

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Board Meeting
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:00 p.m.

1. OPENING OF MEETING – BOARD PRESIDENT

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. Glenn Confer, Mr. Scott Pompa, Mr. TJ Garritano, Mr. Paul Montemuro, Mrs. Pearl Sheckler and Mr. Dennis McGinley. Mrs. Cindy Henning, was absent. 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* Mr. Ted LaRizzio, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*, Ms. Katherine Doll *Curriculum Coordinator*, Mrs. Lori Lienhard *Director of Security*, 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 DECEMBER 16, 2020

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve School Board Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting December 16, 2020 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session Monday January 11, 2021 for Litigation, Personnel and Real-estate issues. No decisions were made.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.01 APPROVAL/ BILLS PAYABLE GENERAL FUND, CAFETERIA FUND & OTHER JANUARY 13, 2021

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Bills Payable General Fund, Cafeteria & Other- January 13, 2021 as presented:

Roll call vote:

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

AYE 6 NAY 0 Absent 3 : Motion PASSES

*****Mr. McGinley joined the meeting at 7:18 p.m.**

5.02 APPROVAL/ DECEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve December 2020 Financial Reports as presented:

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	Absent		

AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

*****Ms. Sheckler joined the meeting at 7:21 p.m.**

5.03 INFORMATIONAL:

Jim Thorpe National Bank (check signing) – Signature Requirements/Approved Personnel with changes in Board Leadership.

**5.04 APPROVAL/
DEPOSIT LISTING**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Jim Thorpe Area School District Deposit Listing December 2020 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**5.05 APPROVAL/
ATHLETIC
FINANCIAL REPORT
& ARBITER PAYMENTS
NOVEMBER &
DECEMBER 2020**

Motion by McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Athletic Financial Reports – November/December 2020 by Mr. Dustin McAndrew Director of Athletics as presented:

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	Absent		

AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.01 INFORMATIONAL: Thank you to the School Board – Mrs. Kay Hurley

7. OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.ATHLETIC AND FIELDS & CONCESSIONS

Mr. Garritano reported Girls and Boys Basketball are back after winter break and Wrestling hit a set back with a COVID Positive Wrestler.

Mr. Pompa recognized Skylar Searfoss on her achievement of scoring 1,000 points Girls Basketball.

9. CAFETERIA AND BUILDING & GROUNDS

Mr. Strubinger is in need for one more Committee Member, Mr. Strubinger asked Mr. Confer to join Mr. Montemuro and Mr. Strubinger.

10. CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE BOARD

Mr. Strubinger stated that the Board is still looking for one board member to volunteer as an alternate. Mr. Montemuro volunteered for this position.

11. CARBON-LEHIGH INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD

In need for a board member to volunteer to be our Representative on the CLIU Board.

12. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

12.01 APPROVAL/ REOPENING OF SCHOOL JTASD FULLY REMOTE TO BLENDED HYBRID

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Reopen School – JTASD – Transition from fully Remote Learning to Blended Hybrid – effective – Tuesday, January 19, 2021 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 1 NAY 7 Absent 1 : Motion **FAILED**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to Approve Reopen School – JTASD – Transition from fully Remote Learning to Blended Hybrid – effective – Monday, February 1, 2021 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 7 NAY 1 Absent 1 : Motion **PASSES**

13. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

14. LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

Utilizing virtual learning and a reminder that we still have Dual Enrollment program.

15. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

15.01 APPROVAL/ TO SECURE SERVICES BILINGUAL EVALUATOR DESIRIE RODRIQUEZ REID

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve Ms. Desirie Rodriguez-Reid for students who require a bilingual psychoeducational evaluation to determine appropriate programming/ services – at a rate of \$850.00 per evaluation as presented:

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	Absent		

AYE 7 NAY 1 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

**15.02 APPROVAL/
TAX COLLECTOR
COMPENSATION**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Tax Collector Compensation as presented:

\$1.75 per tax bill presented
\$1.75 per installment tax bills collected
\$4,000 annual salary

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	Absent		

AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

**15.03 APPROVAL/
GRACE INDUSTRIES
TRACK RENOVATIONS
PROJECT GRACE
INDUSTRIES/JTASD
AGREEMENT**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Track Renovations Project – Grace Industries/JTASD Agreement as presented:

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	Absent		

AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

**15.04 APPROVAL/
PAYMENT ELA
GROUP INC. RUNNING
TRACK
RECONSTRUCTION**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Payment ELA Group Inc. Professional Services November 21, 2020 - December 18, 2020 (Running Track Reconstruction) at a cost of \$1,430.02 as presented:

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	Absent		

AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

***Reminder – January 20, 2021 Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting

16. POLICY & PERSONNEL

**16.01 APPROVAL/
COMPLETED
APPLICATIONS**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Completed Applications December 14, 2020 through January 8, 2021 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**16.02 APPROVAL/
EMPLOYMENT
ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL PENN
KIDDER CAMPUS**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Employment Assistant Principal Penn Kidder Campus Ms. Sara Mass effective January 19, 2021 \$85,000.00 (prorated) as presented:

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	Absent		

AYE 7 NAY 1 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

**16.03 APPROVAL/
EMPLOYMENT STAFF
ACCOUNTANT**

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Employment Staff Accountant Ms. Tina Champ \$65,000.00 (prorated) as presented:

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	Absent		

AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

17. TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY

No Report at this time, there will be a scheduled Transportation Meeting.

18. NEW BUSINESS

18.01 APPROVAL/ TAX RESOLUTION

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Tax Resolution Parcel No. 83A2-18-G19 & Parcel No. 83A2-18-E16 as presented:

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	Absent		

AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – NEW BUSINESS

18.02 APPROVAL/ EXTENDED FAMILY FIRST CORONA VIRUS RESPONSE ACT

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve the Extended Family First Corona Virus Response Act - 10 days or 80 hours of time off if affected by the virus, accompanied with a M.O.U. approved by labor groups as presented:

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	Absent		

AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

18.03 APPROVAL/ LEASE AGREEMENT ADDENDUM BETWEEN JTASD AND CARBON COUNTY

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve a lease agreement addendum between JTASD and Carbon County to lease additional rooms pending solicitor approval as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 6 NAY 1 Abstain: 1 Absent 1 : 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

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19.03 HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – MR. THOMAS LESISKO

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20. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2021 Board Committee Chairs & Members

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Scott Pompa/Board President