

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Board Meeting
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Wednesday, May 12, 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. Cindy Henning and Mr. Glenn Confer. 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. 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. PRESENTATION – MRS. MICHALIK

2.01 MRS. MICHALIK PRESENTATION ESY/SPECIAL ED SERVICES

Mrs. Michalik presented to the board the an outline for ESY and Special Education Services.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

3.01 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.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.01 APPROVAL/ MINUTES REGULAR MEETING APRIL 14, 2021

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve School Board Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting April 14, 2021 as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYES**

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session Meeting was held on Monday May 3, 2021 to discuss Personnel Issues, Litigation and Contracts, no decisions or votes were taken. There was another Executive Session Meeting prior to tonight's board meeting for Personnel, Contract Discussions, Litigation & Real Estate issues, no decisions or votes were taken.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

6.01 APPROVAL/ BILLS PAYABLE GENERAL FUND, CAFETERIA FUND & OTHER MAY 2021

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Bills Payable General Fund, Cafeteria & Other- May 2021 as presented:

General Fund & Cafeteria Fund:

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	Nay
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 6 NAY 1 ABSENT 2 : Motion PASSES

Scholarship Funds:

Roll call vote:

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

AYE 6 NAY 0 ABSENT 2 ABSTAIN 1: Motion PASSES

**6.02 APPROVAL/
APRIL 2021
FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve April 2021 Financial Reports as presented:

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

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	Aye		

AYE 7 NAY 0 ABSENT 2 : Motion PASSES

**6.03 APPROVAL/
ATHLETIC
FINANCIAL REPORT
& ARBITER PAYMENTS
APRIL 2021**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Athletic Financial Reports & Arbiter Payments for April 2021 submitted 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	Absent	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.01 THANK YOU

Note of Thank You from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ward to the Board of Directors, Administrators & Employees of Jim Thorpe Area School District for the sympathy bouquet.

8. OLD BUSINESS

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. POLICY & PERSONNEL, MS. LESISKO-HENNING

9.01 APPROVAL/ COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Completed Applications April 7, 2021 – May 7, 2021 as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYE**

9.02 APPROVAL/ SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST MAY 10, 2021

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Substitute Teacher List as of May 10, 2021 as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYE**

**9.03 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE
LETTER OF
RESIGNATION
MS. MAXINE
THORPE – PARA
PROFESSIONAL**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Acceptance – Letter of Resignation- Maxine Thorpe – Para Professional (effective May 14, 2021) as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**9.04 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE
LETTER OF
RESIGNATION
MS. SIOBHAN
KLEINTOP**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Maricante to Approve Acceptance – Letter of Resignation – Ms. Siobhan Kleintop - Para Professional (effective June 11, 2021) as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**9.05 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE
LETTER OF
RESIGNATION
MRS. JENNIFER
STRAUSS – ASST.
MARCHING BAND
DIRECTOR**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Acceptance Letter of Resignation – Mrs. Jennifer Strauss - Assistant Marching Band Director (effective June 11, 2021) and approve to post the position as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**9.06 APPROVAL/
INCREASE IN HOURS
MRS. TAMMY
MCELMOYLE**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve Increase in hours from 6.5 to 7.25 – Tammy McElmoyle (effective May 3, 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. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

**9.07 APPROVAL/
POSTING POSITION
BIOLOGY TEACHER**

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve posting of Biology Teacher Position as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**9.08 APPROVAL/
DISTRICT LEVEL
ESY TEACHERS FROM
JULY 6-29, 2021 AT THE
HOURLY
COMPENSATION RATE
ACCORDING TO
CURRENT CBA**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve District Level ESY Teachers from July 6-29, 2021 at the hourly compensation rate according to current CBA 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. Marciante	Aye
	C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

10. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE, MR. MARCIANTE

**10.01 APPROVAL/
REFUND REQUEST
IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,132.50**

Motion by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Refund Request in the amount of \$1,132.50 – Deed accidentally recorded twice 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. Marciante	Aye
	C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

**10.02 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE
DISABLED VETERANS
TAX EXEMPTION
CERTIFICATIONS**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to Approve Acceptance Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption Certifications (M.S.) and (J.S.) as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYES**

**10.03 APPROVAL/
REVISED
SCHUYLKILL IU 29
TITLE 1 2020-2021
LETTER OF AGREEMENT
COST OF \$2,268.47**

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to Approve Revised Schuylkill IU 29 Title 1 2020-2021 Letter of Agreement costs of \$2,268.47 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. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

**10.04 APPROVAL/
INTERIM REAL
ESTATE TAX
ASSESSMENTS
2021-2022**

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve Interim Real Estate Tax Assessments effective July 1, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year as per Section 677.1 of the Public School Code 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. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Nay		

AYE 3 NAY 5 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

**10.05 APPROVAL/
2021-2022 PROPOSED
FINAL BUDGET**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve 2021-2022 Proposed Final Budget Option # 4 at 0 (zero) mill increase 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. Marciante	Nay
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 6 NAY 2 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

**10.06 APPROVAL/
FUND BALANCE
CLASSIFICATIONS
2021-2022**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Fund Balance Classifications 2021-2022 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. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

****** Reminder Finance Committee Meeting May 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

11. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE, MRS. DOWNS-SHECKLER

**11.01 APPROVAL/
SUMMER SCHOOL
TEACHERS GRADES
K-12 & SR. HIGH
SPRING SCHOOL
(CREDIT RECOVERY)**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Summer School Teachers – Grades K-12 & Sr. High Spring School (credit recovery) 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. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

12. ATHLETIC AND FIELDS & CONCESSIONS, MR. GARRITANO

Mr. Garritano recognized Miss Skylar Searfoss for all of her achievements this year.

