

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 15, 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. Rich Flacco, Mr. Gerald Strubinger, Mr. Scott Pompa, Mr. Paul Montemuro, Mr. Dennis McGinley, Mrs. Cindy Henning, Mr. Glenn Confer and Mr. TJ Garritano. Mrs. Pearl Sheckler 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. Jeff White, *LB Morris Principal*, Ms. Sara Mass, *Penn Kidder Asst. Principal*, Ms. Katherine Doll *Curriculum Coordinator*, Mrs. Sandra Michalik, *Special Education Director*, Mrs. Rebecca Farina, *Food Service Director* and Mrs. Kimberley Hill, *Recording Secretary*. Visitors present: BRC TV13 and the Times News.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Visitors: Kelli Reese, Laura McArdle, Julie Renode, Amber Everett, Elena Monaco, Jessica Knoll, Dan Smelas, Carili Rodrigues, Jeremy Willingham, Annette Law, Mateo, Laya, Kathleen Phifer, Ashley Schirer, and Theresa Yurick.

2.01 PUBLIC COMMENT

Carli Rodrigues

Ms. Rodrigues addressed the Board about the mask mandates.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.01 APPROVAL/ MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, Seconded by Ms. Henning to Approve School Board Meeting Minutes Regular Meetings August 30, 2021 as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYES**

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session Meeting prior to tonight's board meeting for Current Contracts, Personnel, & Pending Litigation, no decisions or votes were taken.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.01 APPROVAL/ BILLS PAYABLE GENERAL FUND, CAFETERIA FUND & OTHER

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Bills Payable General Fund, Cafeteria & Other- September 2021 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	Absent	R. Flacco	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

5.02 APPROVAL/ AUGUST 2021 FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

1. Budget vs Actual – General Fund
2. Receipts Ledger
3. Treasurer's Report

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**5.03 APPROVAL/
ATHLETIC REPORT
& ARBITER PAYMENTS**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Athletic Report & Arbitrator Payments – August 2021- by Mr. Dustin McAndrew 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	Absent	R. Flacco	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.01 THANK YOU

Thank you from the Recipient of the Dr. C. Elwood Huegel Memorial Award – Trista Gehris.

6.02 THANK YOU

Thank you from the Mauch Chunk Rod & Gun Club for use of the LB Morris parking lot.

7. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business at this time.

8. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – MRS. DOWNS-SHECKLER

No Report

9. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE –

**9.01 APPROVAL/
REPOSITORY SALES**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Repository Sales (8 properties all vacant land) as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**9.02 APPROVAL/
REAL ESTATE TAX
EXEMPTION DISABLED
VETERAN R.R.**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Real Estate Tax Exemption for Disabled Veteran R.R. as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**9.03 APPROVAL/
SCHUYLKILL IU 29
TITLE 1 – 2021 -2022
REVISED LETTER OF
AGREEMENT**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Schuylkill IU 29 Title 1 2021-2022 Revised Letter of Agreement at the cost of \$1,209.00 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	Absent	R. Flacco	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

**9.04 APPROVAL/
2021-2022 GRAHAM
ACADEMY
AGREEMENT
CARBON**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve 2021-2022 Graham Academy Agreement – cost per chart 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	Absent	R. Flacco	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

**9.05 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTED
PAYMENT OF
BACK TAXES**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Accept payment of \$30,283.18 for back taxes (principal, penalty, and fees) for parcel 070-83a2-17-e14 and parcel 70-83a2-17-e15 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	Absent	R. Flacco	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

10. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – MRS. LESISKO-HENNING

10.01 APPROVAL/ COMPLETED APPLICATIONS & SUBSTITUTE LIST

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Completed Applications September 10, 2021 as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYES**

10.02 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – TEACHERS ACHIEVING TENURE

1. Laura Smarr
2. Nicole Meader
3. Melissa Wasko
4. Mary Beth Dowbachuk
5. Dakota Miller

10.03 APPROVAL/ EMPLOYMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Employment – Hannah Zoba – Elementary Teacher at a salary level of Bachelor's Step 1 - \$47,577.00 as presented:

Roll call vote:

