

JAMESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES – December 5, 2024

The Jamestown Area School Board met on December 5, 2024, at 6:00 PM with President Ben McElhaney presiding.

Members Present: Becky Bercis (by phone), Eric Dell, Bob Hutchinson, Kelli Mayer, Ben McElhaney, Jered McElhaney, Adam Miller, Patrick Thomas, and David Volosin

Others Present: Tracy Reiser, Superintendent; Brian Keyser, High School Principal, Beth Boylan, Business Manager, Owen Clawges, Assistant Business Manager, Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary

REORGANIZATION

Appointment of Temporary Chairperson

Mr. Ben McElhaney nominated Mr. Miller to serve as temporary chairperson to conduct nominations for the presidency and vice presidency. Motion by Mr. Jered McElhaney, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to close nominations. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Miller was appointed as temporary chairperson.

Election of President

Mr. Dell nominated Mrs. Mayer to serve as President until December 2025. Mr. Miller nominated Mr. Ben McElhaney to serve as President until December 2025. Motion by Mr. Jered McElhaney, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to close nominations. Mr. Ben McElhaney was chosen to serve as President until December 2025 by roll call vote.

Mrs. Mayer – 3 votes

Mr. Ben McElhaney – 5 votes

Election of Vice President

Mr. Dell nominated Mrs. Mayer to serve as Vice President until December 2025. Motion by Mr. Jered McElhaney, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to close nominations. Motion passed for Mrs. Mayer to serve as Vice President until December 2025 by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Ben McElhaney presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Dell, to set meeting dates, times, and meeting place for work sessions and board meetings for 2025 as follows and authorize advertising of same.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**BOARD MEETING
SCHEDULE 2024**

Meeting Place – Jamestown High School
Meeting Time – 6:00 PM

Combined Board Workshops & Meetings

January 9
February 20
March 20
April 10
May 8
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 4

It was noted that committees for 2025 will be set at the January meeting. If any issues arise before the committees are set, last year's committees shall step in and take action.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ben McElhaney, to appoint Mr. Ben McElhaney as PSBA legislative representative and Mr. Hutchinson as alternate. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jered McElhaney, to appoint Mr. Volosin as the Mercer County Career Center representative and Mr. Hutchinson as an alternate. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jered McElhaney, to appoint Mrs. Mayer as the Board's representative to the Jamestown Foundation Board. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

BOARD

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Jered McElhaney, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the district and the Vision to Learn organization. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Jered McElhaney, to approve a College Within the High School Partnership Agreement with Butler Community College for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. Jered McElhaney, to approve any Jamestown High School female student to participate in any of the following wrestling programs as directed and authorized by the D10 and PIAA Board of Directors:

Greenville Boys Wrestling
Greenville Girls Wrestling and/or
Independent Wrestler as authorized by D10 and PIAA

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ACADEMIC

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve a Student Teaching experience for Thomas Kauffman with Mark Wyant from January 14, 2025, through April 25, 2025, in the field of middle school social studies through PennWest University. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve hiring Shawna Yesko for the Food Service department at an hourly rate of \$12.53 for up to 15 hours per week, effective January 3, 2025 (replacing Pam Brown). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Ben McElhaney, to approve increasing Victoria Godwin's hours, in the food service department, from 15 to 20 hours per week effective January 3, 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve Hunter Goodlin as the Head Boys Baseball coach. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Mayer, to approve Justin Pipp as the Assistant Boys Baseball coach. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve payment for a Butler Community College calculus course and textbooks for up to six (6) students in the amount of \$3,263.94. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mrs. Mayer, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve participation in the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Joint Purchasing consortium for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.



Lisa Nuhfer, Board Secretary

