

**Jim Thorpe Area School District**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

**1. OPENING OF MEETING – BOARD PRESIDENT, MR. POMPA**

**1.01 & 1.02**

Board Meeting Opened with Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.03**

Roll Call

**ROLL CALL**

The Regular Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education was opened at the Jim Thorpe Administration Building, with a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. School Board Directors were present by phone and Google Meets: Mr. Raniero Marciante, Mr. Gerald Strubinger, Mr. Scott Pompa, Mr. TJ Garritano, Mr. Paul Montemuro, Mrs. Pearl Sheckler, Mr. Dennis McGinley, Mrs. Cindy Henning and Mr. Glenn Confer. Administrators present: Mr. John Rushefski, *Superintendent*, Mr. Ken Marx, *Business Manager*, Attorney Carl Beard, *Solicitor* Mr. Jerome Brown, *IT Director*, Mr. Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*, Mrs. Holly Mordaunt, *Penn Kidder Principal*, Mr. Shawn Albert, *LB Morris Principal*, Mr. Jeff White, *LB Morris Asst. Principal*, Ms. Sara Mass, *Penn Kidder Asst. Principal*, Mr. Mark Rosenberger, *High School Asst. Principal*. Mr. Ted LaRizzio, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*, Ms. Katherine Doll *Curriculum Coordinator*, Mrs. Sandra Michalik, *Special Education Director*, Ms. Lori Lienhard, *Director of Security*. Mrs. Tina Champ, *Staff Accountant*, & Mrs. Kimberley Hill, *Recording Secretary*. Visitors present: BRC TV13 and the Times News.

## **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS**

### **2.01 READING OF COMMENTS & QUESTIONS BY EMAIL**

Due to COVID-19, the public was invited to email questions or comments to Kim Hill, Recording Secretary to be read to the Board via Google Meets.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **3.01 APPROVAL/ MINUTES REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

**Motion** by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve School Board Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting February 10, 2021 as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYES**

## **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was a brief Executive Session prior to tonight's board meeting for Real Estate, Contractual Agreements & Personnel issues. No decisions were made.

## **5. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **5.01 APPROVAL/ BILLS PAYABLE GENERAL FUND, CAFETERIA FUND & OTHER MARCH 10, 2021**

**Motion** by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Bills Payable General Fund, Cafeteria & Other- March 10, 2021 as presented:

#### **General Fund:**

Roll call vote:

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Nay</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 8 NAY 1 : Motion PASSES**

#### **Cafeteria Fund:**

Roll call vote:

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES**

**5.02 APPROVAL/  
FEBRUARY 2021  
FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Motion** by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve February 2021 Financial Reports as presented:

1. Budget vs Actual – General Fund – February 2021
2. Receipts Ledger – February 2021
3. Treasurer’s Report

**Voice Vote: ALL AYES**

**5.03 APPROVAL/  
ATHLETIC  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
& ARBITER PAYMENTS  
FEBRUARY 2021**

**Motion** by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve Athletic Financial Reports & Arbitrator Payments for February 2021 Mr. Dustin McAndrew Director of Athletics as presented:

Roll call vote:

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence at this time.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Montemuro stated that the District Office Building is costing the District about \$100,000.00 - \$150,000.00 to run yearly not counting the snow removal costs, garbage costs, and the building is obsolete. We should put the building up for sale while the market is good.

Mr. Garritano questioned if we have purchased and starting using the Software DocuSign? Mrs. Michalik responded yes.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **8. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE, MR. MARCIANTE**

#### **8.01 APPROVAL/ REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND – W.S.**

**Motion** by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve  
Real Estate Tax Refund \$820.42 – W. S. as presented:

Roll call vote:

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE   9   NAY   0   : Motion PASSES**

#### **8.02 APPROVAL/ REPOSITORY SALES**

**Motion** by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve  
Repository Sales as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYES**

**\*\*\*\*Mr. Marciante would like to remind everyone: March 17, 2021 Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.**

## **9. POLICY & PERSONNEL, MS. LESISKO-HENNING**

**\*\*\*\*Ms. Henning would like to add Policy & Personnel Committee Meeting to follow the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting on March 17, 2021.**

### **9.01 APPROVAL/ COMPLETED APPLICATIONS**

**Motion** by Mr. Confer, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Completed Applications February 4, 2021 – March 4, 2021 as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

### **9.02 APPROVAL/ SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST MARCH 10, 2021**

**Motion** by Mr. Confer, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Substitute Teacher List as of March 10, 2021 as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