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

AYE 5 NAY 3 ABSENT 1 : Motion **PASSES**

**10.04 APPROVAL/
EMPLOYMENT
ELEMENTARY
TEACHER**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Employment Ashley Schirer Elementary Teacher at a salary level of Masters Step 1 - \$48,577.00 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	Absent	R. Flacco	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 7 NAY 1 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

**10.05 APPROVAL/
TO POST THE
POSITION FOR A
HIGH SCHOOL
SECRETARY**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve to Post the Position for a High School Secretary as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYES

11. ATHLETIC AND FIELDS & CONCESSIONS – MR. GARRITANO

11.01 APPROVAL/ PAYMENT ELA GROUP, INC.

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Payment – ELA Group, Inc. – Professional Services July 3, 2021 to July 30, 2021 (Running Track Reconstruction) at cost of \$791.87 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 7 NAY 1 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

11.02 APPROVAL/ EMPLOYEE HEAD WRESTLING COACH

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Daniel J. Heaney – Head Wrestling Coach at a salary of \$7,210.00 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	Absent	R. Flacco	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

Mr. Montemuro Congratulated the Girls Volleyball team who won a Tournament 1st Place Trophy for the first time in Olympian history for Volleyball and were undefeated until last night.

12. CAFETERIA, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE – MR. STRUBINGER

12.01 APPROVAL/ PAYMENT TO GD&F ENGINEERS

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve Payment to GD&F Engineers – for PKC Wastewater Treatment Plant Operational Evaluation and Report in the amount of \$19,630.58 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 7 NAY 1 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

13. CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – MR. STRUBINGER

13.01 CCTI

Joint Operating Committee – September 16, 2021 Meeting Agenda

14. TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY COMMITTEE – MR. MCGINLEY

Mr. McGinley reported back to school was off to a good start. Mr. Rushefski reported there were a few issues with pick up/drop off times and schedules. Mr. Strubinger stated there is an issue at LB Morris with dismissal and back up on North Street. Mr. Montemuro stated he was contacted about issues at Penn Kidder with drop off and dismissal. Mrs. Mass commented that with every day it is getting better.

15. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – MR. GARRITANO

16. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pompa requested the Board review the Board Policy 006.1 Local Board procedures on Electronic Communications and Participation. Board Members are to be present at Board Meetings and expects members to follow board procedures.

16.01 APPROVAL/ STUDENT TEACHER

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, Seconded by Ms. Henning to Approve (Gwynedd Mercy University) – Fall 2021 as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYES**

16.02 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Flacco to Approve moving Ms. Mass to LB Morris as Assistant Principal, move Mr. Rosenberger to Penn Kidder as Assistant Principal and leave the Open Assistant Principal at the High School as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 3 NAY 5 ABSENT 1 : Motion **FAILS**

16.02 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve E & S Plans for Carbon Engineering to repair High School retention/drainage 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	Absent	R. Flacco	Aye
	C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

Amber Everett

Ms. Everett commented to the board to not move Assistant Principals around, students at Penn Kidder are still adjusting to the new Principal.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

17.01 HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – MR. THOMAS LESISKO

September 2021 Administrative Report

17.02 PENN KIDDER CAMPUS PRINCIPAL – MRS. HOLLY MORDAUNT

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17.03 LB MORRIS K-8 PRINCIPAL – MR. JEFF WHITE

September 2021 Administrative Report

17.04 NUTRITION INC. – MRS. REBECCA FARINA

September 2021 Back to School Report

18. INFORMATIONAL

Mr. Pompa informed the board that he was contacted this week by Mr. Vince Yaich of the Jim Thorpe Borough that the company that does street repairs for the borough will be working to repair 13th Street and will inform us of those repairs when they happen.


18.01 CURRENT ENROLLMENT – MR. RUSHFESKI, SUPERINTENDENT

Current Enrollment Update September 2021

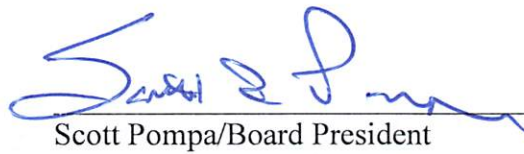
ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Scott Pompa/Board President