

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education
February 28, 2011

ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education was opened at the District Office with a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following directors were present: Michael Hartman, Thomas Henry, Michael Huber, Ellen Kattner, Clement McGinley, Dennis McGinley, Randall Smith, and Gerald Strubinger. Administrators present: Barbara Conway, *Superintendent*, Lauren Kovac, *Business Manager/Board Secretary*, Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*, Brian Gasper, *Penn-Kidder Principal*, and Dave McAndrew, *Assistant Principal L.B. Morris*. Also present: Attorney Gregory Mousseau, *Solicitor*, William Juracka, *Transportation Coordinator and Director of Security*, Norbert Lienhard, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*, Jerome Brown, *Director of Technology*, and Shannon Serfass, *Secretary to the Business Manager*. Visitors present: Larry Ross, Claudia Campa, David Marino, Elena Monaco, Heather Bacsick, W. Shulz, Michael Solt, Kim Civitano, Terry Ciavaglia, Lois McArdle, Bill Allison, Amber Juracka, and John Marchinoe.

GENERAL BUSINESS

**LCCC BUDGET
PRESENTATION**

The LCCC Budget was presented by Mr. L. Ross.

Mr. R. Smith thanked Mr. L. Ross for coming out to the meeting and presenting the budget. Mr. R. Smith stated that the proposed budget is looking at a 3.3% increase and is wondering why we are ranked the second highest out of the 13 districts. Mr. L. Ross responded that is for the 5 years and the enrollment. Mr. R. Smith also stated that we were the 2nd highest in capital. Mr. L. Ross stated it was based on market value. Mr. R. Smith questioned what would happen if the market value goes down. Mr. L. Ross responded that it would reflect on the next year's budget. Mr. R. Smith questioned Mr. L. Ross what would happen if the School Board didn't pass this budget. Mr. L. Ross responded that 9 of 13 districts would have to approve for this budget to be passed. Mr. R. Smith stated that enrollment at the Nesquehoning campus will be going down.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF VISITORS**

No visitors wished to speak.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion by Dr. C. McGinley, seconded by Dr. M. Hartman, to *approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2011 as presented.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

EXONERATION

Motion by Dr. C. McGinley, seconded by Dr. M. Hartman, to *approve the exoneration of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jamison.*

Under the Head of the Question

Mr. R. Smith asked if there is a requirement under law that states they need to approve the application for exonerations. Atty. G. Mousseau stated that there is no law stating that the board would be required to approve exonerations.

Roll call vote. **MOTION FAILS** with the vote as follows (2-6):

M. Hartman	Nay	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Nay	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Nay	C. McGinley	Nay
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Nay
G. Strubinger	Nay		

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Dr. C. McGinley, seconded by Mr. G. Strubinger, to *approve the area and cafeteria bills for payment.*

Under the Head of the Question

Mrs. E. Kattner questioned the Leighton tuition bill for \$42,000. Mrs. L. Kovac and Ms. B. Conway stated that this is a placement of a special education student and the IU offers specific classes in different districts. Dr. C. McGinley asked if that was for the whole school year. Mrs. L. Kovac stated that was for the 2009-2010 school year.

Area and Cafeteria

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

CORRESPONDENCE Ms. B. Conway stated that we received a thank you from Ms. Erica Gross in regards to her interview for the guidance counselor position.

OLD BUSINESS

NO OLD BUSINESS WAS ADDRESSED

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

CAFETERIA/BUILDING COMMITTEE

APPROVAL USE OF
FACILITIES POLICY &
PRICING

Motion by Mr. M. Huber, seconded by Mr. G. Strubinger, to *approve the Use of Facilities Policy and Pricing as presented.*

Under the Head of the Question

Mr. G. Strubinger asked if we would see an increase. Mrs. L. Kovac stated that we would see a significant increase considering we don't charge at the present time.

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

APPROVAL/EMPLOYMENT

ASSISTANT BASEBALL
COACHES

Motion by Mr. G. Strubinger, seconded by Mr. M. Huber, to *approve the employment of assistant baseball coaches, Mr. Richard Strohl at \$2,255.00 and Mr. James Murphy at \$500.00.*

Under the Head of the Question

Mrs. E. Kattner questioned the difference in salaries of both paid assistants. Mrs. L. Kovac stated that decision is left up to the head coach.