### **9.03 APPROVAL/ EMPLOYMENT OF ALESSANDRA ROSSINO ELEMENTARY TEACHER**

**Motion** by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Employment of Alessandra Rossino – Elementary Teacher at a salary of \$46,675.00 Bachelors Step 1 (prorated) as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES**

**9.04 APPROVAL/  
EMPLOYMENT OF  
WILLIAM CAMERON  
HIGH SCHOOL MATH  
TEACHER**

**Motion** by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Employment of William Cameron – High School Math Teacher at a salary of \$46,675.00 Bachelors Step 1 (prorated) as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	D. McGinley	<b><u>Aye</u></b>
G. Strubinger	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	P. Montemuro	<b><u>Aye</u></b>
S. Pompa	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	T. Garritano	<b><u>Aye</u></b>
P. Sheckler	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	R. Marciante	<b><u>Aye</u></b>
C. Henning	<b><u>Aye</u></b>		

**AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES**

**9.05 APPROVAL/  
ACCEPTANCE  
LETTER OF INTENT  
TO RETIRE  
B. CERIMELE**

**Motion** by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve/ Acceptance Letter of Intent to Retire – B. Cerimele (effective June 30, 2021) as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**9.06 APPROVAL/  
ACCEPTANCE  
LETTER OF INTENT  
TO RETIRE  
P.EICHELBERGER**

**Motion** by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve/ Acceptance Letter of Intent to Retire P. Eichelberger (effective October 29, 2021) as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**9.07 APPROVAL/  
ACCEPTANCE  
LETTER OF INTENT  
TO RETIRE  
C.DEPUY**

**Motion** by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve/ Acceptance Letter of Intent to Retire C. Depuy (effective August 15, 2021 as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**9.08 APPROVAL/  
ACCEPTANCE  
LETTER OF INTENT  
TO RETIRE  
T. CIAVAGLIA**

**Motion** by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve/ Acceptance Letter of Intent to Retire T. Ciavaglia (effective May 1, 2021) as Head Cook at the High School Cafeteria as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**9.09 APPROVAL/  
SECOND READING  
& ADOPTION DISTRICT  
POLICIES - #'S 304, 123.1,  
123.2 & 143**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Second Reading & Adoption – District Policies - #'s 304, 123.1, 123.2 & 143 as presented:

**JTASD Draft Policy #304**

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Nay	D. McGinley	Nay
G. Strubinger	Nay	P. Montemuro	Aye
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

**AYE 6 NAY 3 : Motion PASSES**

**Policy #123.1 Concussion Management**

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Nay	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Montemuro	Aye
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

**AYE 8 NAY 1 : Motion PASSES**



**Policy #123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest**

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Montemuro	Aye
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

**AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES**

**Policy #143 New Standards Dangerous Schools**

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Montemuro	Aye
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

**AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES**

**10. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE, MRS. DOWNS-SHECKLER**

No report at this time.

## **11. ATHLETIC AND FIELDS & CONCESSIONS, MR. GARRITANO**

### **11.01 APPROVAL/ EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANT POWER- LIFTING COACH WES HURLEY**

**Motion** by Mr. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Employment – Wes Hurly – Sr. High Assistant Powerlifting Coach at a rate of \$3,300.00 (prorated) as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES**

### **11.02 APPROVAL/ EMPLOYMENT JR HIGH CHEER COACH TIANA ELDRIDGE**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Employment – Jr. High Cheer Coach – Tiana Eldridge at a yearly salary of \$816.81 (prorated at 1/3 of salary \$273.00) as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES**

**11.03 APPROVAL/  
ACCEPTANCE -  
LETTER OF  
RESIGNATION  
ASSISTANT HIGH  
SCHOOL VARSITY  
TRACK & FIELD TEAM  
COACH**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve/ Acceptance – Letter of Resignation – Assistant High School Varsity Track & Field Team Coach Mrs. Christine Rosenberger (effective immediately) and Approval to Post the Position as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYE**

**11.04 APPROVAL/  
EMPLOYMENT  
ASSISTANT TRACK  
COACH**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Employment – Assistant Track Coach – Alessandra Rossino – at a rate of \$1,600.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES**

**11.05 APPROVAL/  
EMPLOYMENT  
ASSISTANT TRACK  
COACH**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Employment – Assistant Track Coach – Devon Matz – at a rate of \$1,600.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES**

**11.06 APPROVAL/  
EMPLOYMENT  
ASSISTANT TRACK  
COACH**

**Motion** by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Employment – Assistant Track Coach – Holly Skrimcovsky – at a rate of \$1,600.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES**