- 1. Morning Call all area 1st team**
- 2. Times News all area 1st team**
- 3. Times News Girls Basketball Player of the Year**
- 4. Pottsville Republican all area 1st team**
- 5. Schuylkill League girls MVP (first girl from JT to win this award)**
- 6. All State 4A second team (third year in a row with All State honors)**

**12.01 APPROVAL/
ELA GROUP -
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES/EXPENSES
MARCH 13, 2021 -
APRIL 9, 2021 \$1,164.63**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve
ELA Group – Professional Services/Expenses – March 13, 2021 to
April 9, 2021 in the amount of \$1,164.63 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. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 7 NAY 1 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

**12.02 APPROVAL/
GRACE INDUSTRIES
APRIL 2021 – 2ND
PAYMENT - RUNNING
TRACK RENOVATIONS
IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$164,924.73**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Grace Industries – April 2021 Payment #2 – Running Track Renovations payment in the amount of \$164,924.73 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. Marciante	Aye
	C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 7 NAY 1 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

12.03 TRACK UPDATE

Mr. Garritano presented an update from Mr. Larizzio on the Track/ Stadium Renovations.

13. CAFETERIA AND BUILDING & GROUNDS, MR. STRUBINGER

**13.01 APPROVAL/
UTILITY SERVICE
GROUP- PK SEWAGE
PROJECT**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Utility Service Group – Estimate \$7,350.00 (PK Sewage Project, determine pipe integrity, system conditions, and notable observations) as presented:

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

AYE 5 NAY 3 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

14. TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY, MR. MCGINLEY

Mr. Pompa reported that this month there was a meeting with Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Marx, Mr. Garritano, Mr. Strubinger, Mr. Gross/Brandywine and himself to discuss issues on improper billing, missed or late buses and plans on rectifying these issues. There will be a cost saving proposal forthcoming in the near future from Brandywine. Brandywine is will to taking on the van runs.

15. LEGISLATIVE, MR. GARRITANO

There is a statewide push to vaccine students. LVHN will be offering vaccinations next Saturday at the High School for all interested students. Cyber/Charter School reform is in discussion, and school districts providing transportation for these students.

16. CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE BOARD, MR. STRUBINGER

Meeting is May 20, 2021 CCTI is finalizing Teacher Contracts and Graduation is coming and plans for Graduation is being completed.

17. CARBON-LEHIGH INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD, MRS. DOWNS-SHECKLER

17.01 CLIU #21
ATTACHMENTS

Carbon Lehigh IU#21, 2021-2022 Board Meeting Dates & Office Calendar are attached to the agenda.

18. LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD, MR. POMPA

May 10, 2021 (Tonight) is Graduation

19. NEW BUSINESS, MR. POMPA

**19.01 APPROVAL/
INVOLVING JIM
THORPE STUDENTS
IN LAKE HARMONY
ASSOCIATION'S
FISH PROJECT**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Involving Jim Thorpe Students in the Lake Harmony Association's goal/project of making Lake Harmony's fish population sustainable at no cost to the School District as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYES**

**19.02 APPROVAL/
DONATION TO
2021 ROTARY
RECREATIONAL
SUMMER PROGRAM**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Donation of \$3,500.00 to the 2021 Rotary Recreational Summer Program at Memorial Park 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. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

**19.03 APPROVAL/
APPOINTMENT
NEW SCHOOL BOARD
TREASURER &
19.04 SECRETARY**

Motion by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to **TABLE**
Item #19.03 and Item # 19.04 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	Absent	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Nay		

AYE 6 NAY 2 ABSENT 1 : Motion TABLED

ADDITION TO AGENDA

**19.05 APPROVAL/
TO SELL THE
DISTRICT OFFICE**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve
Selling the District Office Building as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 3 NAY 5 ABSENT 1 : Motion DOES NOT PASS

**19.06 APPROVAL/
REMOVE ETA AS
BROKER**

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Removing ETA as Healthcare Broker/Records Consultant for JTASD as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 3 NAY 5 ABSENT 1 : Motion DOES NOT PASS

20. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

20.01 PENN KIDDER CAMPUS PRINCIPAL – MRS. HOLLY MORDAUNT

May 2021 - Administrative Report

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

May 2021 Administrative Report

20.03 HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – MR. THOMAS LESISKO

May 2021 Administrative Report

***** Mr. Pompa stated on the behave of the Jim Thorpe Community, Thank You to our Teachers during National Teacher Week, thank you for all you do.

21. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

21.01 JTASD CURRENT ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MR. RUSHEFSKI

Review of current enrollment as of May 7, 2021


20.02 NUTRITION GROUP REPORT – MRS. REBECCA FARINA

March 2021 Update

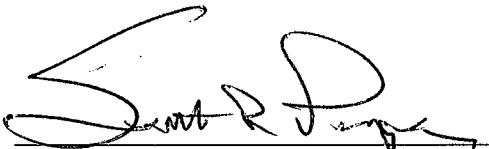
ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Scott Pompa/Board President