Mr. R. Smith made a motion to table the employment of both assistants until more information is received.

Motion by Mr. R. Smith, seconded by Mr. D. McGinley to *table approval of employment motion of assistant baseball coaches, Mr. Richard Strohl at \$2,255.00 and Mr. James Murphy at \$500.00.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION TABLED** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

APPROVAL/EMPLOYMENT
OF VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT
BASEBALL COACH

Motion by Mr. T. Henry seconded by Dr. C. McGinley, to *approve the employment of volunteer assistant baseball coach, Mr. Zachary DeMarco.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

APPROVAL/ATHLETIC
TICKET PRICES
2011-2012 SCHOOL
YEAR

Motion by Mr. M. Huber, seconded by Mr. McGinley to *approve the athletic ticket prices as presented.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL/ADOPTION OF N.E.I.U RESOLUTION – SPECIAL EDUCATION

PROGRAMS & SERVICES **Motion** by Mr. M. Huber, seconded by Dr. C. McGinley, to *approve the adoption of the N.E.I.U Resolution – Special Education Programs & Services as presented.*

Under the Head of the Question

Ms. B. Conway reported the services would be for one student.

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

APPROVAL/POSTING FOR SALE OF JTASD BEAR CREEK LAKES PROPERTY

Motion by Mr. R. Smith, seconded by Mr. D. McGinley, to *approve the posting for sale of JTASD Bear Creek Lakes Property.*

Under the Head of the Question

Mr. G. Strubinger stated that exposing this property is for sale to see what type of activity will come of this action. Mr. R. Smith stated that if we would get a good asking price we would consider selling due to budgetary reasons.

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with vote as follows (7-1):

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent

E. Kattner	Nay	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

INFORMATIONAL Committee Meeting – Finance & Insurance Committee
 March 6, 2011 – 6:00 PM
 Administration Building

APPROVAL/ REAL ESTATE

TAX REFUND **Motion** by Mr. R. Smith, seconded by Mr. M. Huber, to *approve the real estate tax refund.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

PRESENTATION Ms. B. Conway gave a presentation on Senate Bill 1.

TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL Committee Meeting – Transportation & Security Committee
 March 7, 2011 – 6:00 PM
 Administration Building

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

INFORMATIONAL CLIU Board Conference 3/30/11 5:30 PM at LCCC

Mr. M. Huber reported on the IU meeting. Collectively everyone stated that they passed their preliminary budget.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NO REPORT – Presentation was given by Mr. L. Ross in the beginning of the meeting.

POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

APPROVAL/EMPLOYMENT

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion by Mr. M. Huber, seconded by Mr. T. Henry, to *approve the employment of a long-term substitute special education teacher, Ms. Amber Juracka at BS Step 1 \$40,603.00 (Pro-rated).*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

APPROVAL/EMPLOYMENT

SUBSTITUTE VAN

DRIVER

Motion by Mr. T. Henry, seconded by Mr. M. Huber, to *approve the employment of Clayton Steigerwalt as a substitute van driver as presented.*

Under the Head of the Question

Mr. G. Strubinger asked Mr. W. Juracka is this was the only application received. Mr. W. Juracka responded yes, besides the one he received today.

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with the vote as follows (6-2):

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Nay
G. Strubinger	Nay		

APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE

OF RESIGNATION –

VAN DRIVER

Motion by Mr. M. Huber, seconded by Mr. T. Henry, to *accept the resignation of van driver, Mr. Ronald Gallagher.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye

D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

INFORMATIONAL Current JTASD Substitute list (teachers, cafeteria, maintenance)

CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

INFORMATIONAL Mr. T. Henry reported that tomorrow night will be an open house at the Vo-Tech from 5:00-8:00 PM. Also reported they received an award for outstanding education, there is an article in the Times News. Mr. T. Henry also reported the daily attendance is at 96%.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL/ HOMEBOUND

INSTRUCTION **Motion** by Mr. G. Strubinger, seconded by Mr. M. Huber, to *approve Homebound Instruction for High School Student.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

APPROVAL/ADOPTION
OF RESOLUTION OPPOSING
SENATE BILL 1

Motion by Dr. C. McGinley, seconded by Mr. D. McGinley, to *approve the adoption of resolution opposing senate bill 1 as presented.*

Under the Head of the Question

Dr. C. McGinley asked if we are too late. Ms. B. Conway responded no, that they still need further approval.