**11.07 APPROVAL/  
ACCEPTANCE  
LETTER OF  
RESIGNATION GIRLS  
SOFTBALL PITCHING  
COACH**

**Motion** by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve/ Acceptance – Letter of Resignation – Girls Softball Pitching Coach - Mrs. Claire Burns (effective immediately), Approve Ms. Burns as Volunteer Coach, and Approval to Post the position as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**11.08 APPROVAL/  
ACCEPTANCE  
LETTER OF  
RESIGNATION  
GIRLS ASSISTANT  
SOFTBALL COACH**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve/ Acceptance – Letter of Resignation – Assistant Girls Softball Coach - Mrs. Heather Edick (effective immediately), Approve as Volunteer Coach and Approval to Post the position as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**11.09 APPROVAL/  
EMPLOYMENT  
ASSISTANT GIRLS  
SOFTBALL COACH**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Employment – Bobi Jo Lienhard – Assistant Girls Softball Coach - rate of \$3,302.25 as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Nay</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Nay</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 7 NAY 2 : Motion PASSES**

**11.10 APPROVAL/  
EMPLOYMENT  
VOLUNTEER BOYS  
BASEBALL COACH**

**Motion** by Mr. Confer, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to Approve Volunteer – Boys Baseball Coach – Ryan Hurley as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**11.11 APPROVAL/  
EMPLOYMENT  
VOLUNTEER BOYS  
BASEBALL COACH**

**Motion** by Mr. Confer, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to Approve Volunteer – Boys Baseball Coach – Mark Domski as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**11.12 APPROVAL/  
JAMES WANSACZ  
AS GRANT WRITER  
FOR THE  
REDEVELOPMENT  
ASSISTANCE CAPITAL  
GRANT**

**Motion** by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve James Wansacz as grant writer for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant (RCAP) – Paid a percentage only when the Grant is successfully executed and to – Approve \$500 application fee paid to the state of PA as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES**

**12. CAFETERIA AND BUILDING & GROUNDS, MR. STRUBINGER**

**12.01 APPROVAL/  
CONTRACTING  
GWEN DOBSON &  
FOREMAN ENGINEERS  
WITH PK SEWAGE  
JTASD & THE SMITH  
PARTNERSHIP**

**Motion** by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve Contracting – Gwin Dobson & Foreman Engineers to assist with the Penn Kidder sewage situation between Jim Thorpe Area School District and the Smith Partnership at a cost \$15,000.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Nay</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Nay</b>		

**AYE 7 NAY 2 : Motion PASSES**

**13. TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY, MR. MCGINLEY**

No Report at this time.

**14. LEGISLATIVE, MR. GARRITANO**

No Report at this time.

**15. CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE BOARD, MR. STRUBINGER**

Meeting February 18, 2021, Working on Teacher Contracts.

**16. CARBON-LEHIGH INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD, MR. POMPA**

**16. APPROVAL/  
JTASD  
REPRESENTATIVE TO  
CLIU 21 BOARD**

**Motion** by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to Approve Ms. Sheckler as JTASD Representative to CLIU 21 Board as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYE**

**17. LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD, MR. POMPA**

No Report at this time.

**18. NEW BUSINESS, MR. GARRITANO**

**18.01 APPROVAL/  
SELLING OLD  
SPORTS EQUIPMENT  
AND OLD UNIFORMS  
FROM STORAGE AND  
MAKE DONATION IN  
EMILY KATTNER NAME**

**Motion** by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve selling of old sports equipment and uniforms from storage and make a donation in the name of Emily Kattner:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Aye</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES**

**19. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**19.01 PENN KIDDER CAMPUS PRINCIPAL – MRS. HOLLY MORDAUNT**

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**19.02 LB MORRIS K-8 PRINCIPAL – MR. SHAWN ALBERT**

March 2021 Administrative Report

**19.03 HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – MR. THOMAS LESISKO**

March 10, 2021 Administrative Report

**19.04 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – MR. TED LARIZZIO, DIRECTOR**

January – March 2021 Administrative Report

**19.05 TRACK UPDATE – MR. TED LARIZZIO, DIRECTOR**

March 2021 Administrative Report

**20. FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**20.01 JTASD CURRENT ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MR. RUSHEFSKI**

Review of current enrollment as of March 5, 2021

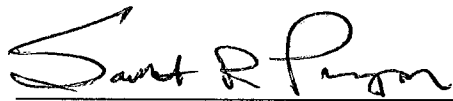
**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  
Scott Pompa/Board President