction to the vaccine would fall under sick leave.

Superintendent Lech reported on issuing a continuing contract to Mrs. Grotrian because of her hire after January 1, 2021.

Superintendent Lech reported later in the agenda the Jamestown Public School Board is the governing board for the James Valley Career and Technology Center. The governing board will have to approve a request from Pingree Buchanan to return to participate in the James Valley Career and Technology Center's program for the 2021-2022 school year.

Superintendent Lech reported 2021 summer school courses are on the agenda for approval. A K-5 survey has been sent to families to see if their student may need help in education lost due to the non-traditional year. The survey will determine if there are additional students who may need summer school to close the gap from the COVID scheduling we had this year.

Superintendent Lech reported on a grant proposal for the James Valley Career and Technology Center to support e-gaming is on the agenda. This grant would fit into our district strategic plan. The school would select the game, not the students. This would give another area of interest for students.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Rohr to approve the 2021 summer school courses. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mrs. Gleason to approve the submission of the Regional STEM Ecosystem Grant for the James Valley Career Technology Center for \$3,500. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mrs. Gleason to approve the hire of Michel Grotrian as 7th grade Science Teacher at the Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year with the salary to be determined upon completion of negotiations. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve the resignation of Claudia Wolf, Family Consumer Science Teacher at the High School at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Allen to accept the letters of resignation of the 2020-2021 extended contracts for Claudia Wolf, Pam Schmiedeberg, Cheryl Sunderland, Paul Hanson, Larry Eslick, Marchel Krieger, Bill Nelson and Shelly Moltzen. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mrs. Nelson to approve the Board's Determination of Appropriate a Negotiating Unit for Jamestown Administrators. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nelson moved, seconded by Mrs. Gleason to approve the Board's notice of recognition with the Jamestown Administrators. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mrs. Hanson to approve the Board's Determination of Appropriate Negotiating Unit for Jamestown Education Association. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Rohr to approve the Board's notice of recognition with the Jamestown Education Association. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by MR. Allen to approve a tuition agreement for a 12th grade Montpelier student to attend Jamestown Public School for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call with unanimous "yes" vote. Motion carried.

Jamestown Public School Board as governing board over the James Valley Career and Technology Center- Mrs. Gleason moved, seconded by Mr. Rohr to approve accepting Pingree Buchanan School District #10 into the James Valley Career and Technology Center Agreement for the 2021-2022

school year. Roll call with unanimous “yes” vote. Motion carried. Superintendent Lech reported the agreement is being reviewed for word changes to include industry experience of CTC teacher’s salaries. No further business, President Haut adjourned the meeting.