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

COMPLETED

APPLICATIONS

Motion by Dr. C. McGinley, seconded by Mr. G. Strubinger, to *approve the completed applications.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

APPROVAL/RECOMMENDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITIZENS'

ADVISORY COMMITTEE **Motion** by Mr. T. Henry, seconded by Mrs. E. Kattner, to *approve the recommendation for development of the citizens' advisory committee.*

Under the Head of the Question

Dr. C. McGinley reported that Mrs. E. Kattner and Mr. W. Shulz had asked to develop. Dr. C. McGinley suggested that since the board members were just given the information tonight and would like them to look at and digest the information and to move forward and approve the motion to create the committee. Mrs. E. Kattner asked if that means that people won't be at the next meeting and asked how everyone feels about the idea. Mr. R. Smith stated that he would like to read over the document.

Motion by Mr. R. Smith, seconded by Mr. M. Huber, to *approve the recommendation for development of the concept of citizens' advisory committee of financials.*

Motion Withdrawn by Mr. R. Smith, seconded by Mr. M. Huber, to *approve the recommendation for development of the concept of citizens' advisory committee of financials.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES** with (8) voting aye.

M. Hartman	Aye	T. Henry	Aye
M. Huber	Aye	R. Karper	Absent
E. Kattner	Aye	C. McGinley	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	R. Smith	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATIVE MONTHLY REPORTS

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

PSSA	All buildings reported they are getting ready for the upcoming PSSA's.
BAMM WEEK	Mr. B. Gasper reported this week is BAMM week. Book swap is tomorrow & a presentation from the Author at the Penn Kidder Building from 6-8 PM.
SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOR	Mr. B. Gasper reported they are at the 2 nd quarter incentives of School Wide Behavior.
LB MORRIS CHORUS	Mr. D. McAndrew wanted to send a thank you to Ms. S. Schaffer for leading the LB chorus to sing the national anthem at the Wilkes-Barre Penguins hockey game. Mr. T. Henry also commented a tax payer approached him and stated how well the kids.
WELCOME MS. JURACKA	Collectively wanted to welcome Ms. Amber Juracka to the LB Morris.
MATH COMPETITION	Mr. T. Lesisko stated that the Math competition was Saturday. Mr. D. McGinley asked what the students placed. Ms. B. Conway stated we are waiting on a few results but so far two students are going to states. Dr. M. Hartman was very pleased as well with the math department.
GIRLS BASKETBALL/ WRESTLING	Mr. T. Lesisko reported the girls basketball team went to districts and did a wonderful job. Also, the boys wrestling team went to districts. Dr. M. Hartman wanted to give credit to Mr. S. Albert for the advancement in the wrestling program. Mr. M. Huber also wanted to congratulate the girl's basketball team and also the wrestling team.
CLASS SCHEDULING	Mr. T. Lesisko reported that class scheduling with Mrs. Bianculli has begun with the help of Mr. J. Brown.
BLOOD DRIVE	Mr. T. Lesisko reported the blood drive went very well this Thursday.
REPLACEMENT TRUCK	Mr. N. Leinhard reported the replacement truck should be here within 2 weeks.
BOARD DOCS	Mr. J. Brown reported that BOARD DOCS is up and running live and wanted to thank Donna Redline, Shannon Serfass, and Carol Sheard for their help.
NETWORK UPDATES	Mr. J. Brown reported networking updates at the High School and Penn Kidder.

COMMITTEE

Mrs. E. Kattner wanted to state that as she was reading through the advisory committee document that this wasn't what she had in mind. She wanted it to be just about finance. It looks good for the long term but right now we need it just for finance & budget.

RESOLUTION

Ms. B. Conway wanted to thank the board for their support on the resolution.

ENROLLMENT

Mr. G. Strubinger asked how the cyber school enrollment was doing. Mr. J. Brown stated that he would put together information for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren K. Kovac
Business Manager / Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President