

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Board Meeting
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Wednesday, July 14, 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, Mr. Dennis McGinley, Mrs. Pearl Sheckler and Mrs. Cindy Henning. Mr. Glenn Confer was absent. Administrators present: Mr. John Rushefski, *Superintendent*, Mr. Ken Marx, *Business Manager*, Attorney Carl Beard, *Solicitor*, Mr. Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*, Mrs. Holly Mordaunt, *Penn Kidder Principal*, Mr. Shawn Albert, *LB Morris Principal*, Mr. Jerome Brown, *IT Director*, Mr. Jeff White, *LB Morris Asst. Principal*, Mr. Mark Rosenberger, *High School Asst. Principal*. Ms. Sara Mass, *Penn Kidder 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 & Transportation*, 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 JUNE 16, 2021

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Minutes for June 16, 2021 as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYE**

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

There was an Executive Session held on Wednesday July 7, 2021 to discuss Personnel, Real Estate and Contracts. No votes or decisions were made.

Executive Session was held prior to tonight board meeting to further discuss Personnel, Real Estate and Contracts. No decisions or votes were taken.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.01 APPROVAL/ BILLS PAYABLE GENERAL FUND, CAFETERIA FUND & OTHER – JUNE/JULY 2021

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve Bills Payable for General Fund, Cafeteria Fund & Other – June/July 2021 as presented:

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

AYE 7 NAY 1 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

5.02 APPROVAL/ JUNE 2021 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve June 2021 Financial Reports as presented:

1. Treasurers Report
2. Receipts Ledger
3. Budget to Actual

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence at this time.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Pompa stated now that the field and track project is complete, the Board needs to fulfill the obligation to the Jim Thorpe Borough and repair Center Street. Mr. Rushefski responded he would contact the borough manager and get started on the repairs.

8. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – MRS. DOWNS-SHECKER

8.01 APPROVAL/ ESSER JTASD HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve Jim Thorpe Area School District Health & Safety Plan 2021-2022 School Year (in collaboration with LVHN in alignment with the current CDC guidelines) as presented:

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to amend the Motion to read: masks and face coverings are optional in/on JTASD property inside/outside of school grounds with the exception of Transportation. This is to take effective immediately. This includes all students Pre-K through 12, all extracurricular activities. Also including all teachers, staff and visitors. This motion is to only amend the masks wearing section of the Health & Safety Plan.

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 7 NAY 1 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

9. FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE – MR. MARCIANTE

9.01 APPROVAL/ REPOSITORY SALES

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

1. Vacant Lot 22A-51-EV975, Stony Mt. Road

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

9.02 APPROVAL/ TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH PFM FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Authorize Administration to work with PFM Financial Advisors LLC, as Financial Advisor, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC, as Bond Counsel and their local Solicitor, in conjunction with issuance of General Obligation Notes, Series of 2021, via a dual track process between a competitive bank loan RFP and Competitive internet auction as show in Option 2 as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Absent	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 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

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

**10.01 APPROVAL/
COMPLETED
APPLICATIONS**

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Completed applications June 9, 2021 through July 8, 2021 as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYE**

**10.02 APPROVAL/
POSTING FOR HIGH
SCHOOL SPECIAL ED.
TEACHER**

Motion by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Mr. Sheckler to Approve Posting for High School Special Education Teacher as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYE**

**10.03 APPROVAL/
EMPLOYMENT
MS. AUBRIE
POTTEIGER
CHEMISTRY TEACHER**

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve Employment Aubrie Potteiger – Chemistry Teacher Step 1 Master's +15 \$48,9825.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Absent	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 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

**10.04 APPROVAL/
FIRST READING
DISTRICT POLICY
ADVERTISING DRAFT
707.1 & 707.2**

Motion by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to **TABLE**
Approval First Reading District Policy Advertising Draft 707.1 &
707.2 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE TO TABLE

11. ATHLETIC AND FIELDS & CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE – MR. GARRITANO

**11.01 APPROVAL/
PAYMENT ELA GROUP
INC.**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve
Payment ELA Group, Inc. Professional Services May 8, 2021 to June 4
2021 (Running Track Reconstruction) at a cost of \$1,334.42 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 7 NAY 1 ABSENT 1: Motion PASSES

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

**12.01 APPROVAL/
PURCHASE OF ATV
GATOR**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Purchase of ATV Gator at a cost of \$13,313.56 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 5 NAY 3 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

**12.02 APPROVAL/
HONEYWELL
CONTRACT
PROPOSAL**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Honeywell Contract Proposal with a 30 day cancellation clause under Article 17.3 as presented:

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to **TABLE** Motion Item #12.02 as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Absent	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 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion TABLED

13. CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – MR. STRUBINGER

13.01 CCTI

Joint Operating Committee
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14. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

14.01 HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – MR. THOMAS LESISKO

July 14, 2021 Administrative Report

14.02 LB MORRIS K-8 PRINCIPAL – MR. SHAWN ALBERT

June 2021 Administrative Report

14.03 PENN KIDDER CAMPUS PRINCIPAL – MRS. HOLLY MORDAUNT

June 2021 - Administrative Report

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.01 APPROVAL/ CONTRACT WITH DUGAN REAL ESTATE TO SELL OLD DISTRICT OFFICE ON MLS LISTING

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve Contract with Dugan Real Estate to sell the old District Office for \$790,000.00 4% selling fee. Selling fee will not be charged if the County purchases the building. Building will be sold on MLS Listings as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 5 NAY 3 ABSENT 1: Motion PASSES

BOARD MEETINGS

Mr. Pompa stated the August 11, 2021 Board Meeting will be held publicly/ in person in the High School Auditorium.

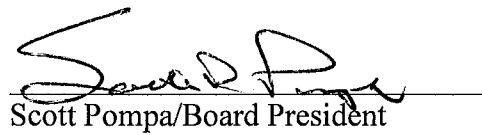
ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Scott Pompa/Board President